



ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026 at 10:00AM

ELW Setting 8

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 service at 10:00 this morning is 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.

DIGITAL SIGN IN

You are welcome to sign in with our digital sign in. Please use the QR Code that can be found here in the bulletin or at the iPad in the Narthex.



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INTRODUCTION

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Trio"

Michel Corrette

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us bring every burden to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

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| <p>1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away all fear.</p> <p>2 It makes the wounded spirit whole
and calms the heart's unrest;
'tis manna to the hungry soul
and to the weary, rest.</p> <p>3 Dear name! The rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding place;
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace.</p> <p>4 By thee my prayers acceptance gain
although with sin defiled.</p> | <p>The devil charges me in vain,
and I am owned a child.</p> <p>5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.</p> <p>6 How weak the effort of my heart,
how cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.</p> <p>7 Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death!</p> |
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

A reading from Isaiah:

- ¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
- ² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,

for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-8

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

A reading from Romans

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship.

² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

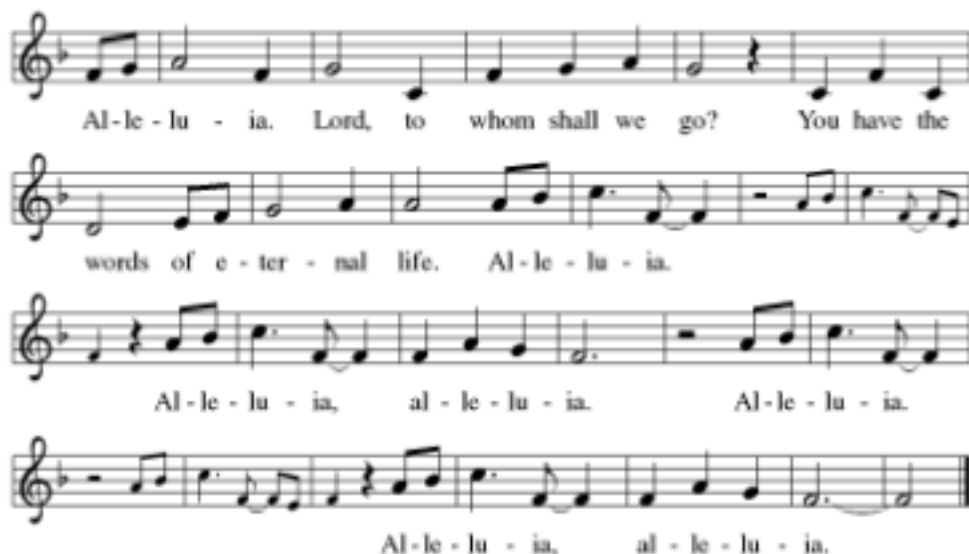
³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and

individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly is invited to stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

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

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whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**
The assembly is seated.

HOMILY

The assembly is invited to stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“By All Your Saints!”

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| 1 By all your saints still striving,
for all your saints at rest,
your holy name, O Jesus,
forevermore be blessed!
For you arose victorious
that they might wear the crown
and share the light of glory
reflected from your throne. | 3 We praise you, Lord, for Peter,
so eager and so bold,
thrice falling, yet repentant,
thrice charged to feed your fold.
Lord, make your pastors faithful
to guard your flock from harm,
and hold them when they waver
with your almighty arm. |
| 2 Apostles, prophets, martyrs,
and all the noble throng
who wear the spotless raiment
and raise the ceaseless song
for these passed on before us,
we sing our praise anew
and, walking in their footsteps,
would live our lives for you. | 4 Lord, your abiding presence
directs the wondrous choice;
the lot falls to Matthias,
the faithful now rejoice.
May we as true apostles
your holy church defend,
and by your parting promise
be with us to the end. |

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APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen and encourage your faithful people everywhere they gather, that they boldly proclaim your word of life to all the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You spoke and all creation came into being. Field and forest, wetland and wilderness—all reveal your glory. Sustain and nourish your creation. Teach us to be wise stewards of all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You bring deliverance to nations and peoples. Come to the aid of nations experiencing war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster, especially Iran, Syria, Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, Congo, Columbia and California, Indiana and Kentucky in the United States. Guide the work of relief agencies and peacemaking organizations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You regard the lowly and hear us when we cry out to you. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. Hear our prayers for all in need this day. We pray especially for...those we name aloud now and those we hold in our hearts. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You draw together people with differing gifts. Lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this congregation and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that all may be united as the body of Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks for the faithful who died in the hope of this promise. Strengthen us in faith until the day we join them at your eternal banquet. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

The assembly is seated.

