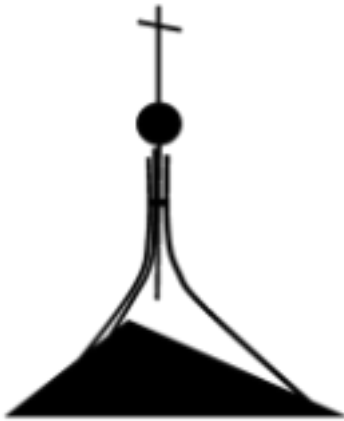




ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026 at 8:15 AM and 11:00AM

ELW Setting 4

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 today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Processional in C"

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, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✙ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"I Come With Joy"

ELW 482

1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus at our call
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,

is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,

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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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



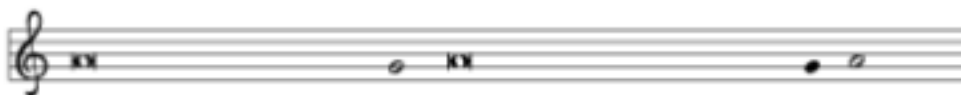
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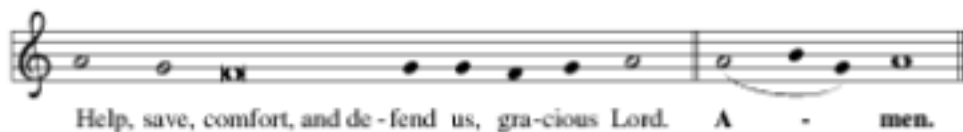
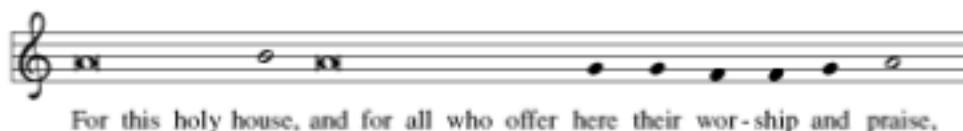
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



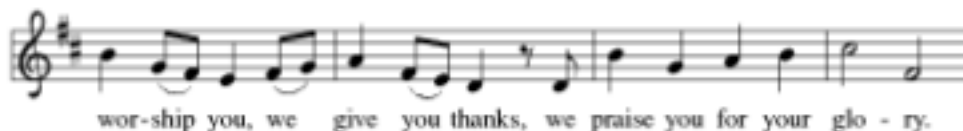
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



GLORY TO GOD





PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

A reading from Genesis:

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

SECOND READING:

Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

A reading from Romans:

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

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

The assembly is invited to stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL:

Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

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

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

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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

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

ELW 359

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| 1 | Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love we thus are bound. | as members of each body joined,
in him we are made one. |
| 2 | With grateful joy and holy fear,
God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul
now love God in return. | 4 Let strife among us be unknown;
let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek;
be his our only peace. |
| 3 | Let us recall that in our midst
dwells Christ, God's holy Son; | 5 Let us forgive each other's faults
as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well
in Christian gentleness. |

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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

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

Move your church throughout the world away from judging and despising others. Lead us to embody the forgiveness you have given us in Jesus. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The endless beauty of your creation reminds us of your mercy. Protect those who care for farms and ranches. Guide those who lead us to wonder at your creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Raise up leaders *like* John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, whom we remember today to hold all in authority accountable for any misuse of the power entrusted to them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Calm the fears of all in need with your promises. Compassionately free the lives of any who feel bound by their failures. Remember your children in need, especially for... those we name aloud now and those we hold in our hearts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ground this congregation in the welcome you show us in forgiving our sin. Inspire each of us to welcome others for your honor and glory. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With you is found the joy and promise of eternal life. Keep us in that joy as we remember all those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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

"Celebration on *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*"

