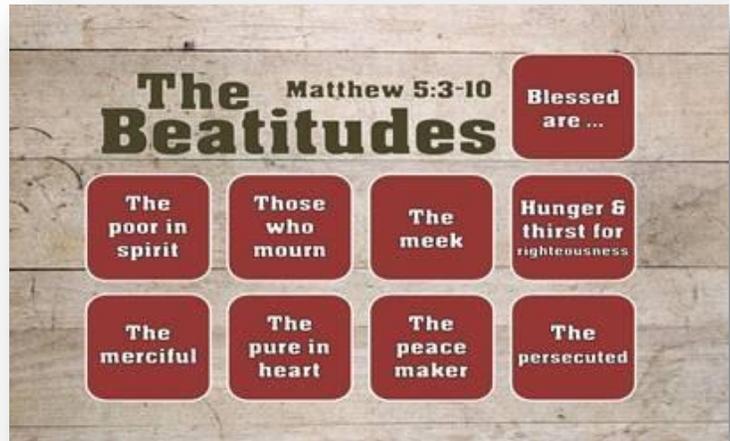




**St. Michael**  
**Lutheran Church**  
 CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS  
*our mission*

**January Newsletter**  
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This is the Year of Matthew at St. Michael. During the Advent and Christmas seasons, we looked closely at Matthew 1:1–25 with the theme, Who is Jesus? Now, during the Epiphany Season (January and February), we shine the light on our Savior’s Beatitudes in Matthew 5:1–12. Here is the lineup of sermons for the next two months:



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| January 5/6    | <b>It’s All Over!</b> (Matthew 2:1–23)   |
| January 12/13  | <b>Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit</b> (Matthew 5:3)                            |
| January 19/20  | <b>Blessed Are Those Who Mourn</b> (Matthew 5:4)                               |
| January 26/27  | <b>Blessed Are the Meek</b> (Matthew 5:5)                                      |
| February 2/3   | <b>Blessed Are Those who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness</b> (Matthew 5:6) |
| February 9/10  | <b>Blessed Are the Merciful</b> (Matthew 5:7)                                  |
| February 16/17 | <b>Blessed Are the Pure in Heart</b> (Matthew 5:8)                             |
| February 23/24 | <b>Blessed Are the Peacemakers</b> (Matthew 5:9)                               |
| March 2/3      | <b>Blessed Are the Persecuted Because of Righteousness</b> (Matthew 5:10–12)   |

On December 2, my Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study began an in-depth, thirty-week study of Matthew’s Gospel. In January and February, we will look at some of the most famous and revolutionary words Jesus ever spoke—his Sermon on the Mount, recorded in Matthew 5–7. Matthew invites us to sit and learn at the feet of Jesus. Let’s do just that!

*Pastor Lessing*

# News from Pastor Shawn

## THE BRIDGE

Reflecting on 2018, it is amazing to see how God has been at work in and through the Bridge. We grew in our worship, completed 13 service projects that strengthened relationships with community, and blessed families in our neighborhood. We learned new worship songs, shared meals together, and proclaimed Christ's love and forgiveness. We look forward to how God will use the Bridge family in 2019. Please join us in praying for God to continue to work in and through the Bridge to share the Gospel to millennials and young adults in Fort Wayne.

January	We Gather	What does that mean?
6	to Praise	Worship with Holy Communion
13	to Serve Community	Serving Opportunity
20	to Praise	Worship with Holy Communion
27	to Celebrate	Celebrate together by sharing a meal

### Acts 1:8 | Redemption House

Early in December, the Bridge made five fleece no-sew tie blankets to give to the new women of the house for Christmas. On December 16, we were blessed to have the women of the Redemption house join us for worship. During our time together, we learned that a Christmas donation had been made to bless each member of the house with a pillow and a blanket, but they were short **five** blankets. God continues to use the St. Michael family to bless our community as we work alongside our partners in ministry.

