

**Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**



# **SAINT MICHAEL'S**

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## **LUTHERAN CHURCH • LCMS**

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**Worship God. | Love One Another. | Serve All People.**

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## **A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS:**

Welcome to Saint Michael's Lutheran Church! We are a historic congregation committed to continuing the mission of Jesus Christ in our community. We are very excited to have you worshiping the Lord with us this morning. You are always welcome in our church! Here are a few helpful things to know about Saint Michael's:

- Our beautiful and historic church building was built in 1906. Unfortunately, this means that it was not built with restrooms. Restrooms are located in our education building next door.
- A changing table for infants is located in classroom 4 in the education building.
- During our worship service, attendance books will be passed across the pews. Please take a moment to register your presence with us in the book and include your address and phone number so we can follow up with you in the future.
- Our pastor, Rev. Nate Hill, is always willing to meet with you to answer any questions that you might have about our church and beliefs or to be of help in any way that he is able. Please introduce yourself to him this morning. He will be thrilled to meet you!

We hope that you find Saint Michael's to be a place where you feel at home as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

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### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

Saint Michael's Lutheran Church exists to worship God, love one another, and serve all people according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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## **DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE**

**Prelude**

Selected Music

**Ringing of the Church Bell**

Ushers

**Welcome and Greeting**

**Opening Hymn**

*"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"*

LSB #915

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Matthew 28:19b;(18:20)*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*(Hebrews 10:22)*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 124:8*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Psalm 32:5*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*(John 20:19-23)*

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Introit

Read Together

*Ps. 51:2-6; antiphon: v. 1*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.



**Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;**



**as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.**

### Kyrie

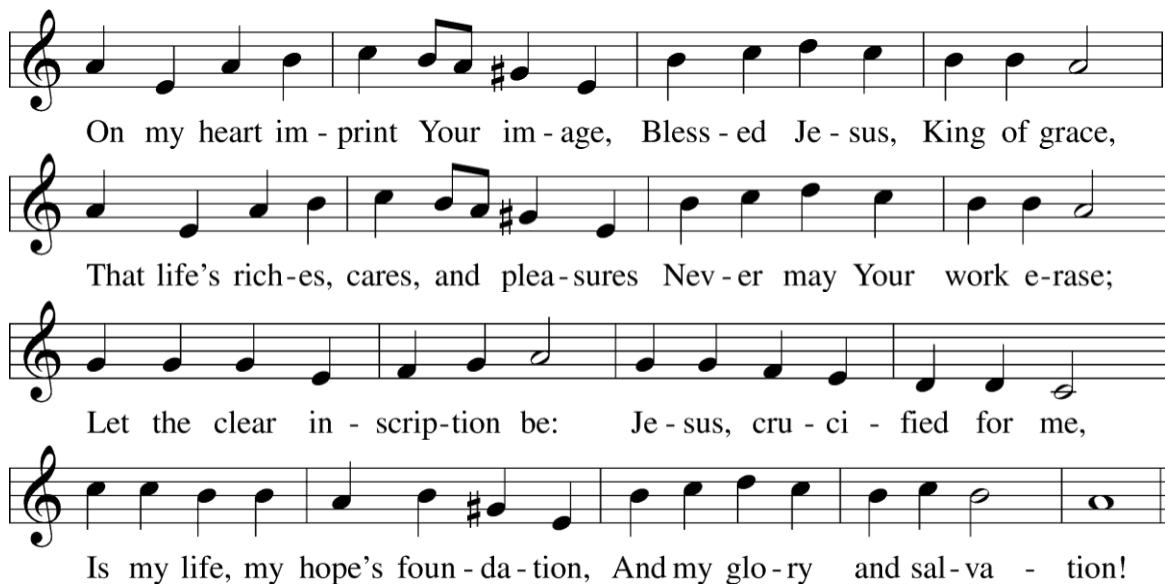
*Mark 10:47*



**Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -**



**on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.**



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,  
That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;  
Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and

serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6

<sup>1</sup>You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O Lord,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away,  
that you might comfort me.

<sup>2</sup>“Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.”

<sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And you will say  
in that day:

“Give thanks to the Lord,  
call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>“Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

Psalm 32

<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

<sup>2</sup>Blessèd is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

<sup>3</sup>For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup>For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

<sup>5</sup>I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

<sup>6</sup>Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;  
surely in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not reach him.

<sup>7</sup>You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

<sup>9</sup>Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or it will not stay near you.

<sup>10</sup>Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

<sup>11</sup>Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

## **Epistle Reading**

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, we

are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: . . .

“There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ <sup>20</sup>And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.



