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Birthing a New People:

Labor, Moms, and the Work of Pentecost

As a child, one of our school projects in preparation for May 1st was to make little paper baskets filled with candies or special treats that we could give to parents, friends, or place "secretly" at a neighbor's door to let them know that they were remembered. Throughout the world the month of May enters with a variety of celebrations—baskets, singing, dancing, maypoles, picnics, outdoor activities, and a variety of folk customs. May Day is tied to welcoming the summer and renewal in creation and friendships.

In the United States, May 1st has also become one of the days most associated with care for workers and justice for those who labor. In fact, today it is known as International Workers' Day in the United States, Canada, and a number of countries in Europe, Asia, and Latin America. On May 1, 1886, the holiday was celebrated with a strike demanding better working conditions and shorter working hours. This day was viewed as an opportunity to dream of how all people might be cared for and a more just society created.

Also in May is the celebration of Mother's Day. The clearest modern understanding of this holiday is tied

to an early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sunday." Mothering Sunday served as a significant tradition in parts of Europe and the United Kingdom held on the fourth Sunday in Lent. For this celebration people would return to their "mother church" –the main church in the vicinity of their home—for a special service and time of connection. There was thanks for the church that has formed them and the faithful who have nurtured them.

In the United States, Mother's Day originates in the years before the Civil War when Ann Reeves Jarvis of West Virginia helped start "Mother's Day Work Clubs" to teach women how to properly care for their children. These clubs would later become a unifying force in the region of the country still divided over the Civil War. In 1868 Jarvis organized "Mothers' Friendship Day," at which mothers gathered with former Union and Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation.

In a similar vein, the abolitionist and suffragette, Julia Ward Howe, wrote the "Mother's Day Proclamation," in 1870 as a call to action asking mothers to unite in promoting world peace and she campaigned for a "Mother's Peace Day."

It would be through the work of Anna Jarvis (daughter of Ann Reeves Jarvis) that the modern Mother's Day would arise. Anna, who remained unmarried and childless her whole life, conceived of a day where the sacrifices mothers and women made for the children in their lives would be recognized and honored. In May 1908 she organized the first official Mother's Day celebration at the Methodist church in Grafton, West Virginia. And that same time, after gaining financial support from Philadelphia department store owner, John Wanamaker, there was a special Mother's Day event drawing thousands of people to one of his retail stores in Philadelphia. Over the next four years this movement would grow to receive federal recognition. Interestingly, Anna's vision of this day was to wear a white carnation as a badge, to visit one's mother, and to attend church.

Later this month we celebrate Pentecost in the Christian church. It is a day when many wear red, we celebrate the proclamation of good news to people of all backgrounds and languages, we join in the vision of a new and renewed community that is inspired by the Holy Spirit and sent to proclaim God's message of love, justice, compassion, and care to the ends of the earth.



Pentecost employs visions of a people rooted in connection and celebration; of being valued and honored; of working for peace; of being drawn together in faith. The Church (of the community of Jesus followers) strived to articulate this dream. And today we are called to continue to dream of what might be possible.

How might we labor for...how might we give birth to... a world that embodies God's grace and mercy today? How might we proclaim God's love and peace? How might we speak into a unsettled world in challenging times?

As we honor those who labor on May Day, as we recognize the women who are or have been important to us and the "mothering church" that has formed us, as we live into the vision of Pentecost and a people and world renewed, there is much for which we give thanks...and there is a holy call to live into God's unfolding dream for us and all of God's people.

This year I will likely make May baskets, just as I did as a youngster. This May I will also wonder with you about the ways the is Spirit moving among us, opening doors, and calling us to be a community filled with passion for peace and promise and witnessing to that work in our world. May we be laborers and nurturers who help to birth God's vision today.

In the promise of what is yet to be,
Pastor Brad

Life of the Congregation

In Memory

A memorial service was held for Claudia Woker at St. Michael's on April 20th. Our prayers continue to surround his wife Glen and their family and friends as they grieve.

May Worship & Education Schedule

Please note the Church office will be closed on Monday, May 27, for the Memorial Day Holiday.

