



# ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Our mission is to celebrate and share God's love in Jesus Christ*

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## **Easter Sunday**

**April 5, 2026 at 8:15 & 11:00 AM**

*Liturgy of Holy Communion*

## **WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S!**

If you are visiting with us for the first time, please share in all that is ours in Christ! We invite you to consider making St. Michael's your church home. Please ask us about our participation in God's mission in the world. By God's grace we celebrate and share Christ. *Our worship services this morning are streamed live to St. Michael's Facebook and YouTube pages. Please keep conversation to a minimum in the sanctuary, you may be picked up by our sound system. If you prefer not to be seen on camera please speak to an usher and they will seat you outside of the video frame. Thank you for your understanding.*

*Special thanks to Jim Sheffer for sharing their musical talents with us today!*

## **DIGITAL SIGN IN**

To help keep each other safe, you are welcome to sign in with our new digital sign in. Please use the QR Code that can be found here in the bulletin or the iPad in the Narthex.



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## INTRODUCTION

*This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34): Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God’s faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God’s endless love.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

8:15-- “*Karitas*”

Laura Dishong, harp

11:00- “*Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!*”

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*The assembly is invited to stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us, including the Delaware River and Atlantic Ocean. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**



*to Verses*

Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*

God. A - men.

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## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

### Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,

all of cre - a - tion sings for joy

to the God of life and love and

free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -

er - more!

**Verse 1**

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once

slain, whose blood has freed and u -

nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of

God.

*to Refrain*

slain, whose blood has freed and u -

nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of

*to Refrain*

**Verse 2**  
God.

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and

might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ

*to Refrain*

for ev - er.

**Verse 3**

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to

make us peo - ple of God; to make

*to Refrain*

all things new.

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**ANTHEM:** 11:00 AM: “*Sound the Trumpet*”

*Festival Choir*  
Jim Sheffer, *trumpet*

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## **FIRST READING**

**Acts 10:34-43**

*Peter’s sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, “receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”*

A reading from Acts.

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

**Colossians 3:1-4**

*Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.*

A reading from Colossians.

<sup>1</sup> If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly is invited to stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

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## GOSPEL:

**Matthew 28:1-10**

*Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!*

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## SERMON

*The assembly is invited to stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"*

ELW 364

1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.  
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.  
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,  
even from death, dispelling its gloom.

2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
until its strength by God was dispersed.  
He who gives life did death undergo,  
and in its conquest his might did show. *Refrain*

*Refrain*

Let us sing praise to him with  
endless joy.  
Death's fearful sting he has come to  
destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!

3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear.  
You look for Jesus who is not here.  
See for yourselves the tomb is all  
bare.  
Only the graveclothes are lying  
there." *Refrain*

4	<p>"Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." <i>Refrain</i></p>	5	<p>Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. <i>Refrain</i></p>
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## **NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation, responding with "receive our prayer".

*A brief silence.*

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain, especially...those we name aloud...and those we hold in our hearts. Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **OFFERING**

<b>MUSICAL OFFERING:</b>	8:15- "Chanson Pleus"	Laura Dishong, harp
	11:00- "See What a Morning" -	Festival Choir
		Jim Sheffer, trumpet

*Offering is being gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. You are invited to place your offering in one of the offering plates located in the rear*

of the Sanctuary or send your offering to the church office through the mail or by having your bank mail a check directly. You can also contribute using any of the electronic giving options found on our church website or app.

The assembly is invited to stand.

## OFFERTORY

### Refrain

*Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be



gath-ered in - to one in you.

### Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst

2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres-ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of

sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **DISTRUBTION OF COMMUNION**

*We give thanks as we receive the real presence of our resurrected Lord in, with, and under the bread and the wine. Communion will be distributed continuously under the direction of the ushers. Take an empty cup to receive from a pouring chalice (let the communion assistant know if you prefer grape juice). Please let the pastor know if you require a gluten free host. When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you." and each person may respond, "Amen". Worshipers who are not yet communing are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.



