

St. Michael's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.
Matthew 24:36-37



³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. - Matthew 24:38-39

1st Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021
at 8:15 & 11:00 AM

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 11:00am worship service 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.

Land Acknowledgement

"The land upon which we gather is part of the traditional territory of the Lenne-Lenape, called "Lenapehoking." The Lenape People lived in harmony with one another upon this territory for thousands of years. During the colonial era and early federal period, many were removed west and north, but some also remain among the continuing historical tribal communities of the region: The Nanticoke Lenne-Lenape Tribal Nation; the Ramapough Lenape Nation; and the Powhatan Renape Nation, The Nanticoke of Millsboro Delaware, and the Lenape of Cheswold Delaware. We acknowledge the Lenne-Lenape as the original people of this land and their continuing relationship with their territory. In our acknowledgment of the continued presence of Lenape people in their homeland, we affirm the aspiration of the great Lenape Chief Tamanend, that there be harmony between the indigenous people of this land and the descendants of the immigrants to this land, "as long as the rivers and creeks flow, and the sun, moon, and stars shine." shared by The Nanticoke Lenne-Lenape Tribal Nation (<https://nlltribe.com/land-acknowledgement/>)

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INTRODUCTION

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Savior of the Nations Come”

GATHERING

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

The assembly is invited to stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

ALL: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: God for whom we wait,

ALL: in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.

Pastor: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

ALL: Amen.

HYMN #257 “ O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” VENI EMMANUEL

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

3 O come, O come, O Lord of might,
as to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times you gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way.
Refrain

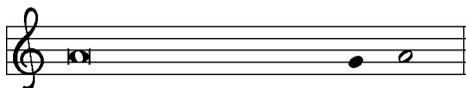
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GREETING

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

ALL: And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



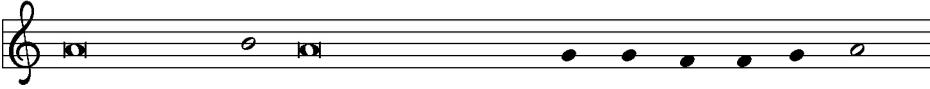
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - ADVENT 1

Pastor: Let us prepare our hearts for the Advent of Christ.

The days are surely coming.

ALL: The days are surely coming.

Pastor: When God fulfills the promises made to God's beloved children.

The days are surely coming.

ALL: The days are surely coming.

Pastor: When Christ shall come and execute justice and righteousness.

The days are surely coming.

ALL: The days are surely coming.

Pastor: When we will praise the name of Jesus. He is our righteousness.

He will save us.

The days are surely coming.

ALL: The days are surely coming.

Pastor: Let us pray. Come Lord Jesus. As we light the first candle of this Advent season grant us courage to hope, inspire our trust and bring us swiftly to that day when your righteousness gives light and brings salvation to all.

ALL: Amen.

The first candle is lit.

HYMN *"We Light the Advent Candles"*

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| 1 | We light the Advent candles
against the winter night
to welcome our Lord Jesus,
who is the world's true light;
to welcome our Lord Jesus,
who is the world's true light. | 2 | The first one will remind us
that Christ will soon return.
We light it in the darkness
and watch it gleam and burn.
We light it in the darkness
and watch it gleam and burn. |
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WORD

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

The assembly is seated

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The LORD is our righteousness"—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a

righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.

¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

The assembly is invited to stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

Pastor: The holy Gospel according to Luke. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ**

The assembly is seated

SERMON

The assembly is invited to stand.

NICENE CREED

ALL: 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

Assisting Minister: In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence. Responding to each petition with the words "Your mercy is great".

Silence for reflection.

Assisting Minister: God of presence and peace, strengthen your church around the globe to proclaim the message of your love coming to the world. Open our hearts to recognize your face in all people and in all of creation. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Assisting Minister: God of mighty redwoods and microscopic plants, fields and city parks, the wind and the waves, be a healing balm to our wounded planet. May we nurture what you have lovingly created. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Assisting Minister: God of equity and compassion, bring righteousness and goodness to all peoples of the earth. Give a heart of discernment and integrity to leaders in our communities. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Assisting Minister: God of comfort and care, be present with those who watch and wait. Come to all who await births, deaths, divorces, new unions, new jobs, retirements, healing, and life transitions of every kind. Today especially we pray for...those we name aloud now...and those we hold in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Assisting Minister: God of promises kept and new dreams awakened, shelter your people from destructive storms. We pray for those whose lives have been upended by natural disasters, for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, and other relief organizations. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Assisting Minister: God of companionship and community, we give you thanks for the saints who journeyed with us and now abide in you. Even in distress and uncertainty, make us confident that your promises endure forever. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

ALL: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

ALL: And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC 8:15 - "There Is A Longing In Our Hearts"

11:00 - "Waiting for a King"

Adult Choir

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Offering is still 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.

