



ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Greetings, grace, and peace from the St. Michael's Stewardship Team!

Welcome to this year's campaign, "Grace in Action." Over the next 3 weeks, we'll reflect together on how God generously puts grace into action, from homemaking to celebrating to bridge-building acts of mercy - and how we, children of God created in the image of God, can do the same.

Let's start at the beginning. According to the Bible's opening story, God is a creator, organizer, decorator, feeder, teacher, gardener, and builder of this world we call home.

Here at St. Michael's, for sixty-four years we've been working hard to become homemakers in the image of God. Through our ministry partners at the Joseph's House and ELCA World Hunger, we've helped to feed our neighbors near and far. Through contributions to our mission partners at Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ and the Interfaith Hospitality Outreach Council, we've been builders and gardeners. Our youth ministries, adult education ministries and our work with Cross Road's Camp and Retreat Center have made us teachers.

God graciously made the cosmos, and we're called to act in God's image by making St. Michael's into a microcosm within that larger one, a place where everyone can feel at home. If you've found a home here, or have been moved by one of the ministries just mentioned, we hope you'll help make sure our little microcosm stays as graceful and active as possible.

Enclosed you'll find a giving chart and a pledge card. Take a look at the chart, take note of where you are, where you'd like to be, and how you'd like to get there. Then, put the giving card somewhere you'll see it every day - and whenever you see it, try praying the prayer printed on the back. Then bring it along, still blank, to Giving Sunday on November 13, when we'll joyfully put our God-given grace into action.

Grace and peace,
The St. Michael's Stewardship Team



THEN GOD SAID, 'LET US MAKE HUMANKIND IN OUR IMAGE, ACCORDING TO OUR LIKENESS...'

+ GENESIS 1:26