### Acts 1:8 | Liberian Children's Ministry (Lutheran School Network)

Pastor Shawn will join Joe Boway and a team from St. Mark's Lutheran Church (St. Charles, Illinois) for an 18-day mission trip to Liberia in the middle of February. The trip will consist of visiting several schools in the Lutheran schools network, delivering the Bibles we collected this summer, and providing seminars for local Lutheran pastors near each of the schools we visit. One of the main goals will gain insights into taking a group from St. Michael and the Fort Wayne community to Liberia in 2021. Please keep Pastor Shawn and the other members of the team in your prayers as they prepare for and head to Liberia this winter.

### Mission Opportunities

Shepherd of the City | Tuesdays, 3:00p–5:00p  
Homework Helpers needed after school  
Contact John Hein at  
jhein@brotherhoodmutual.com

Redemption House | Every third Sunday, 6:00p  
Prepare, serve dinner, and visit with residents  
Contact Linda Chapman at 417-3052

### NEW BIBLE STUDY!

#### Families in Genesis: It's complicated.

How can we fix the brokenness in our families? This four-week study will look at the adverse experiences and the brokenness of families found in Genesis with today's families in mind, giving you solutions and hope for healthier, stronger family relationships. The study is co-authored by Tim Wesemann and Rene Howitt.



## SMALL GROUPS

### REDEMPTION HOUSE



Prepare a dish at home, help serve dinner, and visit with the ladies in their home on January 20, February 17, and March 17 at 6:00p. Call Linda Chapman at 417-3052 to volunteer. Show Christ's love in this special service opportunity to start the new year!

### MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Baby, it's cold outside! Come on in to Luther Hall for a hot drink, a bite to eat, and a chance for young ones to play. Preschool and ESM parents stop in after you take your student to class! MOPS of St. Michael come and enjoy the fellowship! Share a smile. Share the love.

**What:** Coffee, Cocoa & Play

**When:** Thursday, February 7 at 8:30a

**Where:** Luther Hall

### YOUNG MOM'S BIBLE STUDY

The Young Mom's Bible Study will begin again on Monday, January 28. Mothers of any age are welcome. The group meets in Luther Hall, typically on the first and third Mondays of each month from 9:15a–10:45a. Childcare is provided. For more information and a complete schedule, contact Laura Moll at (785) 304-4092.



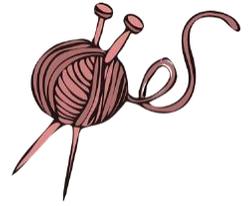
### COFFEE BREAK

*Women connecting over coffee and God's Word*

Women of all ages are invited to study *Twelve More Women of the Bible* on January 9 from 9:15a–10:45a in Luther Hall. We will learn spiritual lessons from Esther and apply the Biblical principles to our own modern-day struggles. Bring your kids! Childcare is provided.

### PURLS

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting or have always wanted to learn, you will love the PURLS group! Connect with the body of Christ while knitting or crocheting items for the Prayer Shawl Ministry, Women's Care Center, Shepherd's House, and Rescue Mission/Charis House. This group is happy to teach you to knit or crochet! We meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 1:00p–3:00p in the lobby. If you have questions, call Pat Armstrong at 432-4238.



### LINGER LONGER IN THE WORD

Linger Longer in the Word at St. Michael on Sunday, January 13, from 3:00p–5:00p in Luther Hall. This month we focus on choosing a Bible verse or word to frame your year. This event is free & open to anyone. Supplies are available to share, but feel free to bring your own. If you have questions, contact Anna Davis at 314-800-8418.

*Linger  
Longer  
in the Word*  
VISUAL LEARNING EVENT

### BOOK CLUB

**What:** The Boy in the Striped Pajamas  
by John Boyne

**When:** January 17 at 10:00a

**Where:** St. Michael Lobby

**For February:**

**What:** The Banker's Wife  
by Cristine Alger

Visit [www.stmfw.org/small-groups](http://www.stmfw.org/small-groups)  
for a full listing of Bible studies.

