



# Saint Michael Lutheran Church

## Missouri Synod

3595 Broadway, Fort Myers, Florida 33901

Sat. 5:30pm Informal

Sun. 8:00am Traditional & 10:45am Blended

Pastor Jon Zehnder, Senior Pastor  
Pastor Steven Hess, Visitation Pastor  
Pastor Roger Hubbard, Winter Associate  
Mrs. Kati Miser, Principal

Mr. Colton LaMay, Director of Music Ministries  
Mrs. Lori Schwan, Director of Nurturing Ministries  
Mrs. Julie Berchtold, Director of Caring Ministries  
Mr. Jack Proctor, Dir. of Christian Education Intern  
Mr. Robert Jablonski, Director of Support Ministries

239-939-1218

[www.smlcs.org](http://www.smlcs.org)

December 17-18, 2016

## Welcome

The people of Saint Michael wish to extend a hand of welcome to all who join us in worship. May God fill you with the assurance of His love and forgiveness in Jesus.

## Sunday Educational Hour

### Sunday School

9:00 – 9:15am “Excite” (games)..... Gym  
9:15 – 9:30am “Engage” (opening) ..... Church  
9:30 – 10:30am Individual Grade Level Activities

Toddlers- 2 year olds ..... Church Nursery  
PK3-PK4 ..... Educ. Bldg. Rm. #29  
K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade..... Educ. Bldg. Rm. #25  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade ..... Educ. Bldg. Rm. #4  
4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ..... Educ. Bldg. Rm. #1  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade ..... Educ. Bldg. Rm. #47  
7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Confirmation ..... Educ. Bldg. Rm. #48  
High School..... Youth Room

### Adult Learning Opportunities

Parents of High Schoolers ..... Educ. Bldg. Rm. #49  
Bible-Focused Friends ..... Educ. Bldg. #28  
Marriage Enrichment..... Art Room  
Family Enrichment ..... Boat Table  
Pastor Zehnder’s Adult Bible Class ..... Cafeteria

**Church Nursery** is available for children 2 years old & younger. Interested in volunteering? Sign up in Nursery, Contact Kati Miser or Lori Schwan at 939-1218 ext. 224.

## All Who Are Communing

When Jesus said – *“This is My Body...this is My Blood”* – He really meant it. We believe in the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament, not merely in a figurative or symbolic sense. Jesus is present with His Body and Blood, given to us in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. It is an act of His love, which we don’t deserve, we cannot explain, nor even understand. We humbly believe it. It is the request of our congregation, that anyone who wishes to commune with us share this faith. For all who intend to commune, we follow St. Paul’s admonition to –“examine yourself.”



- Do I believe that I have come short of God’s expectations, and am I sorry for my sins?
- Do I believe that Jesus, my Savior and Lord, forgives me?
- Will I, with a grateful heart, and in loving obedience, allow God’s Holy Spirit to improve my attitudes, and empower me to live for Him?

Both individual cups and the common cup are offered from both sides of the altar (*individual cups with non-alcoholic wines are in the center section*). After receiving both elements, please return to your seat – the blessing is given to everyone. **\*Gluten-Free wafers are now available!**

### Communion is offered:

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 10:45 a.m.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at 8:00 a.m.**  
(and the Saturday before at 5:30 p.m.)

## Christmas Progressive Servant

**Event** Today, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, the Saint Michael Middle School and High School youth will be serving the teens and the staff at the Oasis Shelter. The youth will be touring the Oasis facility and then going out to purchase Christmas gifts for the teens of Oasis. These gifts are a blessing for the teens at Oasis that helps remind them of Christ's love for them. Please be praying for our Youth who are serving and for the teens at Oasis and their staff. If you want to further support this servant event please consider giving a financial donation as that will help us purchase gifts to bless the Oasis teens.

**What is an Usher?** A church usher has a true love for the people of the church and a desire to promote an atmosphere of reverence and worship in the house of God. At St. Michael, an usher is a person who serves the congregation in ways such as handing out bulletins, helping guests with special needs, and collecting the offering. If you attend the 8:00am service and are moved to help serve our congregation in this way, please contact the church office at 939-1218 ext. 241. You can serve as little or as often as you like, any help would be appreciated.

**Support SMLS Athletics** with the purchase of Honey Baked Ham gift cards! Honey Baked Ham offers not only Ham & Turkey; they also have a variety of dinners such as Pot Roast and Rack of Ribs. They also serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. If you are looking for gift ideas for teachers or employees, a \$25 gift card makes a great gift *and* supports our school athletics program. Please purchase yours today! Available in the narthex from Bob Schaaf or online: [https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraiser/s/st michael athletics](https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraiser/s/st%20michael%20athletics).

