



# 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

January 3-4, 2015

## 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. #27  
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  
6th-8th Grade .....Band Room  
High School ..... Youth Room

### Adult Learning Opportunities

Marriage Enrichment..... Educ. Bldg. #26  
Family Enrichment..... Educ. Bldg. #5  
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:

- 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.)

## Exciting News Regarding Our Capital Campaign

We are nearing the \$70,000 mark; almost 20% of our goal. Yet we have several thousand left in the "matching challenge". (Last week, a *member pledged to match contributions up to a maximum of \$25,000.*) Just "paving a spot" for \$500, will mean \$1,000 toward the goal. We pray our "thermometer" will show a much higher reading next weekend after all year-end gifts are counted. Thanks so much for your generosity!

**Dynamic Marriage** Want to feel the passion & excitement of a newlywed again? Give us 9 weeks and we'll give you 'that' Dynamic Marriage! The class that's about transformation, not just information! This powerful, marriage enrichment course creates real and lasting change by helping couples to break through barriers to intimacy, not just talk about them. Next session begins March 4th, Pre-Registration required. Cost is \$130 per couple (for materials). Don't miss out! Call Julie at 939-4711, Ext. 227.

**DivorceCare Ministry** Most people will tell you that separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they've ever faced. It is a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about issues you've never faced before. DivorceCare meets weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. DivorceCare meets each Thursday for 13 weeks in Classroom #26, downstairs in the south end. The next session runs Jan. 8 through April 2, 2015. **Join anytime!** Contact Julie Berchtold 939-1218 Ext. 227 or [Julie.Berchtold@smlcs.org](mailto:Julie.Berchtold@smlcs.org)

**GriefShare Ministry** If you, a family member or friend have lost a loved one, we offer help with healing at our GriefShare meetings. This group meets Saturdays from 10am-12pm, beginning Jan. 10 and ending March 28, 2015. You may join *anytime*. Meet in the boardroom of the ECALC building (behind the school.) Contact Bob Betancourt 274-8188 or [rmbetancourt49@gmail.com](mailto:rmbetancourt49@gmail.com)

Please join **SENIORS ON THE GO** on JANUARY 11, 2015 (after 2<sup>nd</sup> service) for a wonderfully inspiring presentation by our parish nurse, Ann Sluiter. Ann has traveled to the Dominican Republic twice to take medical supplies and aide in healthcare for our friends in the Dominican Republic. Please join us as she shares her experiences with stories and photos of the events during her trips. Sign-up sheet is on the sound booth in the back of the church. Cost is \$7.00 per person for a delicious catered meal!

**Please consider** coming to St. Michael Lutheran Church on January 25, 2015 to have your cheek swabbed to see if you are a match for our dear sister in Christ, Nancy Troast. The drive is from 8:30am - 1pm. You can make an appointment by calling One Blood at 239-425-0953. The appointment lasts approximately 10 minutes. If you are a match and you choose to proceed with donating your bone marrow, the process is similar to donating blood. Please contact Ann Sluiter, our parish nurse for more details regarding that process. The recommended age to donate is 18-44 years of age. Please share this event, tell your friends, and show your support for Nancy. Here's to finding her a MATCH!

**Blood Drive** We will also be hosting our regular blood drive on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. People of all ages are encouraged to participate in this blood drive, which is sponsored by the Lee Memorial Health System and Parish Nursing. Join us in giving the gift of life! Be sure to eat a good breakfast and drink plenty of fluids.

**6 Secrets to a Lasting Love**, DVD series by Dr. Gary & Barbara Rosberg (beginning 12/21/14). Only a marriage built on a relationship with God and on His Word can endure the stress and distractions of married life today. Discover the secrets to a love that lasts forever. Class meets Sundays, 9:15 - 10:30 am, Spanish Rm., #26, south end of school bldg. Join any session!

## This Week at Saint Michael

\*ECALC - Early Childhood Adult Learning Center

### Monday, January 5

- 5:30 pm..... Church Council Meeting,  
..... Office Center  
6:30 pm..... Board of Outreach Meeting,  
..... Pastor's Conference Room  
6:30 pm..... Properties Board Meeting,  
..... Bob Ziegler's Office

### Tuesday, January 6

- 7:30 am ..... Men's Bible Study,  
..... 12670 New Brittany, #101 Rob Royston,  
..... 939-2222  
9:30 am ..... Ladies in His Word, Bible Study,  
..... ECALC Bldg.  
10:00 am ..... Women Experiencing Christ,  
..... Bible Study, Pastor's Conf. Rm.

### Wednesday, January 7

- 6:00 pm ..... Mission Board Meeting,  
..... Pastor's Conf. Rm.