# Music Ministry

Is your New Year's Resolution to try out one of St. Michael's music groups? Great! Now is a wonderful time to join since we are starting fresh with new music! St. Michael has music opportunities every day of the week!

## Monday—Handbells

We currently have two adult groups—Resound and Harmony Ringers—and a bell group for students in third through eighth grade. Rehearsals begin on January 7. If you are interested in any of our bell groups, please contact our bell director, Celine Newman at [cnewman12@gmail.com](mailto:cnewman12@gmail.com).

## Tuesday—Praise Bands

If you play guitar, drums, or piano, we would love to talk to you about plugging into one of our bands. Please contact our Music Director, Stephanie Maxson at [stephanie@stmfw.org](mailto:stephanie@stmfw.org).

## Wednesday—Vocal Choirs

St. Michael's vocal choirs will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, January 9. A TTBB men's group sings once a month and our SATB choir for high school students and adults sings about twice a month. We also have a SSA Women's choir.

## Thursday—Instrumental Music, Blue Grass and Puppets

Our **orchestra** consists of brass, woodwinds, percussion and string players. The orchestra is a great place for students who have had at least one year of band and adults (even adults who have not played their instrument for a while). Please contact our orchestra director [denicebeights@gmail.com](mailto:denicebeights@gmail.com) for more information.

St. Michael also has a **flute choir** that practices bi-weekly and plays about once a month. Contact our music director at [stephanie@stmfw.org](mailto:stephanie@stmfw.org) for more information.

St. Michael's **Blue Grass Band**, Jubilant Fields, provides another option for vocalists and instrumentalists who enjoy mandolin, banjo, harmonica, fiddle, washboard or spoons! This group rehearses on Thursday evenings and leads Saturday worship every other month.

Why are **Puppets** included in the music section? Our puppet team shares awesome songs in worship services and VBS! This is a great way to witness through music without singing/playing a note! Please contact Nancy Sackchewsky at [nancy5645@embarqmail.com](mailto:nancy5645@embarqmail.com).

## Monday through Friday—SMLC Academy Lessons

The St. Michael Lutheran Church Academy (SMLC Academy) is excited to welcome over 40 students who will be learning skills in piano, guitar, trombone, voice, art, violin, and percussion! If you are interested in helping with this awesome ministry please contact our Academy Director, Karen Manges at [academy@stmfw.org](mailto:academy@stmfw.org) or to register for lessons visit our website at [www.stmfw.org/smlcacademy](http://www.stmfw.org/smlcacademy).

## Saturday and Sunday—Worship

Even if you do not feel called to join one of our musical groups, we are all called to praise and worship the Lord. Psalm 67:5 says, "Let the peoples praise you O God; let all the peoples praise you." Invite your friends and family to join you each weekend as we praise the Lord!

## Concordia University Chicago Concert at St. Michael

St. Michael will host the Concordia University Wind Ensemble for a concert on March 16 and in the 8:00a worship service on March 17. We need to provide supper and housing for students on March 16, and the university is looking for individuals or businesses to help sponsor their trip. Please contact Stephanie Maxson at [stephanie@stmfw.org](mailto:stephanie@stmfw.org) if you are able to help—and THANKS!

### Saturday Band Line-up

January 5—King's Strings  
January 12—Life Song  
January 19—King's Strings  
January 26—Life Song

**National Lutheran Schools Week—  
Sunday, January 27**

We are partnering with the Fort Wayne area Lutheran schools in a citywide Lutheran Schools Open House on January 27. We are thankful for Emmanuel and St. Michael congregations and their faithful support of ESM both spiritually and financially. ESM celebrates its unique mission as a distinctively Lutheran school in providing “Education for Life and Faith for Eternity!”