<sup>25</sup>“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup>But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup>but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup>And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**Children’s Sermon**

Pastor

**Apostles’ Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,**

the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day     “God Loved the World So That He Gave”

LSB#571

Sermon     “Celebrating When the Lost Are Found”  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Rev. Nate Hill

Offertory

*Psalm 51:10-12*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

**Offering**     *(Please sign the attendance books as they are passed)*

Ushers

*If you would like to transition to making your regular tithe or offering online,  
you may do so at [www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give](http://www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give)*



## Prayer of the Church

*(1 Timothy 2:1-4)*

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Salutation and Benedicamus



**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**A** Bless we the Lord.

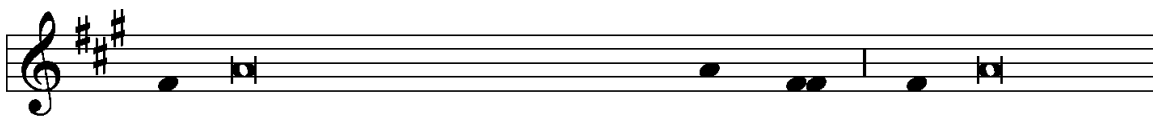
*(Psalm 103:1)*



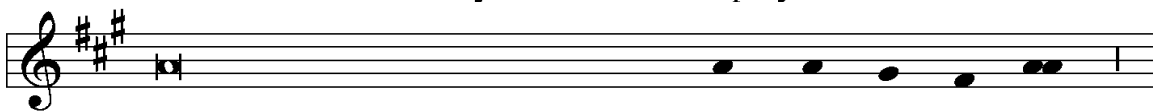
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

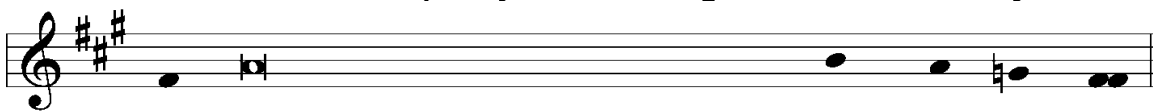
*Numbers 6:24-26*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Announcements

Pastor

## Closing Hymn

*“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”*

LSB#435

## Postlude

Selected Music

## **PRAYERS AT SAINT MICHAEL'S**

### **MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:**

- Marie Ashutabi — *Bea Kilian's Coworker*
- Briana Beasley — *Greg Roeber's Coworker*
- Melinda Bennett — *Bill Karisch's Friend*
- Don Buck
- Beverly Desmond — *Mark McClain's Aunt*
- Charlene Franke
- RC Franke
- Tommy Franke
- Marian Fritsche
- Nellie Gonzalez
- Evelyn Haschke
- Delores Karisch
- Morgan Ray Karisch
- Evelyn Kasper — *Bill Karisch's Mother*
- Thelma Kieschnik
- Bea Kilian
- Audrey Koenning
- Kristin Laws
- Richard Laws
- Rose Lehmann
- Kevin Margeson — *Kurtis Hankemeier's Brother*
- Clarence Mitschke — *Karen Robbins' Father*
- Dianna Mitschke — *Karen Robbins' Mother*
- Lillian Pietsch
- Betty Richter
- Layne Schramm — *Thelma Kieschnik's Grandson*
- Marie Schulz
- Erwin Schulze
- Laverne Schulze
- Amy Wagner

### **SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES:**

- Christopher Brand — US Navy — Great Lakes, Illinois
- Caleb Burton — US Army — Fort Carson, Colorado
- Warren Evans — US Army — Fort Wainwright, Alaska
- Jake Hagood — US Army — Fort Hood, Texas
- Seth Lopez — US Army Reserve National Guard — Egypt
- Kaleb Pyle — US Army — Fort Bliss, Texas
- Ryan Spray — US Air Force — San Antonio, Texas
- Byron Taylor — US Army — Fort Knox, Kentucky

### **MISSIONARIES:**

- Julie Aftab — People of the Book Lutheran Outreach — Houston, TX
- John & Jenn Wolf — LCMS Missionaries — Kenya

## **THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL’S:**

### **Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00am – Worship Service – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Sunday School/Voters’ Meeting – *Education Building*
- 4:00pm – Confirmation– *Education Building*

### **Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:00pm – Board of Finance – *Education Building*

### **Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30am – Bible Class – *Education Building*
- 7:00pm – Lent Midweek Service – *Sanctuary*

### **Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- 9:00am – Worship Service with Communion – *Sanctuary*
  - 10:15am – Sunday School/Bible Study – *Education Building*
  - 4:00pm – Confirmation– *Education Building*
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**Beautification Watering:** For the week beginning on March 28<sup>th</sup> Diana Roeber will be in charge of watering. If you notice that something needs to be watered, please contact the person of the week that is monitoring. If the week does not work for you, please work it out with someone else.

