

Sunday, August 27th 2023

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



SAINT MICHAEL'S

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!

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.

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE

Prelude	Selected Music
Ringing of the Church Bell	Ushers
Welcome and Greeting	Pastor
Opening Hymn	<i>"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"</i> LSB #909

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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

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

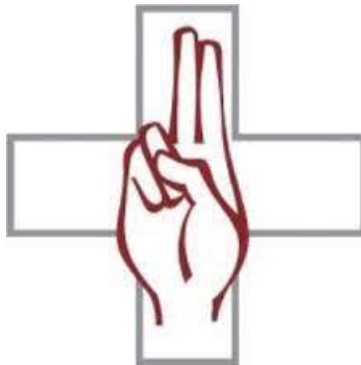
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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

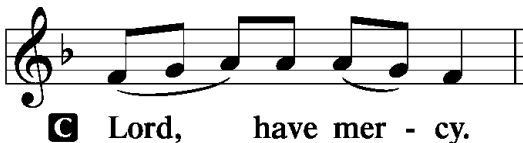
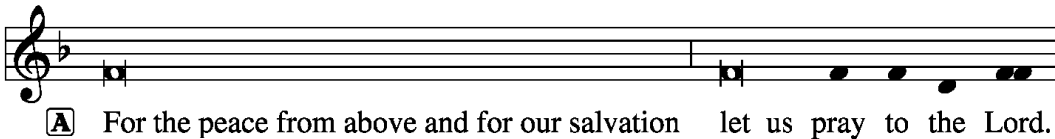
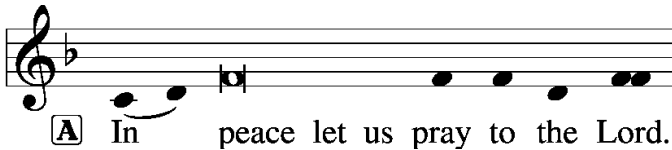
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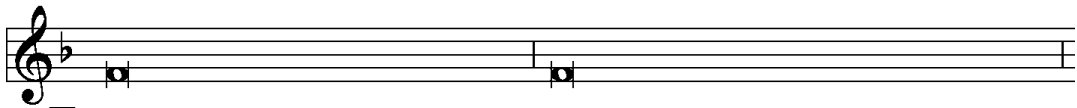
Read Together

Psalm 2:6-7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18

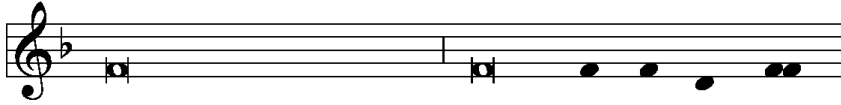
But we will bless the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!
As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.
I will tell of the decree:
The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."
Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.*
But we will bless the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

Kyrie





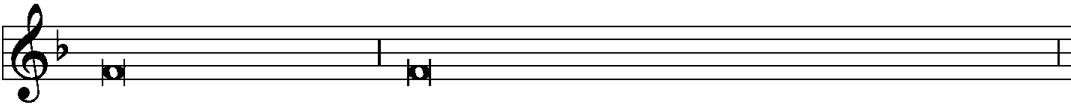
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



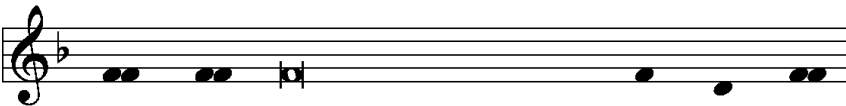
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

¹“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:

look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.

³For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,

and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
5My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
6Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 138

1I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

2I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.

3On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.

4All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,

5and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

6For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.

7Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;

you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.

⁸The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Epistle Reading

Romans 11:33-12:8

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How
unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory
forever. Amen.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your
bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual
worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal
of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is
good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of
himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment,
each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body
we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so
we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of
another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use
them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one
who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one
who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does
acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68




Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, **“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”** ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, **“But who do you say that I am?”** ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, **“Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”** ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

"Built on the Rock"

LSB #645

Sermon

"Rocks"
Isaiah 51:1-6

Rev. Nate Hill

Apostles' Creed

**☩ 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.**

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

☩ Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**☩ 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.