**Open House—Sunday, January 27**

Visit both Getz Road and Union Street Campuses on Sunday, January 27, from 12:00p–3:00p to learn about your school and all it has to offer to your family and our community. At ESM’s Christ-centered community, students are engaged in a strong academic program to prepare them to be tomorrow’s Christian leaders. Teachers will be present to answer questions, give tours, and share their goals for their students, the leaders of tomorrow! Invite family and friends to visit and learn about your school!

**Kindergarten Enrollment Sessions  
Wednesday, January 23**

Are you exploring educational options for your child? Do you have a friend or neighbor who is looking for an excellent school for their family? At Emmanuel-St. Michael Lutheran School’s Christ-centered community, students are engaged in a strong academic program to prepare them to be tomorrow’s Christian leaders. Mark your calendar for the ESM Kindergarten Information and Enrollment Sessions. It is an opportunity to learn how ESM might partner with you as you seek the best educational options for your family, visit classrooms, meet teachers and parents, and receive enrollment materials.

**Open House—Sunday, January 27**

Join us for our final open house of the year from noon to 3:00p. Tour the high school at your own pace, and get an immersive experience with our Computer Science, BioMed (Science) and Video programs. Register and get all of the details at [www.clhscadets.com/open-house/](http://www.clhscadets.com/open-house/).

**Nostalgia Night—Friday, January 18**

We will honor our boys soccer players, alumni included. The recognition will occur during halftime. All are welcome!

**A-rated school**

Concordia has once again been given an A rating for the 2017-18 school year by the Indiana Department of Education. Thanks to everyone who made this possible!

J.O.Y GROUP

**J.O.Y. Ministry Events**

**Zechariah Bible Study**  
**Led by Pastor Lessing**  
**Second and Fourth Tuesdays**  
**In Luther Hall from 10:00a–11:30a.**

- January 11** “How-To” Computer Info
- January 28** Holy Cross Program
- January 31** Pizza with Pastor

The calendar events are open to everyone who is 55 and older. Check the **J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth)** bulletin board for more information.



**Bless** St. Michael with your gift of flowers for the altar. Celebrate a special occasion or shine a light on your favorite church season with this unique opportunity to beautify our sanctuary. Please sign up on the poster outside the church office.

# BELONG AND BLESS

## Bless St. Michael with Gift Annuities

There are few things in life we can do for ourselves that also benefit others; a charitable gift annuity is one of them. A charitable gift annuity is a simple contract between you and a charity, such as St. Michael. You agree to donate a sum of money, and in return, the charity agrees to pay you a fixed amount every year for your lifetime. When you fund a gift annuity (with cash or stock), you receive an immediate charitable income tax deduction and a portion of your payments will be tax free for a period of time. Talk to your financial advisor to get more information on gift annuities.

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## Retirement Planning Workshop

You have two opportunities to attend a workshop on planning for retirement and how your assets can be positioned so that family and 501(c)3 organizations can be the beneficiaries of those assets: February 12 from 5:00p–7:00p with a light dinner or February 13 from 11:00a–1:00p with a light lunch. There is limited seating, so reserve your spot soon at [www.stmfw.org](http://www.stmfw.org) or at the kiosk in the church lobby by January 28. Thrivent, a fraternal benefit organization of Christians, will present the workshop. To learn more about Thrivent, visit [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com).

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## Lutherans For Life

- Thank you for the Sunday school donations this school year to Lutherans for Life.
- Resources are available at [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) and word-of-hope.org
- January 26: 2019 Allen County March for Life

If you would like more information about participating in St. Michael's Life Team, contact Dennis Brink at 238-4046. If you are interested in participating in the Fort Wayne Area Chapter of Lutherans For Life, contact Deaconess Karen Blank at 797-3348.



*Dear Friends, since God so loved us,  
we also ought to love one another.*

**1 John 4:11**

*Pressure: A burdensome, distressing, or weighty condition.* Are you feeling pressure right now? Is it affecting your health, your attitude, or your relationships with your family and friends? Would you like to have someone to talk to or to help you get through the next month or two? Our Stephen Ministers are here to help. Please contact Margaret Jones for more information at 672-3594.