**COMMUNION HYMNS***“Hail Thee, Festival Day”*

ELW 394

*Refrain*

Hail thee, festival day!  
 Blest day to be hallowed forever;  
 day when our Lord was raised,  
 breaking the kingdom of death.

guard us from harm without;  
 cleanse us from evil within: *Refrain*

*Easter*

1 All the fair beauty of earth  
 from the death of the winter arising!  
 Ev'ry good gift of the year  
 now with its master returns: *Refrain*

4 Jesus, the health of the world,  
 enlighten our minds, great redeemer,  
 Son of the Father supreme,  
 only-begotten of God: *Refrain*

2 Rise from the grave now, O Lord,  
 the author of life and creation.  
 Treading the pathway of death,  
 new life you give to us all: *Refrain*

5 Spirit of life and of pow'r,  
 now flow in us, fount of our being,  
 light that enlightens us all,  
 life that in all may abide: *Refrain*

3 God the Almighty, the Lord,  
 the ruler of earth and the heavens,

6 Praise to the giver of good!  
 O Lover and Author of concord,  
 pour out your balm on our days;  
 order our ways in your peace: *Refrain*

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*“Now the Green Blade Rises”*

ELW 379

1 Now the green blade rises from the  
 buried grain,  
 wheat that in dark earth many days has  
 lain;  
 love lives again, that with the dead has  
 been;  
 love is come again like wheat arising  
 green.

2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred  
 slain,  
 thinking that he would never wake  
 again;  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps  
 unseen;  
 love is come again like wheat arising  
 green.

3 Forth he came at Easter, like the  
 risen grain,  
 he that for three days in the grave  
 had lain;  
 raised from the dead, my living Lord  
 is seen;  
 love is come again like wheat arising  
 green.

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving,  
 or in pain,  
 your touch can call us back to life  
 again,  
 fields of our hearts that dead and  
 bare have been;  
 love is come again like wheat arising  
 green.

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*After all have commune the assembly is invited to stand if able.*

**TABLE BLESSING**

The Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in Christ's  
 Grace.

**Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION SONG**

*Congregation:*

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
 2. From of you, you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
 Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
 you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your

love, re - mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of  
 life with us. 3. Praise to you, O  
 God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
 Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for  
 ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,  
**Amen.**

**SENDING**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN***"We Know That Christ Is Raised"*

ELW 449

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|---|---|---|--|
| 1 | We know that Christ is raised and<br>dies no more.<br>Embraced by death, he broke its<br>fearful hold,<br>and our despair he turned to blazing<br>joy.<br>Hallelujah! | 3 | The Father's splendor clothes the<br>Son with life.<br>The Spirit's fission shakes the<br>church of God.<br>Baptized, we live with God the Three<br>in One.<br>Hallelujah! |
| 2 | We share by water in his saving<br>death.<br>Reborn, we share with him an Easter<br>life,<br>as living members of our Savior<br>Christ.<br>Hallelujah!                | 4 | A new creation comes to life and<br>grows<br>as Christ's new body takes on flesh<br>and blood.<br>The universe restored and whole will<br>sing:<br>Hallelujah!             |

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE***"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"*

*The Eternal Candle is given by Gloria Love in memory of her husband, Richrd Love, Sr.*

## **UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS**

### **Albrecht Dürer, died 1528; Matthias Grünewald, died 1529; Lucas Cranach, died 1553; artists**

*Monday, April 6, 2026*

These great artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time. Though he remained a Roman Catholic, he was sympathetic to Martin Luther's reforming work. Grünewald's paintings are known for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Cranach's work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther. Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts.

### **Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, died 1945**

*Thursday, April 9, 2026*

Bonhoeffer was a German theologian who wrote profoundly, yet in an accessible manner. In the Second World War, he became a leader of the Confessing Church in Germany that resisted the Nazi movement. Linked to a plot to kill Hitler, he was hanged shortly before the end of the war.