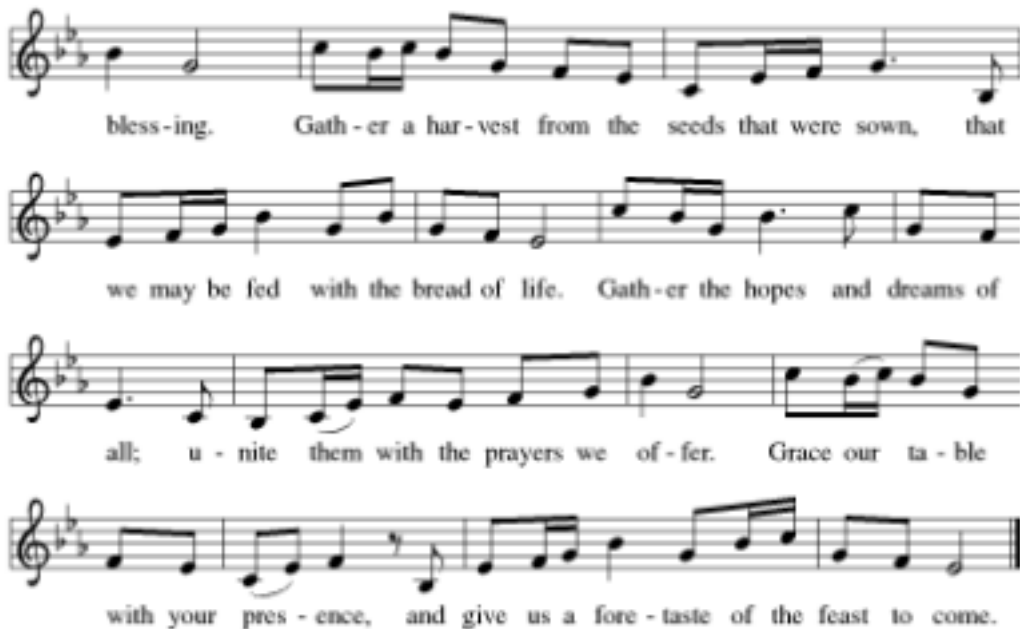
Offering is being gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. You are invited to place your offering in one of the offering plates located in the rear of the Sanctuary or send your offering to the church office through the mail or by having your bank mail a check directly. You can also contribute using any of the electronic giving options found on our church website.

The assembly is invited to stand

OFFERTORY

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"





OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

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



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this
heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy
Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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.

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

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

LAMB OF GOD



The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION HYMN:**"Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"**

ELW 605

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| 1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say. | 3 In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
how trifling others' debts to us;
how great our debt to you! |
| 2 How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart? | 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease;
then, by your mercy reconciled,
our lives will spread your peace. |

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COMMUNION HYMN**"Goodness Is Stronger than Evil"**

ELW 721

Goodness is stronger than evil;
love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness;
life is stronger than death;

vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours,
through God who loves us.
Vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours,
through God who loves us.

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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**"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"**

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let

ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.

Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**
 The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**
 The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"God's Work, Our Hands"

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| <p>1 God's work, our hands: working together,
 building a future, repairing the world,
 raising up homes, planting new gardens,
 feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
 Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 sharing the good news of your gospel.</p> | <p>3 God's work, our voice: singing together,
 praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
 praying for peace, shouting for justice,
 claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 sharing the good news of your gospel.</p> |
| <p>2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
 following Jesus to places unknown,
 walking as friends, marching for freedom,
 running the race with God's future the goal.
 Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
 sharing the good news of your gospel.</p> | <p>4 God is at work in and around us:
 seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
 Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
 gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
 Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
 sharing the good news of your gospel.</p> |

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DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Voluntary"

Handel

The Eternal Candle is dedicated by the Henry Family in memory of our Mother Mildred Oman's heavenly birthday on September 18th. We miss you! Love, Your Family

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, died 407

Sunday, September 13, 2026

John was a priest in Antioch and an outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" ("golden mouth"). Appointed bishop of Constantinople, seat of the empire, he criticized corruption in the court. As a result, he was exiled by the empress.

Holy Cross Day

Monday, September 14, 2026

Helena, mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and found what may be the actual site of Jesus' crucifixion. Her son built two churches there, and the dedication of one of them gave rise to this celebration of our Lord's victory on the cross.

Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Cyprian served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic.

Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179

Thursday, September 17, 2026

A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.

Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961

Friday, September 18, 2026

A Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served as the second Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as *Markings*, revealed the depth of his Christian faith.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Congregational Council will meet on **Tuesday, September 15, at 7:30 PM**. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend and learn more about the ministry, priorities, and ongoing work at St. Michael's. Please keep our council members in your prayers as they gather to discern and lead in service to Christ's mission.