May Sunday Worship Schedule

May 5

- 8:45 a.m. Worship - Livestreamed
- 10:00 a.m. Education Hour
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

May 12

- 8:45 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Education Hour
- 11:00 a.m. Worship – Livestreamed

May 19 - Pentecost

- 10:00 a.m. Worship - Livestreamed
- 11:00 a.m. Pentecost Potluck

May 26

- 10:00 a.m. Worship - Livestreamed

May
19

PENTECOST

POTLUCK

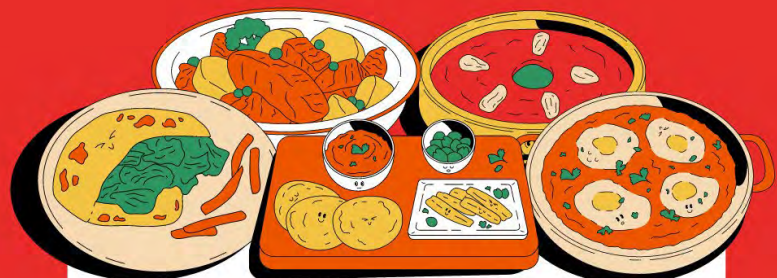
FOLLOWING THE 10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

On Pentecost, we celebrate the diversity of God's people!

Bring a dish to share that represents your heritage or a favorite family meal.

On Pentecost, there will be one worship service at 10:00 a.m.

The potluck will be held immediately after worship. Dishes can be dropped off to the kitchen before worship with our potluck team.



Summer Worship Schedule

In June we begin our summer worship schedule with one worship service on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and worship Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.

We will plan for outdoor worship on the second Monday of June, July, and August. Otherwise, Monday services will be held in the Courtyard Room. *Note, there is no Monday evening worship on Memorial Day*

Live-Streamed Services

Each Sunday, one of our services will be live-streamed. Subscribe to the St. Michael's YouTube Channel to watch worship live on Sunday mornings if you are not able to come in person.

Watch your Friday Flyer for a copy of the Bulletin to download and follow along, as well as the link to the live service.

Streamed services will also be recorded and posted on Sunday evening on our website <https://www.stmichaelselca.com/> for viewing at your convenience

Scan this QR Code to go to the St. Michael's Channel:



Sunday Education & Fellowship Hour

Join us at 10:00 a.m. between worship services for a time of fellowship and education.

Religion in Life

Sunday Morning Adult Education Forum

Religion in Life is an adult education forum on Sunday mornings during the program year (September-May) held as part of the 10:00-11:00 a.m. education hour. This forum brings in a variety of guest speakers and presenters to address topics such as scripture and theology, ethics and faith in the public sphere, and health and wellness.

May 5

Reimagining Worship Conversation

Join us for conversation as we reflect and discuss the worshipping life of the congregation. This session is a follow up from our last gathering on March 3 as we listened to one another's experiences in worship and shared ideas on how to strengthen participation in worship. At this gathering, we will share learnings from the March 3rd gatherings and subsequent conversations that the church leadership have engaged in, as well as provide next steps as we plan for the 2024-2025 program year.



May 12

Everybody Just Breathe, *Amanda Peterson, RN*

Amanda Peterson is an ICU nurse, graduate student, and mother of two. She also served as one of America's frontline workers in the fight against COVID-19.

For nearly a year, Amanda worked in COVID ICU. Every day every patient was admitted with the same diagnosis. The beds filled up, but the mainstays of hospital life—frantic call lights, trays of half-eaten meals, and questions from worried families—disappeared as patient after patient began their own agonizing fight for breath.

Based on her experiences Amanda wrote the book, *Everybody Just Breathe*. Her book is a harrowing, generous, and often irreverent memoir chronicling the longest shift of one nurse's life. This startling debut is a testament to patients and a love letter of camaraderie to fellow COVID nurses. It is also an uproarious depiction of motherhood locked down. Amanda's voice met the COVID pandemic with a timely plea to a nation fatigued: *Everybody Just Breathe!*

May 12th will be the final Religion in Life session for this program year.

On May 19th the congregation is celebrating Pentecost with one worship service at 10:00 a.m. and a potluck following.

Music News

Children's Music

Rehearsals Wednesdays

Youth Bells 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir 6:15 - 7:00 p.m.

Adult Choir: St. Michael's Singers

Rehearsal Wednesdays

6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

For more information please contact Karen Wilkerson, St. Michael's Singers Director.

Adult Bells: St. Michael's Chapel Ringers

Rehearsals Thursdays

6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

For more information please contact Charlie Preis, Chapel Ringers Director.



Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

Family Spiritual Practices

I stumbled upon an Instagram post of a blogging family that featured a free “tracker” for hours spent outside. When I first saw it, I snubbed it because it was linked to a new year’s resolution. I thought it would be an odd and unobtainable thing to do seeing as the winters in Minnesota are not as kind as this one has been. It then came up on a few different posts from different accounts. I looked at it and saw it was 1,000 hours outside for the year. Around the same time this came up on my feed, I was listening to a podcast that was talking about spiritual practices done as a family. Table grace, bedtime prayers, or going to church, are often what I would confine to spiritual practices that can be done as a family. We try to read a story from our children’s Bible at bedtime, but overall, most of our family spirituality would come from being in church. That is not a bad thing, but this podcast challenged me to look at other ways that I could instill faith practices into my children. One way I feel connected to God and feel like I can meditate is walking and spending time outside. How do I instill that into my children? The best way to teach is to model the wished behavior. I downloaded and printed the free tracker. I proposed this idea to my family, and everyone was on board. Who knew coloring a small shape on a coloring page posted on our fridge would get us all excited to reach the same goal! I also didn’t share with them that this would be a “spiritual practice”. I want that connection to happen through the Holy Spirit and for it to be personal to them. I hope that with small ways we can give our younger one’s tools to find ways they can connect with God in their own way. My challenge for families is to look at ways you connect with God and model that to your students. It could be spending time outside, bike rides, volunteering at a nursing home, coloring, conversations; the list is endless. If you’re interested, the website for free downloads is www.1000hoursoutside.com. There are also great ways with a simple google search to track miles walked, hours of reading, or maybe 1,000 seems like a steep goal. You could also use a paper chain to add or take away from and use that as a visual goal.

I would love to hear about ways your family already does or plans to do this.

Natalie Romero (she/her/hers)

Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries



SARDINES!!!!

Join us for the largest game of Sardines EVER!

Never played Sardines?

No worries! We'll teach you!

Join us on May 3rd

6pm-7:30pm-Kindergarten through 5th Grade

6pm-9pm- 6th-12th Grades

Sign up using the QR Code!

Friends welcome!



SERVICE TRIP
2024 STUDENTS
DENVER, CO

PRE-TRIP MEETING:
MAY 5TH-NOON-3PM

LUNCH WILL BE
PROVIDED

MEET IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Save the dates!



High School Senior Recognition

**JUNE 2, 2024
10AM WORSHIP
JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR
HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

If you have a High School Senior, please reach out to Natalie ASAP at youth@stmichaelselca.com

Friday Flock

Save the dates!

6pm-8pm

July 19th

August 2nd



Open to all 3yr old's to completed 5th grade!
Sign ups & info coming soon!

Movie night for all ages!

Details are still in the works!

We're hoping to rent out seats or a theater to watch the new Inside Out 2!

More details to come in May!

Be sure to subscribe to

Friday Flyer or CYF Weekly News!

Tenative Date: June 14th



7th – 9th Grade Confirmation

Confirmation Schedule:

May 1st– Confirmation Class, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

May 8th -- Confirmation Class, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

May 15th -- Confirmation Class, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall --- End of Year Party with Mentors!



Families of 9th Grade students -- keep an eye on your email this summer for information on fall 10th grade confirmation capstone experiences and the rite of confirmation on Reformation Sunday (October 27th)

Social Ministry

Social Ministry Calendar



May 6: **Rezek House Meal**

May 8 & 22: **Quilting and Bandage Rolling**
9:00 a.m. *Fellowship Hall*

May 12: **Sandwich Making for Union Gospel Mission**
Gather between 9:45-10:00 a.m. in the Serving Area & Kitchen to assemble sandwiches

May 14: **Keystone Mobile Food Distribution**
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Circle Drive (west side of the church)

May 20 **Loaves & Fishes** You can sign up online via Sign-up Genius or call the church office if you are interested in assisting next month. *We serve at: At Holy Rosary/Santo Rosario, 2424 18th Ave. S., Minneapolis*
Food Preparation Team arrives at 1:45 p.m.
Serving Team arrives at 4:30 p.m.