### **Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, died 1557**

*Friday, April 10, 2026*

Consecrated bishop of Turku, Finland, without the approval of the pope, Agricola began a reform along Lutheran lines. In only three years, he translated the New Testament and worship texts into Finnish, in the process establishing the rules of Finnish writing that are still used today.



## **SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO DEDICATED FLOWERS TO DECORATE THE SANCTUARY THIS EASTER:**

- Kathleen Abrams in honor of Ashley & Mike Rubinsky with thanks and much love.
- Allen & Trudy Carr in honor of Roll Away The Stone.
- Vicki & Jim Clemson in honor of loved ones.
- Leon and Linda David in memory of our loved ones; in honor of Geno, Mikey, Olivia, Tatum, Lauren, Billie, Sloan, Lina, and Nola.
- DeBacker Family in memory of Charlotte Lodise & Evelyn Bowen.
- Gary & Laura Fogg in memory of family & friends.
- Tom Gano in honor of Vivian Gano's birthday.
- Lauren & Nancy Gromen in honor of our children and grandsons.
- Donna and David Hammer in memory of loved ones and in honor of our grandchildren.
- Kathy & Larry Henry & Family in memory of Alfred & Mildred Oman, Joseph & Doris Henry, Connie Oman-Burns, and Heather Oman
- Brian & Cory Hobson in honor of Lillian & Bruce Ogden's 90th birthdays and in honor of our children, Ryley & Reid.
- Carol Jensen in memory of my husband, Edwin.
- Linda Kassekert in memory of loved ones.
- Chuck & Gail Kern in memory of our departed loved ones.
- William Kraenbring in memory of Alfred & Bertha Kraenbring.
- Kelly Daly & Ray Kratz in memory of Jack Bertsch, John & Florence Katz, William & Dorothy Daly, Allyn & MaryAnn Burgstabler, William A. Daly, and Jack Kratz & Donna Chase.
- Gloria Love in honor of my sons Richard Love, Jr. and Scott Love.
- Bob & Doreen Mansilla in memory of Howard & Doris Thomas, Bob & Millie Mansilla.
- Kay & Wayne McConnell in memory of all our loved ones.
- Rich & Cass Michel in memory of our son, Ricky; in honor of our grandchildren and great grandchildren.
- Ruth Morgenroth in honor of Carl & Stella Sundstrom.
- Mary Beth Neilson in memory of loved ones and in honor of Anne Charlotte Howard, and Alexandria Dobbs.

- Lilian & Bruce Ogden in memory of Fred and Anna Schoenfeld, and Bruce and Kathryn Ogden.
- Paul Schrenk in memory of my husband, David Vreeland, my grandmother, Elsie Winter, Uncle Herman, Aunt Rose, Aunt Bertha, and my mother, Dolores Winter-Schrenk.
- Harry Schute, Jr in memory of Harry & Lucille Schute.
- Beverly Stropes in memory of John C. Stropes Sr.
- John Winkelman in memory of loved ones.
- Holly & John Zahradnick in memory of our Mom, Cherry Haight.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation class will meet on an irregular schedule. The class schedule for the next few weeks is as follows:

- Sundays, April 12, 19, & 26

All classes start at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions about confirmation or are interested in being a presenter for this years program please contact Pastor Chris.

### CHRISTIAN ED

Check out our bulletin board for full details and schedules for our groups. The schedule for the next few weeks is as follows:

- Faith in Conversation ( All Adults) will meet on 4/12
- MichaelLights (6-12th grade) will meet on 4/19
- Pray & Grow (K-5th grade) will meet on 4/26
- Little Ones & Loved Ones (birth to 4/years) will meet on 5/17

All groups meet at 9:30 AM. Please see Pastor Chris, or Kim Billet with questions.