**LWML Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays** The St. Michael Chapter of the FL-GA District Lutheran Women's Missionary League will have their next meeting on **Saturday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>** at 10:30am in the Cafeteria. Please call Dee Engel for info 997-5953.

**Refreshing Your Marriage**, DVD series by Jim Burns & Doug Fields, is being offered through Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. Group meets at the

Boat Table, in back of the Office Center, and is led by Bill and Meg Minor. Whether you require a major overhaul, some minor adjustments or just some healthy tune-ups, this group study will provide a powerful starting point. Join any session!

**Midweek Advent Worship** Join us on Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00pm for the 4th midweek Advent Worship service as we talk about the 4<sup>th</sup> gift of Christmas, Peace.

**High School Revive** Calling all High School students! Come out to Revive every Wednesday from 6-8pm in the Youth Room! During this Advent season we will have the chance to worship together for the ending half of Revive. Revive is a great chance to connect in the middle of the week with other High Schoolers. It's an opportunity to hangout, have fun, and grow deeper in your faith!

**Middle School Youth Nights** Middle School Youth Nights is a new program here at St. Michael! We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month. It is a great time of fellowship between the middle school students grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>. We will play games, enjoy snacks, build community, and learn more about God together! The next night is Dec.13th! If any adults are interested in helping please contact Jack. Join our St. Michael Lutheran Youth Facebook group or follow the StMichaelYouth instagram for more updates.

**A Special Message from Elaine Everhart:** Merry Christmas to all of my church family and friends. I know I would not be here if it weren't for all of your prayers for my good health. It has been a rough two years but I am getting better each day. It has been an honor greeting each of you in the narthex over the years. I now live in Barkley Place, room 209, and would very much enjoy a visit or a phone call from you this holiday season 689-4197.

**Christmas Eve Worship** Please join us for worship at one of our 3 services: 5:30pm Family Worship, led by our Sunday School students; or Candlelight Worship at 7:30pm and 11:00pm.

## This Week at Saint Michael

Monday, December 19

Tuesday, December 20

7:30 am .....Men's Bible Study,  
..... 6835 Porto Fino Circle, Suite 2, Fort Myers,  
..... Mike Roach, 239-275-9233

5:45 pm .....Bell Choir, Sanctuary

6:00 pm .....PTL Meeting, Cafeteria

7:00 pm .....Adult Choir, Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 21

7:00 pm .....Midweek Advent Service

Thursday, December 22

5:45 pm..... Women in Prayer, Pastor's Conf. Rm.

Friday, December 23

**\*Note: NO Men's Bible Study this week\***

Saturday, December 24

9:00 – 10:30 am..... Men's Ministry/Bible Study  
..... Art Room, Lee Berchtold, 872-8999

5:30 pm.....Christmas Eve Family Worship

7:30 pm.....Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

11:00 pm .....Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Sunday, December 25

10:00 am..... Christmas Day Worship

11:00 am.....Christmas Dinner, Cafeteria

## Last Week at Saint Michael

Advent Midweek #2 .....55

Saturday Service 5:30 pm .....112

Sunday 8:00 am .....159

Sunday 10:45 am .....246

*\*Last Week's Total Offerings: ..... \$20,261.00*

*Last Week's Ministry Needs: ..... \$21,000.00*

*Fiscal Year to Date Received ..... \$420,453.00*

*Fiscal Year to Date Needed ..... \$419,400.00*

*Fiscal Year to Date Difference ..... \$1,053.00*

*(Fiscal Year is July – June)*

*\*Includes "Regular" and all "Extra Services"*

**Altar Flowers today** are placed to the Glory of God by Mark & Susan Gaertner in honor of their 22<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary.



## Other St. Michael Key Contacts:

Main Church Office, 239-939-1218

Walt Kittel, Organist

Colton LaMay, Music Ministry, ext. 235

Ann Sluiter, Parish Nurse

Steve Eggen, Head of Maintenance, ext. 226

Jack Proctor, DCE Intern, ext. 237

## Important Dates

### Birthdays

12/18 .. Victoria Boland, Deborah Singh,  
Haley Peterson

12/19 .. Carl Bergner, III, Robert Brown,  
Cody Carlson, Christine Carver,  
Daniel Davis, Marsha

Fenstermaker, Larry Hooper, Sara  
Kizzire, Jane Nordquist, Candace  
Ross, Lois Stein

12/20 .. Carter Boland, Kim Dinkel, Cory  
Jakubowski, Travis Kosteno,  
Hunter Rimes, Alexa Summerlot,  
Terry Williams