OFFERATORY HYMN: "Let The Vineyards be Fruitful"

Nelson



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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OFFERING PRAYER

Assisting Minister: God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

ALL: Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

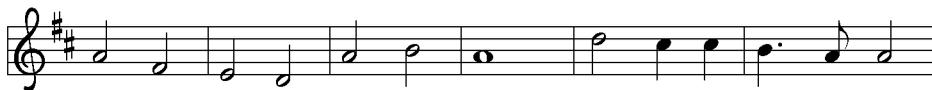
ALL: We lift them to the lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: 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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pastor: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.

Pastor: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The assembly is seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All who are guided by faith to receive the Lord's Supper are welcome at Christ's table. 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, in household groups, under the direction of the usher.** 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.

The assembly is invited to stand if able.

TABLE BLESSING

Pastor: The Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in Christ’s Grace

All: Amen.

POST COMMUNION SONG



☩ Thank the Lord and sing God’s praise; tell ev - ‘ry- one what God has done.



Let ev - ‘ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joyce and proud - ly bear God’s name.



God re - calls the prom - is - es and leads the peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit’s power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. **ALL: Amen**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Pastor: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may

abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

ALL: Amen

SENDING HYMN “*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*” HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG

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| 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising
and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
at midnight comes the cry. | 3 The saints, who here in patience
their cross and sufferings bore,
shall live and reign forever
when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
the Lamb they shall behold;
in triumph cast before him
their diadems of gold. |
| 2 The watchers on the mountain
proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches
with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
the bridegroom is at hand. | 4 Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for,
o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption
that sets your people free! |

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907

DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Christ is near. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE “*ALLEGRO*”

Altar Flowers - The altar flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Frances Olivo in memory of all my family and those who have recently passed.

ADVENT CRAFT

Join us on Sunday, November 28, 2021 for a craft making a countdown to Christmas tracker. We will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the lower Sunday School room. All are welcome! Please contact Liz or the church off with any questions.

Decorating St. Michaels

On Saturday, December 19, we will be decorating St. Michaels for Christmas beginning at 12:00 Noon. Volunteers are welcome to help.

Un-Trim-A-Tree

This year St. Michael's Un-Trim-A-Tree program will continue to assist families in the Lutheran Social Ministries houses in Camden. However, LSM has asked us to provide gift cards instead of gifts so that the LSM families will have an opportunity to do their own Christmas shopping. They are suggesting \$25 gift cards to Walmart because it is the closest, easily accessible store to Camden.

However, because we know that most of us would love to provide a gift, we were able to persuade LSM to provide suggestions for an **inexpensive** addition.

If possible, please return your gifts to St Michael's by **December 12**. However, we can make arrangements for late deliveries if you call Ruth Morgenroth at 856-261-3464.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes and Morning Hangout (7th-12th grade) will be at 9:30 a.m. **There will be no Sunday School on December 5th.**

We need volunteers to mentor the kids. If you are willing to mentor, please reach out to Liz or the Church office with the date (s) that you are available.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will resume on December 1, you can join in person or over Zoom at 11am or 6pm. If you want to receive the material for the upcoming week or the Zoom link, you can contact the church office or speak to Pastor Chris.

MIDWEEK HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Advent is a busy time of year for so many of us – as individuals and as families. While so much of our society is gearing up for Christmas we are also trying to prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. Our Midweek Holden Evening Prayer Service can help provide an opportunity to prepare for the celebration. This year we will worship in person as well as stream the services live on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. The service begins at 7:30 and only runs about half an hour on Thursdays from December 2 to the 23, and they will be available afterward for people to worship whenever is convenient. Let us prepare the way of the Lord together!