BIBLE STUDY

Join us every Wednesday in September at 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM. All are welcome to join us (in person or over Zoom). Contact the church office to be put on the email list.

MARTHA'S CIRCLE

The next meeting of Martha's Circle will be Tuesday, September 15th at 12:00 PM in the Social Hall. Dottie Leonard's group will be responsible for drinks and dessert. New members are always welcome.

STITCHING SISTERS

Calling all knitters & crocheters! Stitching Sisters has resumed and will meet on the 2nd & 3rd Thursday of each month as we work on a different project for charity. Our next meeting will be on September 17th in the Choir Room. If interested, bring your needles, hooks and yarn. Feel free to bring your lunch or snack. All are welcome! Beginners and people who want to learn are welcome to attend. See Allyson Zinman with questions

MAPLE SHADE SIDEWALK SALE!

St. Michael's will have a presence at the annual Maple Shade Sidewalk Sale on Saturday, September 19th, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, and we need your help! Join us for a shift welcoming neighbors, sharing information about our congregation, and representing St. Michael's in the community. Sign up for a time slot online at: <https://smlc.churchtrac.com/connect?ei=64NO5DP>

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.

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, September 24th. Casseroles can be dropped off to the church kitchen using the Elkins Road door between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM. 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=RIGG7DS>:

SOCIAL JUSTICE & ADVOCACY MOVIE NIGHT

Please join the Social Justice and Advocacy Team on September 30th to watch an inspiring movie called "The Good Lie". The movie is the true story of how four young men survive a civil war in Sudan and the challenges they face in adapting to life in Kansas City Missouri. We will be serving sandwiches, chips and drinks at 6 PM. The movie will begin at 6:30 PM and will be followed with an opportunity for a short discussion. We hope to see you there.

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Save the date! This year's Annual Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, October 4th, 1:00 - 4:00 PM. More details to follow

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Join us on Sunday, October 4th at 4:00PM for our "Blessing of the Animals" Service Bring your pets, whether they walk, fly, slither, or swim. Let us celebrate the beauty of God's creation together.

BOOK CLUB

Join the SMLC Book Club on Monday, October 5th at 7:00PM for our discussion of "All the Ways We Said Goodbye" by Beatriz Williams. 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. Upcoming book for November - "Shelterwood" by Lisa Wingate See Trudy Carr with questions or contact the office

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 interview. 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.

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 Quail, 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-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, 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>September 13</u> 8:15 AM	<u>September 13</u> 11:00AM	<u>September 20</u> 8:15 AM	<u>September 20</u> 11:00AM	<u>Tellers</u> (Week of Sept. 13)
A. Minister Reid Hobson	A. Minister Samantha Cook	A. Minister Anne Cassidy	A. Minister Dennis Purves	Carol Prisco Patt Serafin Geoff Castle
Lector Nancy Gromen	Lector Tim Cook	Lector Charles Kern	Lector John Winkleman	
C. Assistant Trudy Carr	C. Assistant Dennis Purves	C. Assistant Trudy Carr	C. Assistant Carol Prisco	<u>Altar Guild</u> (Sept. 13 & 20)) Vivian Gano Kelly Daly
Usher Charles Kern	Ushers Linda David Rebecca Shaw	Usher Larry Ferguson	Ushers Martha Burke Linda David	
Acolyte Ryley Hobson	Acolyte Brayden Solis	Acolyte Ryley Hobson	Acolyte Oliver Bruesehoff	
	Video Tech Elijah Bruesehoff		Video Tech Elizabeth Debaker	

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 13

8:15 AM Worship Service (In-Person)
9:30 AM Christian Education Open House
11:00 AM Worship Service (In-Person, Facebook, YouTube)
12:00 - God's Work, Our Hands Ronald McDonald House Program
6:00 PM NA Meeting

Monday, September 14

Tuesday, September 15

6:00 Property Committee Meeting
7:30 Congregational Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 16

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

Thursday, September 17

11:00 AM Stitching Sisters

Friday, September 18

Saturday, September 19

10:00 AM Maple Shade Sidewalk Sale

Sunday, September 20

8:15 AM Worship Service (In-Person)
11:00 AM Worship Service (In-Person, Facebook, YouTube)
6:00 PM NA Meeting
7:00 PM Confirmation Orientation



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