MUSICAL OFFERING**"How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place"**

Brahms

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.

The assembly is invited to stand

OFFERTORY**"What Have We to Offer?"**

1 What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?
2 What have we to of - fer? What have we to bring?
3 What have we to of - fer? What have we to give?

Coins from the cof - fer, hearts filled with care.
Love, ripe with laugh - ter; hope that we can sing;
Eyes that are wide o - pen; lies that we won't live;

God will not fal - ter; so let us dare
dreams of what we're af - ter; prom - is - es of when,
truth that must be spo - ken; jus - tice some - how.

lay it at the al - tar there,
Lay it at the al - tar then,
Lay it at the al - tar now.

4 What have we to of - fer? What have we to
give? Lives we will live.

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We give thanks as we receive the real presence of our resurrected Lord in, with, and under the bread and the wine. At the 8:15 service Communion will be distributed at the altar rail. At the 10:00 service 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

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

LAMB OF GOD



The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION HYMN:

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

ELW 623

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| 1 | Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r. | 3 | Nothing in my hand I bring;
simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die. |
| 2 | Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone. | 4 | While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee. |

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After all have communed the assembly is invited to stand.

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST COMMUNION SONG



④ Thank - ful hearts and voice - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

ELW 654

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| 1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died. | yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song. |
| 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued. | 4 Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest. |
| 3 Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed, | 5 Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face. |

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DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Plein Jeu"

Michel Corrette

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Bartholomew, Apostle Monday, August 24, 2026

Mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Bartholomew's name is replaced in John's gospel by Nathanael, leading many to believe that the two are different names for the same person. Little is known about his work, though some traditions place him later in India or Armenia.

Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, died 430 Friday, August 28, 2026

Augustine was one of the greatest theologians of the Western church. A native of North Africa, he recovered from a debauched young adulthood through the influence of his mother, Monica, and Bishop Ambrose of Milan. Besides writing influential theological books, he served as bishop of Hippo, in present-day Algeria.

Moses the Black, monk, martyr, died around 400 Friday, August 28, 2026

Converted from life as a thief and a robber to Christianity, Moses was an Ethiopian who became a desert monk at Skete. The change in his heart and life had a profound impact on his native country. He was murdered when Berber bandits attacked his monastery.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ETERNAL CANDLE DEDICATIONS

A sign-up sheet for dedications is now up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Each dedication costs \$10; please submit dedications to the office two weeks prior to the dedication date. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

SUMMER PAUSE

Our Wednesday Bible study will take a break for the summer months, it will resume on September 2 at 11 AM and 6 PM. Stitching Sisters will also pause for July and August. They will meet again on September 10 at 11 AM.

SUMMER FINANCES

Summer invites rest and renewal, while our shared ministry continues. Summer also results in less regular attendance and giving. You can keep our mission strong by giving early, enrolling in automatic giving through ChurchTrac, or prayerfully increasing your generosity by just 0.5% of household income. Together, small, steady commitments become abundant grace, sustaining welcome, justice, and joy for all who gather and serve.

SUMMER BINGO

Our Summer Discipleship Bingo adventure is in full swing! Over the past six weeks, members of St. Michael's have been sharing kindness, serving neighbors, deepening their prayer lives, and growing in faith through the many activities on the bingo board. We've already awarded three

bingo prizes, and it's exciting to see so many squares being completed! There's still plenty of time to join the fun. Complete a BINGO, bring your card to worship for a prize, and enter the grand prize drawing. Cards may be submitted through Fall Kickoff on September 13. Keep playing, keep growing, and keep following Jesus together!