### RENTING SPACE AT ST. MICHAEL'S

We welcome opportunities to share our space with St Michael's family members and friends in our community. There are a variety of rooms available for social gatherings, such as bridal or baby showers, birthday and retirement celebrations and memorial events. We have hosted music lessons, recitals, auditions and rehearsals. Our social hall stage is well-suited to support students or performers at all levels. Civic groups or social / hobby clubs are also invited. Flexible office space is available for those who work from home but occasionally need a site for meetings or interviews. Honorariums for the use of church spaces vary based on event details. Please note that the church building and grounds are smoke and alcohol free.

### DINNER CASSEROLES FOR JOSEPH'S HOUSE

SMLC continues to support Joseph's House in Camden with their mission to feed the homeless. The next opportunity to volunteer to make DINNER casseroles will be **SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026**. Casseroles can be dropped off to the church kitchen before or after Sunday worship services. Please mark your casserole as **BEEF** or **TURKEY**. This will assist the staff serving to meet any dietary needs for the dinner guests. Use this link to sign-up:

**<https://bit.ly/4lV2C0D>**

*Volunteers are needed to serve dinner at Joseph's House on the second Tuesday of each month. We will meet at church at 4:45pm (Dinner is served at 6:00pm) and return around 8:00pm. You can also drive yourself and meet at Joseph's House at 5:15pm. If you would like to serve, please contact Ray Kratz by phone (609-923-5718) or email ([raykratz@gmail.com](mailto:raykratz@gmail.com))*

### **BOOK CLUB**

Join The SMLC Book Club on April 6th at 7:00 PM for our discussion of *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano. All are welcome to join us—you do not need to be a member, just have a love for books and good conversation. See Trudy Carr with questions or contact the office.

### **OFFICE CLOSED FOR EASTER**

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 6, 2026 in observance of Easter.

### **SNOW REMOVAL APPEAL**

This winter brought two major snowstorms, and keeping our church property safe for worship and ministry has come at a significant cost. We budgeted \$12,000 for lawn and snow maintenance in 2026, but the severity of the storms means we have already spent over \$11,000. With the possibility of more snow later this year, we are inviting special gifts to help cover these unexpected expenses.



If you feel moved to contribute, please note “snow removal” with your offering, go to [smlc.churchtrac.com/give](https://smlc.churchtrac.com/give). or use the QR code Thank you for your generosity and for helping us care for our shared space and one another.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, April 8th at 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM. Please contact the office if you wish to be put on the email list.

### **STITCHING SISTERS**

Stitching Sisters will meet on the second and third Thursday of each month. This month's meetings are April 9 & 16 at 11:00 AM in the Choir Room. Bring your yarn, needles, and lunch (or just come for the fellowship). All are welcome to join us.

### **FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE SUNDAY**

Join us in the narthex on Sunday, April 12th after both services for coffee, treats, and good conversation. Catch up with old friends and make some new ones. All are welcome to join us!

**Prayer Concerns**

**St. Michael's Members:** Kathleen Abrams, Walt Flores, Kathy Henry, Jo-Ann Guenther, Beverly Kovac, Dottie Leonard, Bill Lowery, Rich Michel, Mary Beth Neilson, Joan Pearl, Carolyn Peterson, Paul Phillips, Megan Quaile, William Schafer, Bill Scheufele, Barbara Scheufele, Deborah Searles, Bev Stropes, Charlotte Sturts, Chris Tressel, Cathy Verme, John Winkelman, Ron Winkelman, Pat Wolbert, Holly Zahradnick