# January Wedding Celebrations

	Years			Years	
Michael and Amee Augenstein	1/4	18	Bill and Mary Davis	1/21	52
Zach and Nicole Evans	1/6	18	Walt and Diane Hess	1/21	23
Steve and Anni Rhodes	1/8	37	Jim and Pat Williams	1/21	52
Jane and Paul Sieber	1/11	44	Marty and Paula Cole	1/26	28
Damion and Devon Wirges	1/13	12	Terry and Rachel Hammond	1/28	24
John and Carol Olry	1/13	51	Paul and Jenny Nutter	1/30	26
Mark and Renee Bleke	1/21	30			

## ESM Early Childhood Ministry to begin in the 2019-2020 School Year

The congregational members of Emmanuel and St. Michael voted unanimously in November to bring the Early Childhood programs under the leadership of Emmanuel-St. Michael Lutheran School beginning in the 2019-2020 school year. We are excited about this unification and the opportunity it presents for growth, while still continuing to provide excellence in Christ-centered education for our youngest children. In an effort to make this transition as smooth as possible, we are offering a number of informal meetings for both current and prospective families to attend. Come to one of these meetings and learn about the program options available for 2-5 year-old children. Register to attend at [www.esmeagles.com](http://www.esmeagles.com). These meetings will help prepare you for online enrollment which begins on March 1. We encourage you to invite friends that might also be interested in learning more about our programs.

The meetings will be held on the following dates:

Date:	Location:	Time:
Wednesday, January 23	Union Street – LOFT	8:30a-9:30a
Wednesday, January 30	Getz Road – Luther Hall	8:30a-9:30a
Sunday, February 3*	Union Street – LOFT	11:45a-12:45p
Sunday, February 10*	Getz Road – Church Lobby	12:30a-1:30p

*\*Snacks and childcare will be provided.*

**We look forward to sharing our exciting plans with you in the coming months!**



## St. Michael Preschool

Winter is our January theme. We'll talk about the weather, appropriate clothing, and fun activities for the season.

# Financial Update

	November 2018	Year to Date	November 2017
Offerings & Other Income	\$143,589	\$1,485,060	\$113,707
Ministry Expenses	\$130,542	\$1,414,915	\$120,727
Income over Expenses	\$13,047	\$43,145	(\$7,020)
Future Expansion	\$3,046	\$109,430	

## Automated Giving



St. Michael offers electronic giving for members who want to have offerings transferred electronically to the church's account. Visit our website and click on "Online Giving." ***A presentation to walk you through signing up has been posted on [www.stmfw.org](http://www.stmfw.org).***

## 2019 Pledge Update

We have received 173 pledges for \$895,850. You can enter your own pledge in Fellowship One Go or contact the church office. Thank you for your faithful giving! Offering envelopes for 2019 are outside the church office. If you give online or do not need offering envelopes, please email the financial secretary at [jmlee3@gmail.com](mailto:jmlee3@gmail.com).

## Official Church Acts - October through December 2018

- Baptisms:** Nyle Roehm; Charles Mutton; Erica Meyer; Leland and Ethan White; Fredrick Wren VI; Makayla Runyan
- Wedding:** Aaron Roggow and Grace Friegang
- Transfer Out:** Pam Hitzeman; Florence Alexander; Ron and Lisa Harker; Colleen Eisemann
- Released:** Cathi Schenkel; Doug and Sue Krause
- Funerals:** Mildred Lockhart; Delores Liddy; Donna Braun
- Transfer In:** Roy and Peggy Macke; Jessica Krauter (Keaton); Allen and Monica Zoch; Kaylyn Anderson; Eileen Macke; Jared and Lisa Zumstein (Cameron, Mackenzie); Rich and Mary Busch; Lois Buuck; Curtis and Elizabeth Etzler; Loren and Lisa Schaefer (Morgan, Mallory); Lance and Cassie Moquin; Larry and Nancy Overholt; and Steve and Linette Godfrey (Madison, Peyton)
- Reaffirm Faith:** Melissa Cecil; Ashley Peterson (Addison and Aubrey); Dick Ziegler; Tim Shelford; Michael and Lindsey Kuhn; Joe Mutton; Ray and Davis Albright; Meghan Jackson (Eli, Bella)
- Confirmation:** Taylor Zumstein; Phil and Sharon McGlothlin; Erica Mutton (Charlie); Angie and Dan Rich (Maggie); Patrick and Angela Jomo (Elijah); and Kayla Kast

