



ST. MICHAEL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# THE HERALD

MONTHLY CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

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# UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

02  
THURS

- 9-12 PICKLE BALL DROP IN
- 6:30 BAND
- 5-8 GYM RENTAL

03  
FRI

- 3:00 ALTAR CARE

04  
SAT

- 8:30AM MIGHTY MEN MEETING

05  
SUN

- 8:30AM TRAD. SERVICE
- 10:45AM CONT. SERVICE

06  
MON

- 9-12 PICKLE BALL DROP IN
- 5-7 GYM RENTAL

07  
TUES

- 3:00 BIBLE STUDY
- 5-6:30 GYM RENTAL

08  
WED

- 9:30 SOC. MIN.
- 6-7:30 GYM RENTAL
- 7:00PM CHIOR PRACTICE

09  
THURS

- 9-12 PICKLE BALL DROP IN
- 6:30 BAND
- 5-8 GYM RENTAL

11  
SAT

- FOOD PANTRY
- 12-6 GYM RENTAL

12  
SUN

- 8:30AM TRAD. SERVICE
- 9:40AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 10:45AM CONT. SERVICE
- 12:00 SPECIAL MEETING

13  
MON

- 9-12 PICKLE BALL DROP IN
- 5-7 GYM RENTAL
- 5:30 ECL BOARD
- 6:30 CHURCH COUNCIL

14  
TUES

- 3:00 BIBLE STUDY
- 5-6:30 GYM RENTAL

15  
WED

- 6-7:30 GYM RENTAL
- 7:00PM CHIOR PRACTICE

16  
THURS

- 9-12 PICKLE BALL DROP IN
- 6:30 BAND
- 5-8 GYM RENTAL

19  
SUN

- 8:30AM TRAD. SERVICE
- 10:45AM CONT. SERVICE
- 12-2 PICKLE BALL

20  
MON

- 9-12 PICKLE BALL DROP IN
- 5-7 GYM RENTAL

21  
TUES

- 3:00 BIBLE STUDY
- 5-6:30 GYM RENTAL

22  
WED

- 9:30 SOC. MIN. CARDS
- 6-7:30 GYM RENTAL
- 7:00PM CHIOR PRACTICE

23  
THURS

- 9-12 PICKLE BALL DROP IN
- 6:30 BAND
- 5-8 GYM RENTAL

26  
SUN

- 8:30AM TRAD. SERVICE
- 9:40 W/M BOARD
- 10:45AM CONT. SERVICE

27  
MON

- 9-12 PICKLE BALL DROP IN
- 5-7 GYM RENTAL

28  
TUES

- 3:00 BIBLE STUDY
- 5-6:30 GYM RENTAL

29  
WED

- 6-7:30 GYM RENTAL
- 7:00PM CHIOR PRACTICE

30  
THURS

- 9-12 PICKLE BALL DROP IN
- 6:30 BAND
- 5-8 GYM RENTAL

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. MICHAEL

MEIJER



THANKS TO MEIJER WE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE HAMS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY , HAMS, ASSORTED PRODUCE, DAIRY AND ROLLS FOR THE CHRISTMAS BASKETS.

Eve Circle will be taking a break for January and February, they will resume in March

The Worship & Music Board is looking for additional people to work in the tech booth for Sunday morning worship services. People of all ages are welcome! Training will be provided. Please contact Janet Hutchinson or the church office, if interested.

## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR THE GENEROSITY AND KINDNESS DISPLAYED IN THE CHRISTMAS GIFT YOU GAVE ME THIS YEAR. YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS MEANS SO MUCH TO ME, AND I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR THE LOVE AND CARE THAT YOU HAVE SHOWN TO MY FAMILY AND I.

IT IS AN INCREDIBLE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO SERVE YOU AS THE PASTOR OF ST. MICHAEL. OVER THE PAST YEAR I HAVE SO GREATLY APPRECIATED THE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT THAT YOU ALL HAVE GIVEN TO ME. THIS CONGREGATION IS SOMETHING TRULY SPECIAL - A COMMUNITY FILLED WITH WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHOSE FAITHFULNESS, AUTHENTICITY, AND DEDICATION ARE APPARENT IN THE WAY THAT YOU CARE AND SERVE.

EACH OF YOU PLAYS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN MAKING THIS BODY OF CHRIST WHAT IT IS. YOUR TALENTS, UNIQUE GIFTING, AND COMMITMENT TO OUR CHURCH PLAY AN INTEGRAL PART TO THE CULTURE OF WHO WE ARE, BOTH TO EACH OTHER AND TO THE COMMUNITY.