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

The schedule for the next few weeks is as follows:

Wednesday, December 1 @ 7pm @ St. Michael's

Wednesday, December 8 @ 7pm @ St. Michael's

Sunday, December 12 @ 6pm @ Holy Trinity

Wednesday, December 22 @ 7pm @ Holy Trinity

St. Michael's Youth Gathering Team

St. Michael will be sponsoring Jocelyn, Evie, and Rebekah with the guidance of Elizabeth Winkelman and Pastor Mark Bruesehoff to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2022. The 2022 Gathering's theme is **boundless: God beyond measure**. As our St. Michael group prepares for the Gathering they will be taking time each month to focus on what it means for God's Love, Creation, Forgiveness, Invitation, and Promise to be boundless. At these meetings the group has fun, bonds, and discusses the Gathering theme. This has included putting on skits, making chalk drawings in front of the church, and being reminded that God loves you, no matter what you do. **Meeting Dates and Themes:** November/December - boundless Creation, January/February - boundless Forgiveness, March/April - boundless Invitation, May/June - boundless Promise

Thanksgiving Celebration thank you

Our Social Outreach ministry would like to thank everyone who participated in providing “Thanksgiving dinner for four” for fifty families in LSM’s Camden housing program. Thank you for being a blessing to others! The Social Outreach Committee

Poinsettia Flowers

Order forms to sponsor poinsettias at the altar Christmas Eve are in the Narthex and on Constant Contact. The price is \$9/plant. Please have your sponsor forms in no later than Monday, December 13 with your dedication. Please print all of your information on the form. Thank you.

Committee Chairs and Ministry Leaders Annual Reports Due



Submissions to the 2021 Annual Report Booklet are due by January 10, 2022. Please provide materials in electronic form - Word, Excel, or Publisher documents are most appreciated. Send materials to the Church Office by e-mail to office@stmlutheran.org. Please help tell the story of our ministries.

Flower Chart

The Flower Chart for 2022 has now been posted on our bulletin board in the narthex. Consider enriching our Sunday worship celebrations by sponsoring the chancel flowers. Such gifts are dedicated to the glory of God and may be offered in remembrance, thanksgiving or celebration. The price to dedicate flowers is \$40. This is the cost paid to the florist. You may indicate your dedication on the chart (please print your information clearly) or submit it to the church office at 857-667-0973 or office@stmlutheran.org.

Please have dedications into the office 2 weeks prior to your dedication. Payment is appreciated at least one month in advance of the date of sponsorship.

If you dedicated 2021 flowers and have not yet made payment, please do so before the end of the year. Thank you for your generous participation!

Prayer Service

Our monthly Prayer Service meets this Wednesday, December 1st at 7:00 AM in the narthex lounge and virtual. All those listed in our Prayer Concerns are remembered by name during our prayer liturgy. All are welcome!

2022 Council Nominations

At the 2022 annual meeting the congregation will elect new members to serve on the church council for three-year terms. The Council enables the church to carry out its mission and ministries. The time required is to attend one regular council meeting each month. Most meetings last one hour and there are usually no meetings in July and August. In addition, council members are asked to support an area of ministry. You can nominate yourself or another voting member. Nominations can be given to the Nominating Committee: Martha Burke, Geoff Castle, Kay McConnell and John Winkelman. We are a very blessed congregation! Please prayerfully consider how you can be involved and make a difference in our life together.

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR October 31, 2021 (YTD)

Statement of Income and Expense

Actual General Fund Income (ALL) = \$264,521

Actual General Fund Expenses = \$261,233

Income is exceeding expenses by \$3,288

Note: Actual General Fund Income includes the transfer of 2020 Memorial Fund Income, \$9,145; the transfer of Rental Fund Reserves, \$25,000; and, the receipt of the SBA Payroll Protection Program grant, \$30,612.

Treasurer's Note

At our Annual Meeting on January 31, 2021, we approved a General Fund spending plan that anticipated our monthly total contributions income would average \$19,955 through October. In October, the monthly total was \$18,099, **9% less** than the average budgeted. For the ten months ending October 31st, our budgeted monthly total contribution income projection was \$199,546. Our actual total for the ten months was \$193,224. This is **3% less** than our projection.

St. Michael's Lutheran Church
Joyously invites you to the installation of

Rev. Christopher M. Bruesehoff, as Pastor
on Sunday, December 5, 2021,
At 3:00 PM

The Rev. Tracie Bartholomew, Bishop of the NJ Synod,
will preside.

Reception dinner immediately following in the social hall
All are invited to attend.

All rostered ministers are invited to attend and vest.
We will not process due to our Covid-19 precautions.
(The color of the day is blue)

On behalf of the Congregation Council, I am pleased to invite you to a Service of Installation! The rite, presided by Rev. Tracie Bartholomew, Bishop of the NJ Synod, will formally recognize our pastoral call. We rejoice that the Holy Spirit brought Pastor Chris and St. Michael's together in 2020 and we are excited about the future of our ministry. Everyone is invited to share in a time of fellowship immediately after the Installation. A catered dinner will be served in the social hall.

Please note there will be one morning worship service at 10:00 am on December 5.

In Peace,
Kim Billet
Congregation Council President