



Saint Michael Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod

3595 Broadway, Fort Myers, Florida 33901

The Reverend Jon Zehnder, Pastor

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. Lori Schwan, Director of Nurturing Ministries

Mr. Robert Ziegler, Principal
Mrs. Julie Berchtold, Director of Caring Ministries
Mr. Robert Jablonski, Director of Support Ministries

239-939-1218

www.smlcs.org

August 3, 2014

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
Entering PK3-K.....Educ. Bldg. Rm. #4
Entering 1st-5th GradeEduc. Bldg. Rm. #27
Entering 6th-8th GradeBand Room
High School Youth Room

Adult Learning Opportunities

The Art of Marriage Educ. Bldg. #26
(Marriage Enrichment & Family Enrichment classes have combined for Summer Months and are meeting in “The Art of Marriage” class.)

Pastor Zehnder’s Adult Bible Study 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.

Communion is offered:

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

VBS Celebration Come join the fun *today* (Sunday, Aug. 3) from 9am – 1pm. Fun for the whole family: bounce houses, outdoor games, final tribal time, and Moses dramatic skit at 10am. Lunch served 11am – 12:30pm. Pizza, watermelon, cupcakes and drinks are provided.

Dynamic Marriage If you could make one change in your marriage for the better, what would it be? Would you like to find a pathway to make that change? Enroll in the Dynamic Marriage class to get started. Contact Lee 872-8999 or Julie Berchtold 939-1218 x227. Classes are Wednesday evenings 6-8pm, beginning September 3, 2014. www.familydynamics.net

Backpack Blessing On Sunday, August 17, we want students of all ages to bring their backpacks to worship service and come forward at the appropriate time for a special prayer and to receive a memento for their bags as they head off to be "Salt & Light" in the coming year at their schools.

Sunday School KickOff August 17 kicks off the new Sunday School year! Parents should plan to join in this day as we begin a new curriculum designed to connect parents and church leaders with the same strategy and end goal.

Volunteers Needed: If you have a passion for helping children grow into mature Christians, there is a spot for you on our team! We need all kinds of different help, including snack coordinators, teachers, and assistants. Please contact Lori Schwan for more information 939-1218 x224.

Focus Aug. 6: Focus will meet at the Jakubowski's house from 6-8pm for a fun evening and great food. Bring swim suits & towels. Aug. 13: Bowling Party at Pin Street Bowling on Fowler. Aug. 20: Meet back on campus.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study The Tuesday Morning 9:30am Women's Bible study group will begin meeting again right after Labor Day, on Tuesday, September 2nd. They will be studying the Book of Acts. For more info, call

Carol Heiwig 561-1571 or Dorothy Rook 561-5787

The Good Fight, *How Conflict Can Bring You Closer*, a new DVD/Discussion series by Drs. Les & Leslie Parrott is offered Sunday mornings through 8/10/14, Educ. Bldg., #26 (Spanish Rm.). This is a combined class (Marriage Enrichment and Family Enrichment). Learn practical, research-proven, life-changing techniques that will show how to turn every conflict to advantage, leading to more intimacy and deeper respect. Join any session!

Rock the Universe Saturday, Sept. 6, Katie Schlotterbeck will lead a group of middle & high school students to Universal Studios in Orlando for a night of amusement park fun and concerts. Cost is \$90 and includes park admission, bus transportation, t-shirt and snack. The bus will leave SML on Saturday at 10:30am, and return at approximately 4:00am on Sunday. **Deadline to sign-up is Sunday, August 24.** Contact Lori Schwan to register 939-1218 x224.

Wednesday Bible Study Follow. Regardless of what you believe, regardless of how you behave, Jesus invites you to *follow*. In this 8-part DVD series, Andy Stanley takes us on a journey through the Gospels as he traces Jesus' teachings on what it means to *follow*. Bible Study group meets **Wednesdays, beginning 7/30, 6:15pm, Educ. Bldg., rm. #5.**

Movie & Conference Faith Lutheran Church in Sebring, FL is showing the movie *Virtuous* on Friday, August 22 at 6:30pm and hosting the *Virtuous Women's Conference* on Saturday, August 23 10am-4pm. The conference is designed to make the film come to life as audiences personally hear from the actors as they share their personal testimonies and stories. It's a powerful combination of film & reality. Guests include Erik Estrada and Jessica Lynch. No charge for the event. More info can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/FaithLutheranSebring> under Events.

Thank You to all of the volunteers who helped make our 2014 VBS program a success!

None of this would be possible without your time and talents.

This Week at Saint Michael

**ECALC - Early Childhood Adult Learning Center*

Monday, August 4

5:30 pm Council Meeting,
..... Office Center, Boat Table
6:30 pm Board of Outreach,
..... Pastor's Conference Room
6:30 pm Properties Board Meeting,
..... Office Center

Tuesday, August 5

7:30 am Men's Bible Study,
..... 12670 New Brittany, #101 Rob Royston,
..... 939-2222

Wednesday, August 6

6:00-8:00 pm Mid & High School FOCUS,
..... Jakubowski's House
6:15 pm Pastor's Bible Study,
..... Pastor's Conf. Rm.
6:15 pm "Follow" Bible Study,
..... Educ. Bldg. Rm #5

Thursday, August 7

Friday, August 8

8:30 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study,
..... Pastor's Conference Rm.