Daily: **Panera Bread Ministry**
Evening pick up at Rosedale Panera; Morning Bagging at St. Michael's kitchen

Fridays: **Every Meal Food Distribution**
Two volunteers meet on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. at Parkview Center School and distribute meals. Placing bags in kids backpacks to provide extra food support over the weekends

Brimhall Elementary School Reading Coach 2025-2026



Would you like to make a real difference in the life of a kindergartener to a third grader by reading with a student for an hour a week? We are reaching out to St. Michael's Lutheran Church, the Roseville Optimist Club, and others. We are asking for volunteers interested in receiving an orientation in October and working with a teacher to assist with reading in a Kindergarten to third-grade classroom from November 2024 to May 2025 at Brimhall Elementary School. You are asked to commit an hour a week for 22 of the 27 academic weeks. It is anticipated there will be an optional social get-together at a local coffee house for an hour to debrief

and connect with the other volunteers. This announcement aims to develop a list to give the school an idea of how many volunteers there might be for this test beginning next fall. Imagine what this could become to make Roseville an even more inclusive community. This is a test year. Depending on how this goes, this model may be expanded to other schools in the future.

If you are interested or want to learn more, please get in touch with Mike Gregory at mg@mikegreg.com or call Mike at 651-633-5311. At this point, Mike needs your name, email, and phone number. It is hoped that this list will be ready by the middle of June for planning purposes.

Help a kid learn to read, and that child will be able to read to learn for the rest of their life.

Our Guatemala Partnership

Travel Update: October 11 – 20, 2024

Work on our travel Itineraries in Guatemala has begun! Soon we will be able to update travelers with specifics on hotels, travel plans, and activities.

Discussions have also started on the design and build plans for the pews for Santa Cruz de la Esperanza, our partner congregation. Over the next several months, a design needs to be created that incorporates locally sourced materials, accounts for the skill and experience levels of the builders, and can be assembled with the available tools and hardware. We have 8 confirmed travelers for the village travel option this trip, including 3 new visitors to Santa Cruz de la Esperanza. We are very excited to be able to introduce more St. Michael's members to our partner congregation.

We currently have room for more travelers interested in the Guatemala City & Lutheran Center travel option this trip. All 4 travelers signed up for this group are new visitors to our Guatemala Partnership and include 1 youth and 1 young adult. Contact Pastor Brad or Natalie Romero for more information about this travel option.

As the number of travelers and travel plans are firmed up, we will be able to calculate the overall cost of the trip. Travelers: if you have not done so yet, please confirm your participation by a \$500 deposit (due April 30).

If you are unable to travel but are interested in supporting this ministry, the Pew Project, or helping offset travel costs, please contact Pastor Brad for more information.



2024 Guatemala Trip
October 11 - 20, 2024

Build Pews Visit the Village 2 Travel Options Youth Events Stay in the City

Interested? Contact Pastor Brad or Lisa Koland.

Roseville Churches Focus on Racial Justice this Fall – Hold the Dates

St. Michael's is partnering with host-church Roseville Lutheran, to offer a 6-session anti-racism program in the fall. Worship communities across Roseville will be invited to this community program facilitated by JustMOVE. JustMOVE is the brainchild of local spoken word artists, Joe Davis and Dave Scherer (Dave was with us for our Good Friday service this spring). To answer the question, "If we can't talk about racism in our churches, where can we talk about it?", Davis and Scherer use humor, creativity, and experiential activities to provide new strategies for building bridges between cultural traditions, with a distinctly Christian perspective.

The 6-session program will be held at Roseville Lutheran Church on the following dates:

Mondays, September 30 through November 11 (skip October 21), 6:30-8:30pm.

The program is open to those 12 years and older.

Registration information will be provided this summer.

Questions can be sent to laurie.krachmer@yahoo.com.





MAY
is
MENTAL HEALTH
AWARENESS MONTH



Did you know that May is Mental Health Awareness Month? The monthly theme was established in 1949 to increase awareness of the importance of mental health and wellness in Americans' lives and to address mental illness. While Mental Health challenges face people every day, the month of May is an opportunity to recognize the significant role Mental Health plays in our lives.

Communities where we as a congregation might pay special attention:

- Older Adults—
As we age, we may experience life changes that impact our mental health
- Children and Teens—
Supportive families, communities, and resources can help youth build strong foundations for lifelong well-being.
- Pregnant and Postpartum People—
Pregnancy and welcoming a child can be joyful and can also present a variety of strong emotions for pregnant and postpartum people.
- Racial and Ethnic Minority Groups—
Everyone deserves access to respectful and culturally appropriate care.
- LGBTQIA+ Communities—
Inclusive families, schools, and societies can support mental health in the LGBTQIA+ community.