AS WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR TOGETHER I WANT TO CHALLENGE EACH OF US TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE CAN CARRY THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST BEYOND THE WALLS OF OUR CHURCH BUILDING. GOD HAS PLACED EACH OF US IN UNIQUE SITUATIONS, SURROUNDED BY PEOPLE WHO NEED THE PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL. HE HAS CALLED US TO GIVE THIS WORD TO THE WORLD, AND HAS PROMISED THAT HIS WORD DOES NOT RETURN EMPTY. LET US BE BOLD IN SHARING THE HOPE WE HAVE IN CHRIST, TRUSTING THAT HE WILL BE FAITHFUL TO ACCOMPLISH HIS WILL THROUGH OUR PROCLAMATION.

MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES WITH HIS GRACE, PEACE, AND JOY AS WE WALK TOGETHER INTO THE NEW YEAR, SHARING HIS WORD AND LOVE WITH THOSE AROUND US.

IN CHRIST,

PASTOR SHAWN



# | GROUPS & MINISTRIES

## Adults Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Tuesdays | 3PM | Gathering Room

This adult Bible study meets weekly. The group is currently conducting a survey of the entire Bible. Contact Mark Packer or the church office for more information.

## Young Women Bible Study 7PM | Library

This group of young moms and young professional women meets every other week on Thursdays to study the Bible together. They have an informal time of fellowship and open group discussion of the selected reading. The group is currently studying the Gospel of John. Contact Kelsey Kimmelman, Marisa Gibbs or the church office for more information.

## Eve Circle

2nd Tuesday Monthly | 7PM | Gathering Room

This Group has a Dessert Potluck and a book discussion. The group is currently studying The Twelve Disciples by Douglas Connelly. Contact Sharon Sahloff or the church office for more information.

## Mighty Men of St. Michael

1st Saturday Monthly | 8:30AM | Gathering Room

This is a men's fellowship group designed to build lasting friendships between the men in our church. The group provides fun and fellowship, as well volunteer service, man power and leadership to our congregation. The group meets for breakfast, devotionals and a chance to share their testimony. Contact Gary Sears or the church office for more information.

## Women in Service for Christ (WISC)

WISC provides fellowship and service opportunities for the women of St. Michael. Including the annual Holiday Bazaar, raising funds for mission partners and community organizations and needs within the church, the annual rummage sale and organizes women's fellowship events throughout the year.

## Food Pantry

2nd Sunday Monthly | 9:30AM | Drive Way

Contact Mary Evilsizer to volunteer

## Care Team

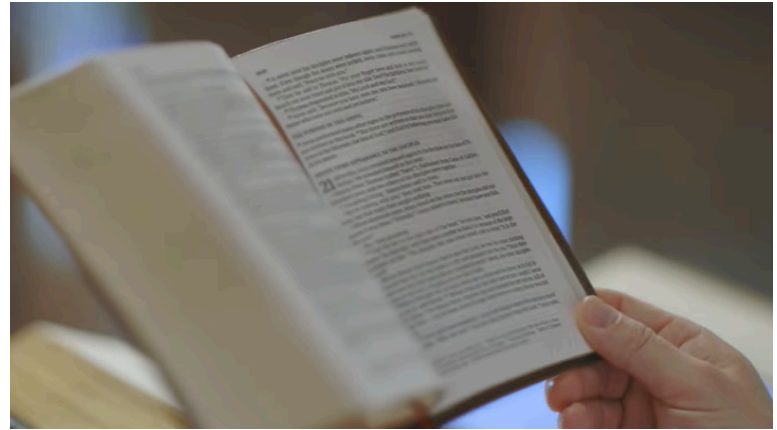
Hospital visits, Homebound visits, Prayer teams and more. Contact Mark Elvey or the church office to join this ministry. Contact Carolyn Eaton or the church office to be added to the prayer list.

## Worship & Music

4th Sunday Monthly | 9:40AM | Choir Room

Choir, Praise band, Hymns, Alter Care, and anything pertaining to Worship or Music!

Contact Janet Hutchinson or the church office for more information, Contact Mark Elvey to join the praise band.



Are you in charge of a ministry, group or bible study within the church?

We want to let others know how to be more involved and we need your help!