JOSEPH'S HOUSE BREAKFAST CASSEROLES

Joseph's House continues its ministry to feed the homeless in Camden. The next opportunity to provide BREAKFAST casseroles will be Thursday, August 27th. Casseroles can be dropped off to the church kitchen using the Elkins Road door between 10:00AM and 12:00PM. Casserole tins and the recipe are available in the narthex. Please only use the tins and recipe provided. Visit this link to sign up: <https://smlc.churchtrac.com/connect?ei=DFPEYD4>

BOOK CLUB

Calling all readers -- Book Club is back! We will hold our initial organizational meeting on Monday, August 31 at 7:00pm. You do not have to be a member to join us, so please feel free to bring a friend along. All you need is a love of books and reading. See Trudy Carr with any questions

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS DAY

Save The Date! On September 13th, please join a hands-on inter-generational project to support The Ronald McDonald House program. Our congregation volunteers will donate needed items for 3 projects. We will provide "Snack Bags," for children and adults staying at the RMH located in Camden NJ. We will also provide "Welcome Packs" and "Cleaning Packs" for the families. Our work session will begin with a light lunch at 12 Noon in the social hall. Look for sign up information in the coming months. All ages and abilities are welcome to join in! Contact Kay McConnell (609-781-1070) with questions.

2026-27 CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

Families with confirmation students (typically those entering 7th or 8th grade) are invited to a Confirmation Orientation on Sunday, September 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Join us to learn about the Confirmation program, expectations for the year, important dates, and opportunities for our middle school young people. We look forward to the ministry that happens when young people get together and strengthen their faith.

PRAYER CONCERNS

St. Michael's Members: Kathleen Abrams, Walt Flores, Kathy Henry, Jo-Ann Guenther, Beverly Kovac, Dottie Leonard, Bill Lowery, Mary Beth Neilson, Joan Pearl, Carolyn Peterson, Paul Phillips, Megan Quaille, 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 Carol Cornell, Margie Clemson and Cindy Branch, Laura Dishong for Wendy and Glenn Harris, 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, Dennis Kiley, William Gentner, David Kessler, 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 Helen James, Dave Young, Paula Young, Arlene Schmit, Bob and Lisa Kelley, Rosemary Restock, 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

<u>August 23</u> 8:15 AM	<u>August 23</u> 10:00AM	<u>August 30</u> 8:15 AM	<u>August 30</u> 10:00AM	<u>Tellers</u> (Week of Aug. 30)
A. Minister Reid Hobson	A. Minister Kim Billet	A. Minister Karen Roorda	A. Minister Samantha Cook	Holly Zahradnick Tom Gano Jim Clemson
Lector Trudy Carr	Lector Charles Kern	Lector Anne Cassidy	Lector Harry Schute	
C. Assistant Vivian Gano	C. Assistant Ruth Morgenroth	C. Assistant Larry Ferguson	C. Assistant Tim Cook	<u>Altar Guild</u> (Aug. 16 & 23) Doreen Mansilla Linda David
Ushers Larry Ferguson	Ushers Rebecca Shaw Sara Shaw	Ushers Lauren Gromen	Ushers Martha Burke Linda David	
Acolyte Ryley Hobson	Acolyte Brayden Solis	Acolyte Donovan Roorda	Acolyte Sara Shaw	
	Video Tech Josephine Billet		Video Tech Tim Cook	

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 23

8:15 AM Worship Service (In-Person)
10:00 AM Worship Service (In-Person, Facebook, YouTube)
6:00 PM NA Meeting

Monday, August 24

Tuesday, August 25

Wednesday, August 26

9:00 AM LSM Food Pantry Pick-up
9:30 AM Weight Watchers Meeting

Thursday, August 27

10:00 AM JH Breakfast Casserole Drop-off

Friday, August 28

Saturday, August 29

Sunday, August 30

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10:00 AM Worship Service (In-Person, Facebook, YouTube)
6:00 PM NA Meeting



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