

SAINT MICHAEL'S

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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 "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" LSB #902

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.
- 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.
- 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.

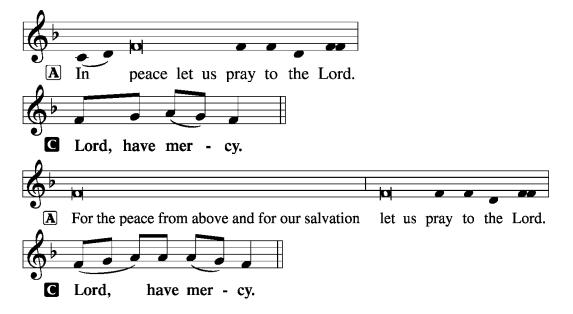


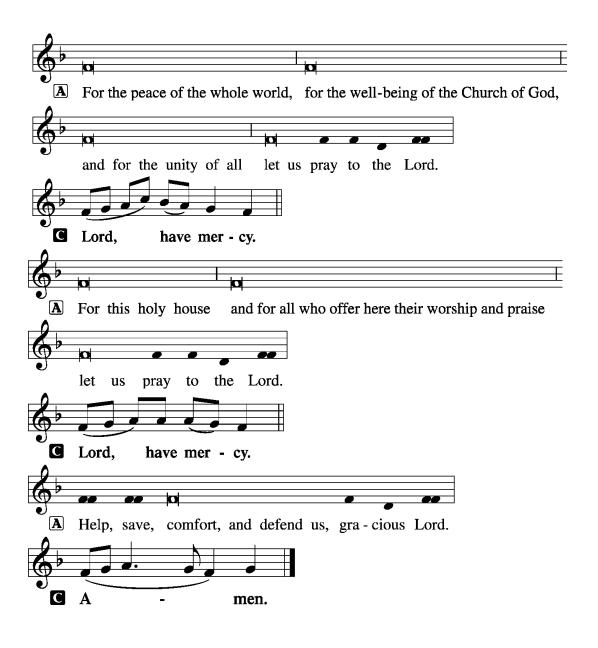
Introit Read Together

Psalm 92:1-4; antiphon: v. 5

How great are your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep! It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. 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. How great are your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep!

Kyrie







Salutation and Collect of the Day



2 Timothy 4:22

P Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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

Ezekiel 33:7-9

7"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. 9But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32:1-7

¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

²Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

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

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

⁵I 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.

⁶Therefore 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.

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

Epistle Reading

Romans 13:1-10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ¬Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

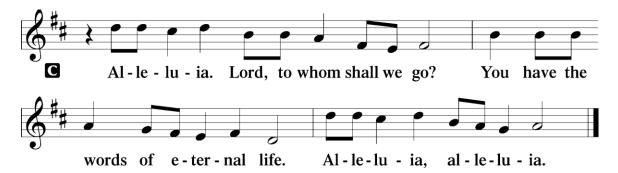
⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor

as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

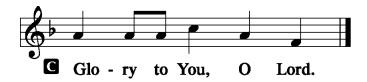
John 6:68



Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:1-20

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



¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

7"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it

away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰ See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. 12What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. 14So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Children's Message

Pastor

Hymn of the Day "Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment"

LSB #511

Sermon

"Ezekiel, Me, and You" Ezekiel 33:7-9

Rev. Nate Hill

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.

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

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

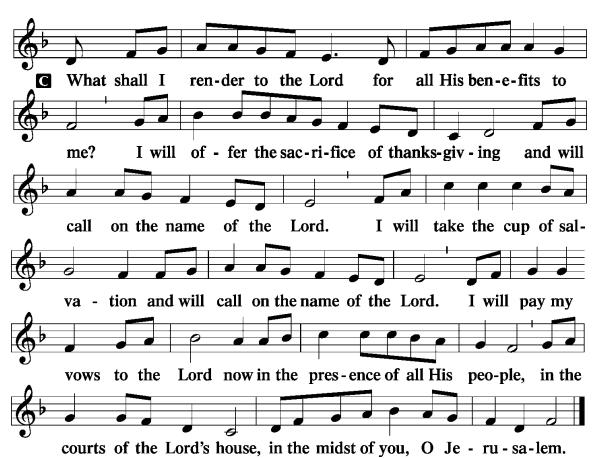
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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

Matthew 6:9-13

If you would like to transition to making your regular tithe or offering online, you may do so at www.stmichaelswinchester.org/qive

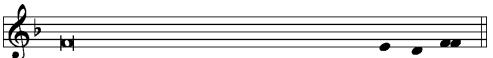


Offertory



Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



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.



Announcements Pastor

Closing Hymn "How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord"

LSB #853

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
- Sam Gibbs
- Nellie Gonzalez
- · Evelyn Haschke
- Jennifer Harper-Charles Lehmann's Daughter
- Larry Hernandez-Marceil Prestridge's Son-in Law
- Nicole Hernandez-Marceil Prestridge's Daughter
- Cindy Hielscher
- Delores Karisch
- Morgan Ray Karisch
- \bullet 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' 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

SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES:

- Christopher Brand US Navy Great Lakes, Illinois
- Caleb Burton US Army Fort Carson, Colorado
- Manuel Comancho US Air Force Africa Irma Gersch's Friend
- 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
- 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 Glenn and Stacy Zoch in celebration of their 42nd wedding anniversary.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:

Sunday, September 10th - Door Offering: Abba's House

- 9:00am Worship Service Sanctuary
- 10:15am Sunday School/Abba's House Presentation *Education Building*
- 11:30am Potluck Meal *Education Building*
- 2:30pm Confirmation Education Building

Monday, September 11th

• 6:00pm – Board of Finance – Education Building

Tuesday, September 12th

- 2:00pm Young @ Heart Zilss Hall
- 7:00 pm WAVFD Fire Station

Wednesday, September 13th

• 9:30am – Bible Class – Education Building

Thursday, September 14th

• 6:30pm – Board of Missions – Education Building

Sunday, September 17th

- 9:00am Worship Service with Communion Sanctuary
- 10:15am Sunday School/Bible Class Education Building
- 1:00pm 4-H Meeting *Education Building*
- 2:30pm Confirmation Education Building
- 4:30pm Winchester Community Meal St. Michael's Park

Sunday School: In this week's lesson, "A Tree View," students learn about Zacchaeus, a wealthy tax collector, who anxiously awaits the arrival of Jesus. Short of stature, Zacchaeus climbs a tree to see the Savior. Despite criticism, Jesus invites Himself to the tax collector's home. Motivated by Christ's compassion, Zacchaeus confesses his sin and promises to make restitution. Families could discuss, "How does Jesus motivate you to make a difference in your world?"

Updated Directories in the Narthex: If you would like an updated directory, be sure to pick one up in the narthex on your way out.

Beautification Watering: For the week beginning on September 11th, Margaret Atkins 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: Sharon Teinert is on duty for the month of September. If you know of someone with a need for a meal in the congregation or community, please contact her at (409)782-8949.

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: TODAY, 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!

Abba's House Update: Hello to all of our church partners. We are excited to share that we are expecting our next Abba's House family to arrive this Saturday, Sept. 9. They are a Ukrainian refugee family, coming to us from Poland. The Potii family consists of a dad, mom, 11 year old girl, 10 year old boy, and a 3 year old girl.

Anybody that is interested in volunteering or helping out with this family is invited to reach out to Abba's House. We are looking to do a new volunteer orientation this Wed. morning.

Michael Meissner -- Abba's House

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.

WACA Spaghetti Meal Postponed: The 4-H Spaghetti Fundraiser sponsored by the Winchester Area Civic Association has been postponed from September 10 to October 22 due to other community activities. Please plan on attending the dinner, either drive thru or eat in, on Sunday October 22 at 10:30 a.m. All funds raised will be given to the Winchester 4-H Club.

FAYETTE COUNTY RESIDENTS and VISITORS are encouraged to REGISTER to receive emergency ALERTS by TEXT, EMAIL or PHONE.

Registering online with WarnCentralTexas.org allows emergency response teams to directly contact you to provide information and specific directions during a disaster or public safety event.





Thank You!

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have offered on behalf of FLHS. As we have just 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!

7th and 8th Grade Visit Day

8th grade students from our area private schools will be joining us in the afternoon of Wednesday, September 20th, and 7th grade students will be joining us in the afternoon of Wednesday, September 27th. This annual visit event is a great opportunity for future students to see what FLHS is all about and what high school might look like. If you have a 7th or 8th grader, and would like to bring them for visit day, please contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

7th and 8th Grade Game Night

FLHS will be hosting a game night for 7th and 8th grade students on Friday, September 29 from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Faith Lutheran High School. We will have lots of food, fun, and fellowship!

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!

Thrivent Action Team Grants

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck by calling (979) 242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school. *We are beginning to gather grants for our Oktoberfest event on October 28th.

Retreat Success

FLHS students were privileged to spend last Thursday and Friday at Camp Lone Star. This was part of our annual student retreat. Students were able to participate in challenge courses, learn about conflict-resolution from a Biblical perspective, grow together as a family, and have loads of fun!



FLHS student body at Camp Lone Star



The mission field is here; the time is now!

Dear Rev. Hill, Board of Elders, Office Staff and all the Saints at St. Michael,

Thank You so much for your prayers, partnership and support. Rev. Hill thank you for your great Leadership, we thank the Lord for you.

POBLO missionary Julie Aftalo continues to share the gospel in greater Houston area.

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Lands in Sept. 1st week from Egypt to work at aneinnah, Ohio. Third missionary Couple will land in Sept. and will be working at Naples, Borita Springs and Fort

Thank you for your generous donation to POBLO International! Your financial partnership allows us to continue meeting the physical, social, and spiritual needs of those we come in contact with in the United States and beyond.

Myers, Florida. In a single worship in Tune 13 Afghans were baptized in a single worship at St. Michaels, Portage, Michigan. May our good Lord continue to bless you. Thank You!

Rev. Farukh Khan

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

MAHT

Thank you for giving me a standarship to Serbin!

I am enjoying kindergarten.

The friends I have made are Hayes, Landon, and Olin.

My favorite Bible Story is David and Goliath.

From: Carter

MAHT

Dear st. Michaels,

Thank you for spoksoring me. I'm enjoying

Playing IV football. The coolest thing was as

Subject is reading to enjoy chapel. M. C.S. Diana
is my bus driven! I'm looking for ward

to 3rd grade. From: Jack.





Advance Ticket Sales Only

Deadline for Ticket Sales is Saturday, September 30th

Contact

Mirlyn Griffin: 979-966-8912 Saint Michael's Church Office: 979-242-3444

Sunday, October 8th 10:30am – 1:00pm

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