To learn more about Mental Health Resources in our community, contact NAMI:
<https://namimn.org/support/support-resources/>

Additionally:

The Sound Mind Project Concert at St. Michael's on Sunday, May 5th

The Sound Mind Project is a community choir that rehearses at St. Michael's and raises funds to support mental health programs locally.

The week of May 12-18 is National Prevention Week

This week highlights ways to prevent substance abuse among youth and to encourage positive mental health.

Sing Gently

**SOUND MIND
PROJECT**

A choir dedicated to supporting the mental health of youth in our community.

Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 2:00PM
St. Michael's Lutheran Church
1660 County B Rd W, Roseville, MN

\$25 Suggested donation

A portion of proceeds collected during this concert will benefit Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health.

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION FOR
children's mental health

May
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PENTECOST

POTLUCK

FOLLOWING THE 10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

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Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Courtyard Room or Classroom 1 @ St. Michael's

The Thursday morning Bible Study meets weekly as we explore Scriptural texts for the coming Sunday, themes throughout the Bible, and ways texts intersect with our daily lives and experiences

Thursday, May 2

Acts 10:44-48 The Spirit poured out on the Gentiles
Psalm 98 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands
1 John 5:1-6 The victory of faith
John 15:9-17 Christ the friend and lover

Thursday, May 9

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Matthias added to the apostles
Psalm 1 The Lord knows the way of the righteous
1 John 5:9-13 Life in the Son of God
John 17:6-19 Christ's prayer for his disciples

Thursday, May 16

Acts 2:1-21 Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds
Ezekiel 37:1-14 Life to dry bones
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Send forth your Spirit, renew the face of the earth
Romans 8:22-27 Praying with the Spirit
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 Christ sends the Spirit of truth

Thursday, May 23

Isaiah 6:1-8 Isaiah's vision and call
Psalm 29 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
Romans 8:12-17 Living by the Spirit
John 3:1-17 Entering the reign of God through water and the Spirit

May 23rd is the final session for the Thursday Morning Bible study this program year. Class will resume in September.

Faith in Daily Life

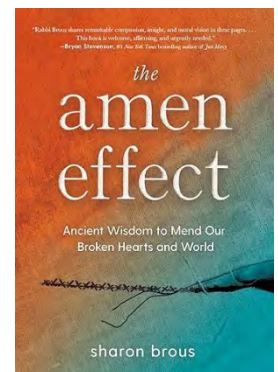
Wednesday, May 8

12:00 p.m. in the Courtyard Room at St. Michael's

An opportunity to gather for meaningful conversations and book study over lunch. The group generally meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Courtyard Room at St. Michael's at 12:00 p.m.

This month we will gather on May 8th and continue reading the book *The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend Our Broken Hearts and World* by Sharon Brous. For this gathering we will be reading from page 105-through the end of the book.

Books for the 2024-2025 Program Year will be listed in the *Messenger* in August.



Esther Circle

The Esther Circle is a community of women who gather for connection, conversation, and fun! The group meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Esther Circle will meet on May 7. This month we will meet for our annual luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the Roseville Olive Garden. Please contact Pastor Ali for more information!

Thank you to church organist, Tom Bartsch, for sharing at the April circle meeting!

Bible and Brew

Thursday, May 16, 7:00 -9:00 p.m. at St. Michael's

This month as we gather we will be reflecting on one of the texts for the upcoming Sunday: **Ezekiel 37:1-14**



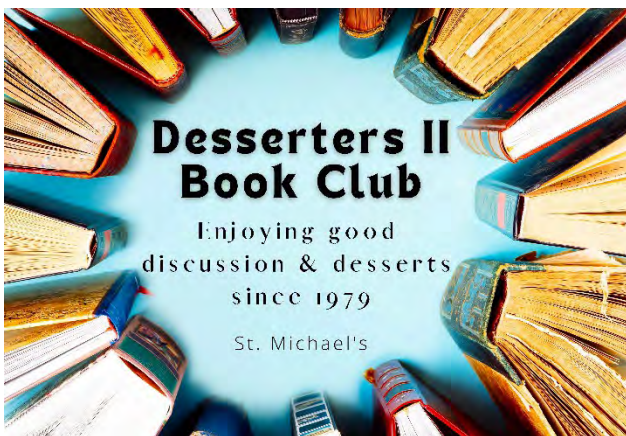
The hand of the LORD came upon me, and the Most High brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. The Lord led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. The Lord said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then the Lord said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then the Lord said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as the Lord God commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then the Lord said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

This is an opportunity to reflect on the places where we see death, loss, and disappointment, and the ways that new life and possibilities may emerge. How might God be calling us to action? How might we experience new life in our own lives, in community, and in the world.