## Online Directory

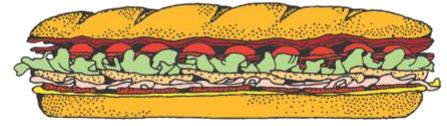
St. Michael has moved to a new online directory! Many of our members have already logged on to review their information and upload a picture. There is also an app that you can download to your phone: **Fellowship One Go**. This app will give you access to the directory and the church calendar. The app will prompt you for our domain: **stmfw**. If you have questions or need a password, email [tammy@stmfw.org](mailto:tammy@stmfw.org). Thank you for participating! It is a blessing to match faces to names on the new online directory!



# 3:15 Youth Ministries

## Super Bowl Sub Fundraiser!

Support our youth ministry and take care of your Super Bowl food needs by ordering a sub sandwich (or ten). You can order your sub sandwich by picking up a form at church starting January 13, or place your order online at [www.stmfw.org/youth](http://www.stmfw.org/youth). Subs will be available for pickup on Sunday, February 3, at church.



## 6TH-12TH GRADE

### Community Harvest Service Project

**Saturday, January 26, at 8:00a**

All sixth through twelfth grade youth are invited to help those in need at our Community Harvest service day. We will meet at St. Michael and will travel to the food bank, eat lunch together, and will be back at St. Michael by 1:30p. Participants will need to wear closed-toed shoes for this event.

### We're going skiing!

**Sunday, February 10, at 10:45a**



We will hit the slopes at Swiss Valley in Jones, Michigan, right after the late service (around 12:15p) to enjoy skiing and snowboarding. We will arrive back to church around 10:00p. The cost for skiing is \$40 and \$45 for snowboarding. The cost also includes lunch and supper. Register online at [www.stmfw.org/youth](http://www.stmfw.org/youth).

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Late-Night Lockout NEW DATE

**Friday, January 11, 7:00p–12:00a**

This is such a fun event for our sixth through eighth grade students and a great opportunity to connect a friend to the church. We will meet at 7:00p at church and head out to Crazy Pinz for a night of laser tag, bowling, and plenty of pizza! Register online at [www.stmfw.org](http://www.stmfw.org) by Monday, January 7.

### Our Eighth Graders are Connecting People to Jesus!

Starting Sunday, January 12, our awesome 8th grade students will speak in select worship services. Our confirmands have worked hard to prepare a witness speech based on their selected Bible verses. Please pray for our youth as they prepare to share God's Word with our church family.

## HIGH SCHOOL

### High School Youth Nights

**January 13/27, 6:00p-8:30p**

Our new theme is \*Resolved\* and will focus on how to balance out our need for acceptance and longing for achievement, while recognizing that our worth and value is found in Christ. At every youth night, we share a meal together, discuss God's Word, and play some games. Friends are always welcome!

### Sunday Morning Bible Classes

**Sundays, 9:30a-10:30a**

We're starting a new series in January! It's called Junction, and it's about how God can turn our pain into progress. Join us in the youth room on Sundays at 9:30 am as we explore God's Word and ask the question, "How can God use pain to unite us?"



### New Parents and 2s Class!

We have a brand new class starting on Sunday, January 6, for parents and two year olds! The class will meet in the preschool room with the three and four year olds and split off for activities just for parents and their two-year-old children. This is an awesome opportunity to grow in faith with your child. Contact Tommy Moll at [tommy@stmfw.org](mailto:tommy@stmfw.org) for more information.