Matthew 6:9-13

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*



Offertory

Musical notation for the Offertory hymn, consisting of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

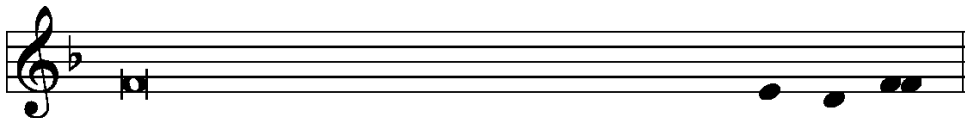
What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Announcements

Pastor

Closing Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

LSB #802

Postlude

Selected Music

PRAYERS AT SAINT MICHAEL'S

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Katie Barker
- Melinda Bennett – *Bill Karisch's Friend*
- Kourtney Burton
- Erland Carlson – *Leann McClain's Brother*
- James Carr – *Buddy Smith's Coworker*
- Sue Doepner – *Daniel and Karen Kilian's Friend*
- Charlene Franke
- Ivan Fritsche
- Nellie Gonzalez
- Evelyn Haschke
- Jennifer Harper – *Charles Lehmann's Daughter*
- Delores Karisch
- Morgan Ray Karisch
- Evelyn Kasper – *Bill Karisch's Mother*
- Thelma Kieschnik
- John Kocurek – *Irma & Daniel Gersch's Brother-in-Law*
- Audrey Koenning
- Theresa Krause – *Diana Roeber's Friend*
- Mary Lehmann
- Kevin Margeson – *Kurtis Hankemeier's Brother*
- Dianna Mitschke – *Karen Robbins' Mother*
- Kolton Montgomery
- Janet Murphy – *Richard Davis's Sister-in-Law*
- Dwayne Patterson – *James Franke Family's Friend*
- Mary Patterson – *James Franke Family's Friend*
- Lillian Pietsch
- Victoria Pope – *Mark McClain's Friend*
- Layne Schramm – *Thelma Kieschnik's Grandson*
- Marie Schulz
- Raymond Schulz
- Laverne Schulze
- Amy Wagner
- Darlene Warren
- Sandy Zoch

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 Bragg, North Carolina
- Jake Hagood – US Army – Fort Hood, Texas
- Kaleb Pyle – US Army – Fort Bliss, Texas
- Dylan Robbins – USMC – Jacksonville, North Carolina
- Ryan Spray – US Air Force – San Antonio, Texas
- Byron Taylor – US Army – Fort Knox, Kentucky
- Erik Vallejo – Texas National Guard – United States Border

MISSIONARIES:

- Julie Aftab – People of the Book Lutheran Outreach – Houston, TX
- Abba's House – LCMS Ministry to Refugees – Cypress, TX -
<https://abbashousetexas.com/>

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MORNING: are given to the glory of God by Michelle and Darren Kolbe in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL’S:

Sunday, August 27th

- 9:00am – Worship Service – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Sunday School/Bible Study – *Education Building*

Monday, August 28th

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

Wednesday, August 30th

- 9:30am – Bible Class – *Education Building*

Sunday, September 3rd

- 9:00am – Worship Service with Communion – *Sanctuary*
 - 10:15am – Sunday School/Bible Study – *Education Building*
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Sunday School: “A Prayer Lesson” is the title of this week’s Bible lesson. With Jesus’ disciples, we, too, implore, “Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1). Jesus teaches His disciples—and all humankind—the prayer used throughout the Church to this day. Jesus follows His instruction with a parable illustrating how our heavenly Father unfailingly hears all our prayers. As a family, challenge one another to recite the Lord’s Prayer from memory.

Beautification Watering: For the week beginning on August 28th, 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.

Casserole Crew: Pat Karisch is on duty for the month of August. If you know of someone with a need for a meal in the congregation or community, please contact her at patkarisch@yahoo.com or (281)682-2841.

Change to Wednesday Bible Class Schedule: Originally Pastor Nate had cancelled Wednesday Bible Class for August 30th and September 6th. Due to a change in his schedule, there is no longer a need to cancel these sessions, so we will meet on both of those dates. Instead, class will be cancelled on September 20th.

Stamps: LWML is collecting cancelled stamps. Just cut off the corner of your mail with the cancelled stamp(s) and bring them to church with you! Please bring them no later than TODAY, August 27th. ALL stamps are valuable!

Winchester Community Meal: Save the date of Sunday, September 17th at 4:30pm for an evening community meal with games and fellowship at the Park! The Board of Missions will be sponsoring a hamburger and hot dog meal for the entire community. We are asking members to bring a side or dessert, your families, and your favorite games and beverages. All are welcome so begin inviting your friends and neighbors!