Feel free to bring your favorite "brew" (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) and a snack to share. We look forward to another evening over conversation and connection.



Desserters II: the St. Michael's Book Club

May 21, 2024 (one week early)

Hannah Coulter by Wendell Berry

Hannah Coulter looks back on her childhood, her loves and loss, her children, and Kentucky farm life.

7:00 pm in Classroom 1. All are welcome. Refreshments are provided.

Meetings on the 4th Tuesdays, Sept-Nov; Jan-May.

Zoom by request: verena.larson1@gmail.com

Quilting and Bandage Rolling

Quilting and bandage rolling will meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Quilts are made for High School graduation, the Veterans Home, and new babies. We also make tote bags for wheelchair and walker handles. Come join the fun on **May 8 & 22**, everyone is welcome!

Mahjongg

New to mahjong??? It's not too late to learn, new players are welcome to join in and see what it's all about! We regularly play from 1:00 p.m. to around 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. Contact Sue Kuhn or Jane Doyle with any questions.

Yoga Devotion



Register & pay with this link
Cost \$77.00

The next 7 week Yoga Devotion session runs April 20 – June 17
Classes are Mondays at 6:30 p.m. In person or by Zoom.

No class on Memorial Day.

Beginners are always welcome! If you would like to try a free class to learn more about yoga, please contact Mary Drache for the Zoom link and join us.

St. Michael's Golf Nights

GOLF LEAGUE

**TUESDAYS: MAY 7
- AUGUST 27
INCLUDING JULY 2**

**TEE TIME
5:04 P.M.**
COMO GOLF COURSE



If you are interested in joining the league from St. Michael's/Roseville Lutheran, please bring a check the first night you play, payable to *Como Golf Course.*

**17 WEEKS = \$374
9 WEEKS = \$198**

Contact: Chuck Hanson at hanson2456@gmail.com
Jim Stark at jim.stark@lcc.mn.gov

Save the Dates!

Summer Patio Series

Summer is just around the corner! Plan to join the St. Michael's women for the Summer Patio Series, a time for small group connection and conversation over a book and (hopefully!) on a patio enjoying the gifts of summertime! The Kick Off Party will be held on June 2nd at 6:00 p.m. (Location is TBD) and then small groups will begin to meet that month. Questions? Contact Pastor Ali!



Women's Ministry Event: 'Broken and Beautiful: A Kintsugi Experience'

July 20th (1-4pm with dinner outing options after) Cost: TBD

Inspired by the Japanese art form that repairs broken pottery with gold, local artist Liz Blancke will guide us through a workshop of art and self-reflection, deepening our relationship to God and one another.

Space will be limited, sign ups will be available at the end of May.

Summer Saints Game - July 28th

Mark your calendars now for a St. Michael's take-over at the Saint Paul Saints! Tickets will include a ball game buffet, yard games, and a seat behind home plate to watch the afternoon game.

A Church at Work

Church Council Corner

The St. Michael's church council met on Tuesday, April 9 in-person.

As part of this meeting the council noted the letter from the Synod's Guatemala Committee outlining the partnership commitment for the year. St. Michael's includes this in our annual budget, so no council action is needed.

Correspondence and Membership: There is conversation with some families about baptisms and new membership; and the Community Life Committee is looking at a new church directory later this year.

Finances: The Council received this month's Financial Report. Overall everything is largely in-line with last year.

Worship Conversations: A significant portion of the council meeting was surrounding the Congregational worship conversation. The Children, Youth, and Family committee is holding two listening sessions with families about worship and children's activities over the next two weeks. The council members facilitating congregational conversations will be meeting over the next two weeks to plan for the May 5th conversation during the Religion in Life hour. The Pastors are also meeting with members, staff, and others and have been thinking through various ideas. The plan is to have 2-3 options for the congregation to review and provide feedback on at the meeting on May 5th conversation.