Write the name of your group and one sentence to describe what your group is about, when/where they meet, or who to contact.

Please email the church office, leave a note in the office box or contact Marisa Gibbs with this information!  
Thank You!



# PRAYERS

## Short Term (Monthly)

- Doug  
(recuperating  
from medical  
emergency)
- Kerry Armstrong  
(hospital with a  
stroke and a  
blood clot -  
friend of Lucht's)
- 2 ½ year old who  
is currently at U  
of M hospital  
where he has  
been diagnosed  
with a large mass  
- Sharon Rueter
- Jack Price (heart  
issues)
- Misty (back  
surgery - friend  
of Beth)
- Dave (heart  
attack)

## Long Term (Yearly)

- Debby Hawkins
- Danny
- Patti Mull

## Other Prayers

- Faith Lutheran  
Church
- Mexico Mission:  
Monterrey, Mexico  
(Pastors Victor, Juan  
and Enrique)
- Home Bound:

Pat Ahrendt  
4560 W. Alexis Rd., #302  
Toledo, OH. 43623

Ruth Krumm  
Otterbein Sunset Village  
9640 Sylvania-Metamora Rd. #315  
Sylvania, OH. 43560

- Military Personnel:

Dan Clifford

Kelsie Kennedy:  
PSC 41 Box 4037  
APO AE 09464

Andrew & Jennifer Rohrer  
PSC 81 Box 129  
APO AE 09724

Nathan & Jennie Calcamuggio  
PSC 473 BOX 2005  
FPO AP 96349

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

- 01/01
  - Jeanie Holzscheiter
- 01/03
  - Bill Mannor
- 01/05
  - Logan Lykowski
- 01/13
  - Pam Alexander
- 01/14
  - Mary E. Kulwicki
- 01/18
  - Doreen Pant
- 01/19
  - Robert Emptage
- 01/20
  - Daniel Bunge
- 01/22
  - Sandra Fisher
- 01/23
  - Terry Potter
- 01/24
  - Rita Bunge
- 01/25
  - Sam Packard
- 01/26
  - Mike Kurtz
- 01/27
  - Ken Chambers
- 01/28
  - Zach Dickerson
- 01/30
  - Neil Maloy
  - David Zolg
- 01/31
  - Kathy Pfenning

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 01/02
  - Brad and Katie Heineman
- 01/16
  - Roger and Mary Brushaber
- 01/30
  - Brian and Doreen Pant



**Jeremiah 29:11** tells us, "for I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." No matter what your goals are at the beginning of the year, the power of prayer can help you achieve your goals as you seek God's plan for your life!

As we say goodbye to this year and welcome the new one, let's do it with a thankful heart. Let's start the new year with peace and faith. We should let go of any hard feelings or frustrations from the past year. Take this opportunity of new beginnings to say sorry to those we've hurt or to extend forgiveness to others. Remember, God loves us and wants the best for us. Let's enter the new year, ready to live the life He wants for us!



Lord, we look toward you, our hope, our peace, and our comfort in this New Year. As we enter into the unknown of the coming year, we ask for your guidance and wisdom. Illuminate our path with your light so that we may walk in your ways and make choices that align with your will. Help us to seek first your kingdom and trust that all other things will be added unto us. Amen



# SERVANTS SCHEDULE

8:30

## USHERS

- 01/05 - Joe Huss
- 01/12 - Brad Beck
- 01/19 - Nick Kissoff
- 01/26 - Beth Pauli

## READERS

- 01/05 - Bill Manor
- 01/12 - Taia Sutherland
- 01/19 - Nick Kissoff
- 01/26 - Mike Kurtz

10:45

## USHERS

- 01/05 - Bart Sarkasian
- 01/12 - Cal Olmstead
- 01/19 - Carolyn Eaton
- 01/26 - Bart Sarkasian

# FINANCIAL REPORT

YTD income as of 12/30/24 \$349,451.99

YTD expense as of 12/30/24 \$287,936.18

# AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

1st Service: 74

2nd Service: 70

Total Sunday Average: 144

# ALTAR FLOWERS

01/05 - Karin Johnstone - Blessed with 4 children and 3 grandchildren: Kristopher, Nathaniel & Frankie

01/12 - Jeremy, Abbie & Rayna Miller in memory of Violets 3rd Birthday on Jan. 15th

01/19 - Dan & Rita Bunge Birthdays

01/26 - Christine Bischoff - memory of Shirley Christensen