**Prayer Requests for Family & Friends**

Kathleen Abrams for Ashley & Michael Rubinsky, Cynthia Barth for Dick Perry, Penny Perry, Anne Matthews, The Benninghoffs for Clare Juliano, Trudy Carr for Carol Storz, Anne Cassidy for Donna, Megan, Mádei, and Chris, The Clemsons for Margie Clemson and Cindy Branch, Terri Erickson for Pete Boyle and his family, The Fergusons for Estelle & Paul Debbane, Linda Ferguson, Lew Gorman III for Mary Jane, June Greiser for Chris Bukowski and Beth Bukowski, The Gromens for Jill Gromen, Donna Lowry, Evan Gromen, George Wright, Alec Gromen, Dottie Seacrist, Kathy Tulley, Joan Barbagiovani, Kathleen Wright Kelly, Bethann Guenther for Rowan, Bethann Guenther-Misunas for Diane Dampen, The Hammers for Erin Terreri, Sherrie Orzio, Kristin Streater, Patrick McNamara, Joe LaRose for Helen, Dottie Leonard for Aiden Longstreth, The McConnell family for Donna Riker, Mary Beth Neilson for Janet Dobbs, & Justin Loughry, Anne Picker, Robin Argoe, Jaxon Sirhal, Janet Levey, Leah Morris, The Patons for John A, Donna K, Sunil, Kay K., Betty D., Joan Pearl for Vicki Bottoms, Carolyn Peterson for Tracey Femiano, Nancy Perks, Carol Prisco for AnnMarie Liberatore, Helen James, Dave Young, Paula Young, Arlene Schmit, Marion Rice for Sharon, Roorda's for Roy Fennimore, Becky Sahlman for Bo Ingesson, The Shaw Family for Shirley Shaw, The Solis Family for Sarena Bañas, Janet Spooner for Pam Spooner, Janet Thompson for Julie Medeiros & Zachary, Cynthia Tjoa for Ping-An Tjoa, Chris Tressel for Joan Atcheson, Denise Wallace for Pat Griggs, John Winkelman for Guy and Jeanette Mougel, Pat Wolbert for Sandi Ploucher, Allyson Zinman for Carla R, Millie W, Holly Zahradnick for Deb Asher, William McDevitt, Michael Zahradnick

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>April 5 8:15AM</b>	<b>April 5 11:00 AM</b>	<b>April 12 8:15AM</b>	<b>April 12 11:00AM</b>
<b>A. Minister:</b> Reid Hobson	<b>A. Minister:</b> Tim Cook	<b>A. Minister:</b> Vivian Gano	<b>A. Minister:</b>
<b>Lector:</b> Nancy Gromen	<b>Lector:</b> Sam Cook	<b>Lector:</b> Reid Hobson	<b>Lector:</b>
<b>C. Assistant:</b>	<b>C. Assistant:</b> Sara Shaw	<b>C. Assistant:</b> Nancy Gromen	<b>C. Assistant:</b> Carol Prisco
<b>Ushers:</b> Lauren Gromen	<b>Ushers:</b> Chuck Kern Jim Clemson	<b>Ushers:</b> Lauren Gromen	<b>Ushers:</b> Brayden Solis Rebecca Shaw
<b>Acolyte:</b> Ryley Hobson	<b>Acolyte:</b> Rebecca Shaw	<b>Acolyte:</b> Ryley Hobson	<b>Acolyte:</b> Sara Shaw

<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b> April 12 & 19
Vivian Gano Kelly Daly

<b>TELLERS</b> (Week of April 26)
Carol Prisco Patt Serafin Geof Castle

## **PARISH CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, April 5**

8:15 AM Worship In-Person  
11:00 AM Worship In-Person, Facebook &  
YouTube  
6:00 PM NA Meeting

### **Monday, April 6**

*Office Closed*

### **Tuesday, April 7**

### **Wednesday, April 8**

9:30 AM Weight Watchers Meeting  
11:00 AM & 6:00 PM: Bible Study

### **Thursday, April 9**

11:00 AM Stitching Sisters  
7:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, April 10**

### **Saturday, April 11**

### **Sunday, April 12**

*Fellowship & Coffee Sunday*  
8:15 AM Worship In-Person  
9:30 AM Faith in Conversation  
11:00 AM Worship In-Person, Facebook &  
YouTube  
12:15 PM Vocal Choir Rehearsal  
12:30 PM Reconciling Works  
6:00 PM NA Meeting



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