Property: The committee is looking at replacement of 3 more roof sections this summer. There are currently two bids, and the committee is reviewing. There is also work on grinding the stumps in the courtyard and on the lawn of trees that were removed last fall. Additionally, an electrical panel will be replaced in May.

Congregational Highlight: In light of the on-going work on the building as well as a commitment to service in the community, an anonymous gift has been made by a household in the congregation above and beyond the capital campaign. The gift includes \$125,000 to go towards building projects (roofs and potential solar panels), and \$25,000 to towards addressing social ministry needs (housing, food, outreach in the community). The council expressed thanks for this incredible gift and generosity.

The next council meeting will be held May 14, on-line.

2024 Budget Overview and Financial Update

Annual Budget

Income \$911,863*
 Expenses \$911,863
 Balance \$0

* At the Annual Meeting on February 4, 2024, the congregation approved the use of Reserve Funds to balance the budget, if needed at the end of the year. This is included in the Annual Approved budget of \$911,863.

Month		Month Actual	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
January	Income	\$137,089	\$117,382	\$137,089	\$117,382
	Expense	\$64,883	\$72,855	\$64,883	\$72,855
	Balance	\$72,206	\$44,527	\$72,206	\$44,527
February	Income	\$69,274	\$67,782	\$206,364	\$185,163
	Expense	\$58,584	\$71,307	\$125,305	\$141,288
	Balance	\$10,691	\$-3,526	\$81,058	\$43,876
March	Income	\$54,337	\$67,907	\$260,701	\$253,070
	Expense	\$99,545	\$112,343	\$225,230	\$261,847
	Balance	\$-45,208	\$-44,436	\$35,471	\$-8,777

We Invite You to Participate in Worship



Volunteers are needed to serve as **ushers, lectors, communion deacons, and fellowship hosts**. These are great opportunities for folks of all ages - families are encouraged to sign up together! Visit Sign-up Genius to see the opportunities awaiting you. The quickest way to get there is to visit St. Michael's website: www.stmichaelselca.com and click on the Volunteer Sign-up icon

Donate Worship Flowers

Did you know that you can donate toward the fresh flowers at the altar each week? We welcome you to celebrate a special occasion or honor a loved one with a dedication that will be printed in the bulletin. After services are done on Sunday, you are welcome to take the flowers home with you to enjoy. (We ask that you return the arrangement so they can be reused!)

Use the Flower Signup on the bulletin board, call the church office, or sign up online with the above QR code or through the church website www.stmichaelselca.com and click "Volunteer" to access signups.

Online Giving & Mobile Giving



Did you know that you can pay for an event or set up a recurring automatic gift to support the work of St. Michael's? Authorization forms are available from the church office or follow this link:

<https://www.stmichaelselca.com/givenow.html>

Vanco also has a mobile App as another method to set up a payment or a recurring automatic gift to support the work of St. Michael's. Download the Vanco Mobile App from the App Store and search for "St. Michael's Lutheran Church".

The above QR code takes you to our Donate Now page on our website.

St. Michael's is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation



St. Michael's Lutheran Church lives out God's grace and love for all people. Faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we welcome those who have been part of church communities, those who have no previous church experience, and those who have felt excluded by the Church because of their race or ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental capabilities, financial

resources, or family circumstances. In this witness we seek reconciliation, healing, and wholeness. As a diverse people we are then empowered by the Holy Spirit to live and work together for God's promised day of justice, peace, and mercy.

Land Acknowledgement

The ELCA has published "A Declaration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to American Indian and Alaska Native People," in which the church confesses its sins toward Indigenous peoples and lists the commitments it will begin working toward as it responds to its original "Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery" from 2016.



St. Michael's Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homeland of the Dakota people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

Not getting your *Friday Flyer*?

Are you having a problem with our weekly e-newsletter, the *Friday Flyer* not showing up in your primary inbox? First check your other inbox folders—it often shows up in a spot called the *Promotions* folder. Or it could be in your *Spam* folder. If a search of those yields nothing, then contact Lisa Koland at office@stmichaelselca.com, and we'll find a way to make sure the newsletter gets to you!

Making the *Messenger Green*

If you prefer to read your upcoming issues of St. Michael's monthly *Messenger* newsletter in your email or on our church website instead of having a paper copy mailed to you, please notify the church office.

Got something for the June *Messenger*?

The *Messenger* submission deadline is Friday, May 24, 2024.

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