### Thursday, January 8

- 8:00 am ..... Moms In Prayer, Little Chapel  
7:00 pm ..... DivorceCare, Classroom #26

### Friday, January 9

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

### Saturday, January 10

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

### Sunday, January 11

- 8:00 am ..... Worship, *Communion*  
10:45 am ..... Worship

## Last Week at Saint Michael

Christmas Eve 5:30pm.....	448
Christmas Eve 7:30pm.....	370
Christmas Eve 11:00pm.....	155
Christmas Day.....	109
Saturday Service 5:30 pm.....	90
Sunday 8:00 am.....	151
Sunday 10:45 am.....	184
*Last Week's Total Offerings:.....	\$42,208.00
Last Week's Ministry Needs:.....	\$46,000.00
Year to Date Received.....	\$473,625.00
Year to Date Needed.....	\$427,625.00
Year to Date Difference.....	(\$5,898.00)

\*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. 317

Steve Eggen, Head of Maintenance, ext. 226

Kati Miser, Little Saints Director, ext. 333

## Important Dates

### Birthdays

- 01/03.. Caitlin Carlson, Carol Cox,  
Craig Ecelbarger, Keith Harris,  
Bailey Hoffmann, Emma Henline,  
Neil Swetz, James Orr (*son*),  
Maxine Palen, Hailey Sanchez  
01/04.. Bob Betancourt, Jeanie Franks,  
Donald Hughes, Evelyn Rudenick  
01/05.. Karen Atkinson, Renee Gaddis,  
Todd Hale, Molly Harris,  
Kendall Wherry, Joel Zehnder  
01/06.. Terri Bradley, Gene Heiwig,  
Sue Schwan  
01/07.. Jennifer Coomer, Tom Kosteno,  
Meredith Listowski, Shirley  
Lockman, Joshua Mallory, Elizabeth  
Riano, Lauren VanCavage  
01/08.. Ellen Feige, Val Mallory, Brooks  
Peterson, Mallory Schlachta,  
John Yarbrough  
01/09.. Matthew Boyer, Jamie Gilles,  
Joseph Madden, James Schlachta,  
Steven Schlachta, Hanson Truax,  
Sheila Ward  
01/10.. Jerry Albee, Savannah DeCarufel,  
Philip Dorn, Kamdyn Haycook,  
Linda Hafner, Joshua Sanchez,  
Patrick Shanahan  
01/11.. Joshua Brine, Christina Risley,  
Kristin Stiggleman, Kendell Wherry

### Anniversaries

- 01/04.. Ron & Michelle Gontarchic  
01/06.. Esmaeel Samaliazad & Julie Bledsoe  
Gerald & Lois LaPorte  
Mike & Stephanie Letourneau  
Barry & Leanne Richardson  
01/07.. David & Windie Jordan  
01/08.. Paul & Brenda Hughes

**Altar Flowers today** are placed to the Glory of God in celebration of the New Year!

## **Worship Assistants Today**

### **5:30 pm Saturday Service**

Elder(s): Richard Johnston & Lou Conzelman

### **8:00 am Sunday Service**

Elder(s): Gus Belcher & Darryl Bell

Lector: Rob LeSueur

Ushers: **John Hoffmann**, Kathy Royston, Don Zehnder, Elaine Everhart

Acolytes: McKenna Wherry, Molly Minor

### **10:45 am Sunday Service**

Elder(s): Lee Berchtold & Mike Roach

Lector: Larry Ryan

Ushers: **Dee Lemke**, Marty Natter, Leroy Waldren, Chris Zinn, Bud Snell

Assistants: Lee Berchtold, Mike Roach, Larry Ryan, Justin Fay, Chuck Oliver

Acolytes: *Need Volunteer*

Crucifer: *Need Volunteer*

## **Coffee & Snack Volunteers**

**8:00 am:** Laurel Volberding

**10:45 am:** Richard & Reta Wadley

## **Greeters Today**

**8:00 am Bill & Elaine Armour** - Bill & Elaine were both born and raised in Wellsville, NY and were high school sweethearts. They became winter residents of Florida in 2003 and became Associate Members of St. Michael that same year. In NY Bill was a Funeral Director and then a Funeral Service Manufacture Rep., and Elaine spent 30 years as an RN in the Operating Room specializing in heart/vascular procedures. They raised 3 sons while living in Michigan, and now have 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. They enjoy golf, travel, boating and auto racing, and Bill serves as President of their VDS Association. Elaine's father was an LCMS pastor for over 50 years.

**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:**

- Linda Lang
- Candi Hale
- Merle Ballantine (Uncle of Deb Helton)
- Karen Moser
- Ron Witting
- Deb Helton
- Sharon Hubbard
- Donna Champlain
- Agnes Richardson
- Dorothy Ballantine
- The Family of Nell King (Mother of Tyler King and Suzanne Vegas)
- The Family of Don Fredericks (Uncle of Debbie Hake)
- The Family of Anne Crowley
- The Family of Carl Kester for the passing of his mother

*Those still in need of prayer can be found on our web page, [www.smlcs.org](http://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](mailto: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.**

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