We will celebrate baptismal birthdays on January 12/13 for these children:



Jack Bains; Jack Burgess; Adelaide Davis; Amelia Dumser; Haidyn Faux; Sophia Fieldhouse; Naomi Hendrickson; Evan Meyer; Benjamin Moll; Austin Panning; and Corbin Weible.

## Serving in January 2018 at St. Michael Lutheran Church

Title	Dates	Saturday	Sunday	
			8:00	10:45
Acolytes	5/6	Molly Stock	Open	Kaelyn North Grace Levitt
	12/13	Alexus Bohnke Evan Caudill	Eli Bilos Aaron Kistler	Jackson Stalter Alex Jones
	19/20	Open	Gavin Weible Alison Nutter	Lexi Panning Evan Caudill
	26/27	Chris Faley Elliott Rupnow	Eli Bilos	Nathan and Matthew Bear
Altar Guild		Marge Jesse, Linda Gibson, Jaime McNamara, Sue Baker		
Coffee and Fellowship	5/6	Matt and Halie Urban Jennifer Slazyk Bob and Vicki Scholl		
	12/13	J.O.Y Group		
	19/20	Mark and Shannon Rose Jon and Cristie Gerkin		
	26/27	Paul and Darlene Buuck		
Gym Set-up	5/6	Levi and Noah Selking		
	12/13	Parker Morey and Jackson Connelly		
	19/20	Kaleb and LJ Chantelois		
	26/27	Levi and Noah Selking		
Elders		Mike Roemer	Jim Brewer	Zach Evans
Flowers	5/6	Epiphany		
	12/13	Pastor Bill and Marilyn Barlow, in honor of their 61st wedding anniversary on December 28		
	19/20	Frank and Gloria Helfrich, in memory of their son, James Ryan		
	26/27	Open		
GAP	19/20	Dale Bultemeier Adam Hahn	Dave and Tammy Panning	Paul and Mary Leininger
Greeters	5/6	Mary Bear Kathleen Brown Harold and Maria Graham Frank and Gloria Helfrich	Nancy Kuker Wayne and Jean Panning Marge Jesse David and Judy Mueller	Kevin and Denise Scholz Mike and Mary Ratty Cassandra Hebermehl
	12/13	Gene Scheumann Liz Edwards Mark and Shannon Rose William and Marilyn Barlow	Jim and Pam Brewer Gretchen Weerts Dave and Kathy Trinklein	Carol Olry Brenda Williams Tom and Keri Latin Gary Gotsch
	19/20	Dave and Christine Harrison Ron and Carol Korte Emory and Susan Craver	Ted Braun Jon and Cristie Gerken Dorothy Smith	Eric and Alyssa Stalter Jon and Dawn Derr Sitterra Dumford
	26/27	John and Sue Baker Richard Pierce Steve and Annie Rhodes	Sherry Buuck Tim and Marilyn Crum Heather Maloney Chon and Sharon Michael	Ron and Kendra Nieman John and Belva Patterson Dave and Lynette Doust
Lay Readers	5/6	Linda Lewis	William Barlow	Richard Pierce
	12/13	Cassandra Hebermehl	Gretchen Weerts	ESM 7 <sup>th</sup> grader
	19/20	Ron Menze	Pastor David Mueller	Janice Pekrul
	26/27	ESM faculty	ESM faculty	Jacob Pennekamp

### Dear St. Michael,

- ♥ [We are] reminded of God's faithfulness and we thank you for all you've done to help us. —**Family #11**
- ♥ Thank you for remembering Ed with all your Christmas cards and well wishes! —**Pat Armstrong**
- ♥ Your cards and words of love make all the difference. Words cannot express the comfort I received from your hugs and words of assurance that my God was walking with me. —**Ted and the family of Donna Braun**

The complete text of these letters can be read on the bulletin board outside the church office.