12/21 ..Joann Halstenson, Kathy C.  
Hermann, Susan Hopwood, Lana  
Jackemeyer, Grace Mann

12/22 ..Jacob Campbell, Emily Fivecoat

12/23 ..Ardene Ballantine, Amanda Brine,  
Ken Danielson, Mackenzie  
Frenchko, Darlene Fritsch, Jared  
Irizarry, Diane Oliver, Chris  
Whitaker

12/24 .. Sarah Friedrich, Christina Leddin,  
Kayla Lopez, Derek Weis

12/25 .. Chris Gair, Mia Hackworth,  
Elizabeth Putnam, Theresa Stanley

12/26 ..Johanna Bell, Polly Bryden,  
Christina Mantz, Bill Truax (*father*),  
Geri Wooley, Luana Ziska

12/27 ..Justin Ecelbarger, Jenna Gilles,  
John Hermann

### Anniversaries

12/18 .. Daniel & Victoria Blank  
Eric & Cary Halesworth

12/19 .. Ardell & Ileen Boe  
Sean & Julie Helton

12/22 .. David & Amanda Weinrich II

12/23 .. Brian & Victoria Blauet

12/24 .. Richard & Tracie Johnston  
David & Lois Stein

## Worship Assistants Today

### 5:30 pm Saturday Service

Elder(s): Richard Johnston & Lou Conzelmann

### 8:00 am Sunday Service

Elder(s): Bill Truax & Rob Royston

Lector: Bill Truax

Ushers: **John Hoffmann**, Dale Mast, Tom Schlotterbeck, Kathy Royston

Acolytes: Reilly Minor, Savannah Truax

### 10:45 am Sunday Service

Elder(s): Darryl Bell & Kim Dinkel

Lector: Kim Dinkel

Ushers: **Leroy Waldren**, Ken Fritsch, Darlene Fritsch, Hannah Zinn, Neil Meador

Assistants: Darryl Bell, Kim Dinkel, Pastor Hubbard, David Radecki, Richard St. Dennis

Acolytes: Daphne Dalton, Dakota Dalton

Crucifer: Christina Pohlman

## Coffee & Snack Volunteers

**8:00 am:** Kim Arnold

**10:45 am:** David & Jessica Radecki

## Greeters Today

**Sun. 8:00 am Ron & Dee Engel** - Ron was born in Montevideo and raised in Hanley Falls, MN. Dee was born and raised in Wood Lake, MN. They grew up within six miles of each other but didn't meet until Dee's Junior year of high school. They have two children, four grandkids and four great-grandkids. Ron & Dee started coming to Ft. Myers in 2001 to watch the Minnesota Twins in their Spring Training until finally becoming FL Residents in 2011. They still spend a few months each year at their cabin in MN. They became members of St. Michael in 2012. Ron worked for the railroad for 39 years. Dee was trained as a PBX operator and worked for Mass Mutual and Dow Chemical. They attend Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Bible Studies, and Dee recently helped start up the LWML at St. Michael. They both like to read, fish, golf, travel, watch sports and play cards.

**Sun. 10:45 am Claire Middleton** - Claire is a native Floridian, born and raised on Amelia Island. She and her husband, David, moved to Ft. Myers and joined St. Michael in 1952. They had been married 50 years before David passed away in 2011. They have six children,

15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Their oldest son was in the first kindergarten class of SMLS. Three generations of Middleton children have attended SMLS. Claire taught Pre-K and Kindergarten at SMLS and worked in banking for 15 years. She is a member of our Board of Human Care, assists Altar Guild, and attends the Adult Bible Class.

## Most Recent Prayer Requests:

- The Family of Jeri Blackstone
- Gen (Friend of Carol Williams)
- Wayne Wiles
- Paul Elliott
- Tim Schwan
- Susan Gaertner
- Kristie (Granddaughter of Marlene King)
- Don Jodar
- The Youth of SMLC and the Teens and Staff of Oasis

*For our complete list of those in need of prayer please visit our web page, [www.smlcs.org](http://www.smlcs.org), scroll down to the bottom, click on "Visit Church Site" and select Prayer Chain under "Ministries"*

*If you would like to join our Prayer Warriors and receive a weekly e-mail with the complete list of prayer requests, please contact Eileen O'Hara at [eileen.ohara@smlcs.org](mailto:eileen.ohara@smlcs.org) or call 239-939-1218 x241*

**Information for each week's bulletin should be submitted by noon on Wednesday to our Communications Coordinator.**

**Email: [eileen.ohara@smlcs.org](mailto:eileen.ohara@smlcs.org)**

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