Saturday, August 9

9:00 - 10:30 am Men's Ministry/Bible Study
Educ. Bldg., #26 Lee Berchtold, 872-8999
5:30 pm Informal Worship, *Communion*

Sunday, August 10

8:00 am Worship, *Communion*
9:15-10:30 am Educational Hour,
..... Bible Studies and Sunday School
10:45 am Worship

Last Week at Saint Michael

Saturday Service 5:30 pm 103
Sunday 8:00 am 107
Sunday 10:45 am 145

**Last Week's Total Offerings: \$20,346.00*

Last Week's Ministry Needs: \$19,500.00

Year to Date Received \$62,503.00

Year to Date Needed \$62,000.00

Year to Date Difference \$503.00

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

Other St. Michael Key Contacts:

Main Church Office, 239-939-1218

Walt Kittel, Organist

Ann Sluiter, Parish Nurse

Sue Briggs, Head of Food Service, ext. 298

Steve Eggen, Head of Maintenance, ext. 226

Kati Miser, Little Saints Director, ext. 248

Important Dates

Birthdays

08/02.... Roger Higbea, Christina Pohlman
08/03.... Elizabeth Goedecke, Sheryl
Louden, David Radecki, Amy
Summerlot
08/04.... Paul Henry, Cade Middleton,
Kenneth Richmond,
Maureen Saboda, David Schlachta,
Ralph Schram
08/05.... Rich Parker
08/06.... Marcus Buchhofer, Megan Dickens,
Garrison Free
08/07.... Julie Helton, Sue Peltier
08/09.... Devin Boe, Shawn Boe,
Greg Gehringer, Benjamin Pizaris
Lee Vanderlip
08/10.... Winston Anderson, David
Campbell, Garrett Dees, Kaydence
Hodson, Ovid Richards

Anniversaries

07/31 ... David & Jessica Radecki
08/01.... Gary & Linda Hopkins
08/02.... Bill & Jeanie Free,
Bob & Connie Ziegler
08/03 ... David & Diane Kennedy
08/04.... Robert & Sharon Burton
Don & Rose Davis
Michael & Erica Hilla
Bill & Megan Minor
08/06.... Richard & Nancy Rybak
08/09.... Dan & Chris Dickens

Altar Flowers today are placed to the Glory of God in honor of all of our VBS participants, volunteers and leaders.

Worship Assistants Today

5:30 pm Saturday Service

Elder(s): Richard Johnston & Lou Conzelmann

8:00 am Sunday Service

Elder(s): Bill Truax & Tom Schlotterbeck

Lector: Bill Truax

Ushers: **John Hoffmann**, Bill Truax, Kathy Royston, Jack Pohlman

Acolytes: Laci Roszell, *Need Volunteer*

10:45 am Sunday Service

Elder(s): Mike Rhinehart & Gene Heiwig

Lector: Kelly Zinn

Ushers: **Elaine Everhart**, Dee Lemke, Marty Natter, Zeke Michael

Assistants: Mike Rhinehart, Gene Heiwig, Kelly Zinn, Jason Zehnder, Justin Fay

Acolytes: *Need Volunteer, Need Volunteer*

Crucifer: *Need Volunteer*

Welcome Center Volunteers

8:00 am: Jo & Tom Zeller

10:45 am: Sue & Duane Kolesar

Greeters Today

8:00 am Bill & Ella Haines - Bill was born in Mitchell, SD but lived most of his life in Rapid City, including some time spent in the military. Ella was born in Missouri, raised in Kansas, and eventually settled in SD. Beginning in 2003, they spend part of the year in Rapid City, SD and part in Ft. Myers, FL. Bill was in banking and dairy farming, while Ella worked hard as a farm wife. While in SD during the spring and summer, Ella works as a security officer at a camping resort and Bill is a grounds keeper at a golf resort. They have 7 children between them plus 25 grandchildren. Bill and Ella joined St. Michael in 2004. Church activities include greeting, Bible Study and Pastor's Sunday class. They enjoy playing cribbage, shuffleboard, and exploring Florida.

10:45 am Will Jones & Marlene King: Wilbur & Marlene were married at SMLC in 2008. Wilbur grew up in Severna Park, MD. There he raised his son & daughter (who still live in MD

with his 5 grandchildren). He retired with 35 years of service in the U. S. Postal Service. His hobbies include model railroading and history. Marlene was born in Dearborn, MI. She retired from the MASCO Corp. in Taylor, MI. Her family includes 3 children (living in MI & IL), plus 7 grandchildren. She moved to FL and joined SMLC in 2007. She enjoys reading, singing, genealogy and is active in Questers and community theater. For fun they both are taking German speaking lessons, and belong to the German-American Club and participate at the Schuetzenverein Shooting Club. Marlene sings in the Edelweiss Chorus.

Most Recent Prayer Requests:

- Cheryl Dance
- Don Bottorff (Father of Emory Bottorff)
- Kevin Rook (Grandson of Dorothy Rook)
- John O'Harra (Brother of Eileen Weckel)
- Marvin Ballantine (Father of Deb Helton)
- Owen Buday
- Kevin Offerman
- Kevin Baptiste
- Vincent Cotton
- Barbie McMurray (Sister of Deb Helton)
- Sheila Tracy (Daughter of Sherri Carlson-Hoggatt)
- Joy Peterson

Those still in need of prayer can be found on our web page, www.smlcs.org 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 Weckel at eileen.weckel@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: smlcspublications@gmail.com

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