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**Sunday School:** This week’s Sunday School lesson continues to explore God’s command to be content. In the Bible account “Paul and Philemon,” Paul exhorts Philemon and Onesimus to put aside their conflict and work together for the sake of the Gospel. As a family, discuss, “*Who is someone you would find it hard to work together with? How could you learn to respect and work with that person?*”

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**Lent Midweek #4:** Join us for Week 4 in our In View of God’s Mercy series for Lent, as we look at our lives through the lens of God’s love toward us in the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus. In this service, we come to understand that within the communities God has placed us, we are given the grace to treat one another as Christ has cared for us in his love and mercy.

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**Full Scholarships to Camp Lone Star Available:** Saint Michael's has full scholarships available for children of our church members to attend a week of camp this summer at Camp Lone Star. For more information, contact Pastor Nate. Please visit [camplonestar.org/summer-camp/](http://camplonestar.org/summer-camp/) to look at the summer and activities.

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**Special Voters' Meeting:** A special voters' meeting will be held today, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am in the Education Building. This meeting will take the place of our normal Adult Bible Study, however the Children's Sunday School will still meet as usual at that same time. Two items will be on the agenda. The first will be replacing the roll up doors at the park building with solid walls, along with other necessary work at the park. The second item will be redoing the asphalt parking lot and driveway at the church property. Please make plans to attend!

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**Children needed!** We are going to sing a song at the 9am Easter service on April 17<sup>th</sup>. We would like to practice with the children starting February 27<sup>th</sup>. We will not practice on March 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> due to Spring Break. March 27<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and, April 10<sup>th</sup> will be mandatory practices. We will have a final practice at 8:30 on Easter morning to prepare for the 9am service.

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**Knitting and Crocheting Group in Need of Yarn:** The knitting and crocheting group at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings has been making warm hats and scarves with donated yarn for 6 years now. They have plenty of black, white, red, off white, and baby colors, but are running low on other colors. They would be thrilled with any yarn you have that you just don't use – you don't need to go out and buy it. **Put it in a bag marked "Knitting and Crocheting Group" and drop it by the Immanuel church office.** Every September they mail off the hats and scarves to Lutheran Social Services in the Midwest and Alaska where they are given to the poor, homeless, and migrants. This past September, 13 boxes (15" square) were mailed. If any ladies would like to join the group, they meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday from 9am-12pm.

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**BBQ Pork Fundraiser:** The Warda Bunch Show Fund (supporters of Lee County Junior Livestock Show exhibitors) will have a BBQ Pork Fundraiser on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. BBQ Pork Butts will be sold by the piece. Each piece will be approximately 2.5-3.5lbs for \$10/lb. 16oz. Cups of sauce are available for \$2.50 each. Orders will be taken for the number of pieces you would like (not by the pound). Pick up at the Holy Cross picnic grounds from 4PM-6PM. PreOrders

only by calling Larry Teinert at (979) 542-8372, Larry Woelfel at (979) 540-8730, or the Holy Cross church office at (979) 242-3333 by Thursday, March 31st. Proceeds go toward support of exhibitors at the Lee County Junior Livestock Show.

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**SAVE THE DATE:** WACA will be hosting the Annual Spring Fling on Saturday, April 2 at 9am. All are welcome to come for a pancake and sausage breakfast beginning at 9am. After breakfast there will be games and an egg hunt for the children. The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures! Come and enjoy a kick off to spring! For information, contact Margaret Atkins: (512)751-5298.

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**Bike MS 150 Volunteers Needed:** The MS Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating a world free of MS by raising awareness, funding research, and advocating for change. One major fundraising event is this *Bike MS*. We would love for St. Michael's Lutheran Church's help potentially volunteering and engaging the community as a whole. **Specifically, we need help at our rest stop on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Winchester Volunteer Fire Department.** Rest stop responsibilities include setting up/taking down the site, running hydration/fruit stations, serving food and beverages to riders, etc. We need **11 volunteers for the 8:00 am-11:45 am shift and 11 volunteers for the 11:30 am-3:30 pm shift.** Here is the link to sign up for this specific location [https://nmss.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need\\_id=651631](https://nmss.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=651631). You can respond as a team or as an individual volunteer. For questions email or call Emily Graumann: volunteertexasms150@nmss.org or (832)786-9125.

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**BBQ Chickens on Mother's Day:** St. Michael's will be selling BBQ Chickens and Sauce on Mother's Day, May 8, 2022, at the park. The cost is \$11.00/per chicken and \$2.00/per sauce. Sign up sheets are available in the Narthex of the church, the Winchester Depot and Shorty's. We ask that orders be placed by April 22, 2022, due to supply issues. If you have any questions, please text or call Jake Franke at 979/966-7416 or Kelly Franke at 979/966-7414.