Missionary Sunday: On Sunday, September 10th, Claire Kayetesi, a former guest at Abba's House, will join us to share about her experience with the Abba's House ministry. Abba's House was the recipient of our VBS offerings this summer so it will be a great chance for kids and families to learn about this ministry's work firsthand. We will host a door offering and potluck in the Education Building after the Bible study hour, and we hope you will take this opportunity to engage with and support our mission organization!

The Texas Wendish Heritage Museum is looking to add to our amazing staff: If you or someone you know is interested in any of the positions below, please contact Chelsea Beck at chelsea@texaswendish.org or (979)366-2441. We are looking to fill all positions this summer as we prepare for Wendish Fest.

First, we are looking to hire a paid Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator to work Thursdays and Fridays from 12:30-5:00pm as well as some weekends -- around 8-12 hours per week. Responsibilities include docenting, training volunteer docents, volunteer recruitment and scheduling, community outreach, coordinating events and information with St. Paul Lutheran Church and helping the director with events, errands, and other tasks as needed. Candidates must have basic computer skills (Google Suite & Microsoft Office primarily) and be an excellent communicator.

Second, we are looking for an energetic and enthusiastic person to fill the position of director or co-director of the museum. Anyone looking to fill this position must be available to work Tuesday- Friday from 1:00-5:00pm as well as all TWHS events (including set up and clean up). Our director is in charge of the

day-to-day operations of the society & museum and wears many hats including staff management, working with our board of directors, event planning (including Wendish Fest), some light accounting work, managing the gift shop in the museum and online, advertising the museum and TWHS events, working with vendors to maintain the museum complex's many buildings and artifacts, website and social media management, and other duties as assigned. Candidates must have basic computer skills (Google Suite & Microsoft Office primarily), be an excellent communicator, possess top-notch customer service skills and preferably an appreciation of history and Wendish heritage & culture.

Finally, the museum is seeking to hire someone to maintain our garden. If you love to work outside in a reasonably quiet and serene setting, possess gardening knowledge, and want to set your own hours, this is the job for you. Candidates should expect to work 10-20 hours per month depending on the demands of the season and the weather.

GEMS: We are excited to start up GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service) again for the new school year! All girls 5th-12th grade are invited to join us on Sunday, August 27, at 2:00 at Holy Cross, Warda, for some devotional time, a fun activity, snacks, and fellowship. Contact Ruth Meyer at 979-540-9868 with any questions. We hope to see you there!



Great Start to the School Year

We have had a great start to the school year! We love having our students back on campus and pray that their education and faith may grow abundantly this year! Registration remains on-going. Call us today - (979) 242-2889!

Camp Lone Star Retreat

FLHS students will be traveling to Camp Lone Star this coming week. We are looking forward to two days of challenge courses, Bible Study and learning about building up the body of Christ. We are thankful for this opportunity to grow together as a Falcon family!



Thank You!

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have offered on behalf of FLHS. As we have begun another year, we are thankful for each of you who faithfully pray and support the ministry God has created at FLHS. Thank you, on behalf of the students who will be instilled with wisdom as they become faithful leaders tomorrow, for your generous support!

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am.

Save the Date!

FLHS's annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 28th. New this year will be **The Battle of the Vines**, in addition to **The Battle of the Brew** - both are home brew competitions, so start planning your brews now. Returning will be our traditional German meal, domino tournament, cornhole tournament, music, kids games, fellowship, and lots of fun!

Share the Gift of Love

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck.

2023 - 2024 Faculty and Staff

- Mrs. Chelsea Beck - History, Spanish,
- Pastor Dustin Beck - Part-time Religion
- Mr. Gary Himmler - Part-time Science, Math
- Mr. Jonathan Kueck - Religion, English, P.E.
- Mrs. Nikki Kueck - Administrator, Electives
- Mrs. Kristin Lehmann - Science, Math, Technology
- Mrs. Jane Obersat - Part-time German, Art, Library
- Mr. Dan Schaefer - Part-time History, Music

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St. Paul Lutheran Church
Adult League – Serbin 26th Annual
Fried Chicken Luncheon

Sunday, September 10th

10:00am – noon

St. Paul Picnic Grounds

TO-GO PLATES ONLY

\$15.00

Preorders preferred by September 4th
and contacting

Susan Michael at 540-0854 or Sharon Claxton at 540-7154

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WINCHESTER COMMUNITY MEAL

Come out and enjoy your
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4:30PM

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MUSIC | GAMES | PLAYGROUND

**FUN FOR THE
ENTIRE FAMILY!**

The food is FREE, so grab your favorite
games and beverages and come
hang out with your community!

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