

Sunday, October 1st 2023

LWML Sunday



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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 worshipping 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.

2023 LWML Sunday Worship Service "The King is Coming"

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

**DIVINE SERVICE
SETTING FOUR
WITH COMMUNION**

Prelude

Selected Music

Ringing of the Church Bell

Ushers

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor

Opening Hymn

“The Church’s One Foundation”

LSB #644

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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Psalms 130:3-4

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

[Luke 18:13]

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

C Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Hymn of Praise

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

LSB #527

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

P Let us pray.

O God, You did not spare Your own Son but gave Him up for us all. Grant that by faith we may trust in Your promises and live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading: “The Mountain of the Lord”

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it.

³and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.
⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 24:7-10

The congregation speaks the bolded verses.

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

**⁸Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!**

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

**¹⁰Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory!**

***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.***

Epistle Reading: “The Living Stone and a Chosen People”

1 Peter 2:4-10

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



John 20:31



Holy Gospel Reading: “Rest for the Weary”

Matthew 11:25-30

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

**and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Children's Message

Pastor

Hymn of the Day

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

LSB #575

Sermon

*"The King is Coming"
Psalm 27:7-10*

Rev. Nate Hill

LWML Pledge

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

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*



Important Information about Holy Communion Today

Today, we will celebrate Holy Communion, where Jesus Christ offers us his true body and true blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. This Sacrament is also an expression of the unity in faith, doctrine, and practice of those who receive it together.

If you are a confirmed member in good standing of this or another LCMS congregation, we welcome you to commune with us today. However, if you are uncertain about our beliefs and practices surrounding Holy Communion, we ask that you refrain from communing today. If you have questions, please let Pastor Nate know. He would be happy to meet with you to talk about the blessings of church membership and Holy Communion!

For those who are sensitive to alcohol, the cups in the center of the communion tray contain water with one drop of wine added.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

[Colossians 3:1]

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

[Psalm 136]

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we

give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us

Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

Pax Domini

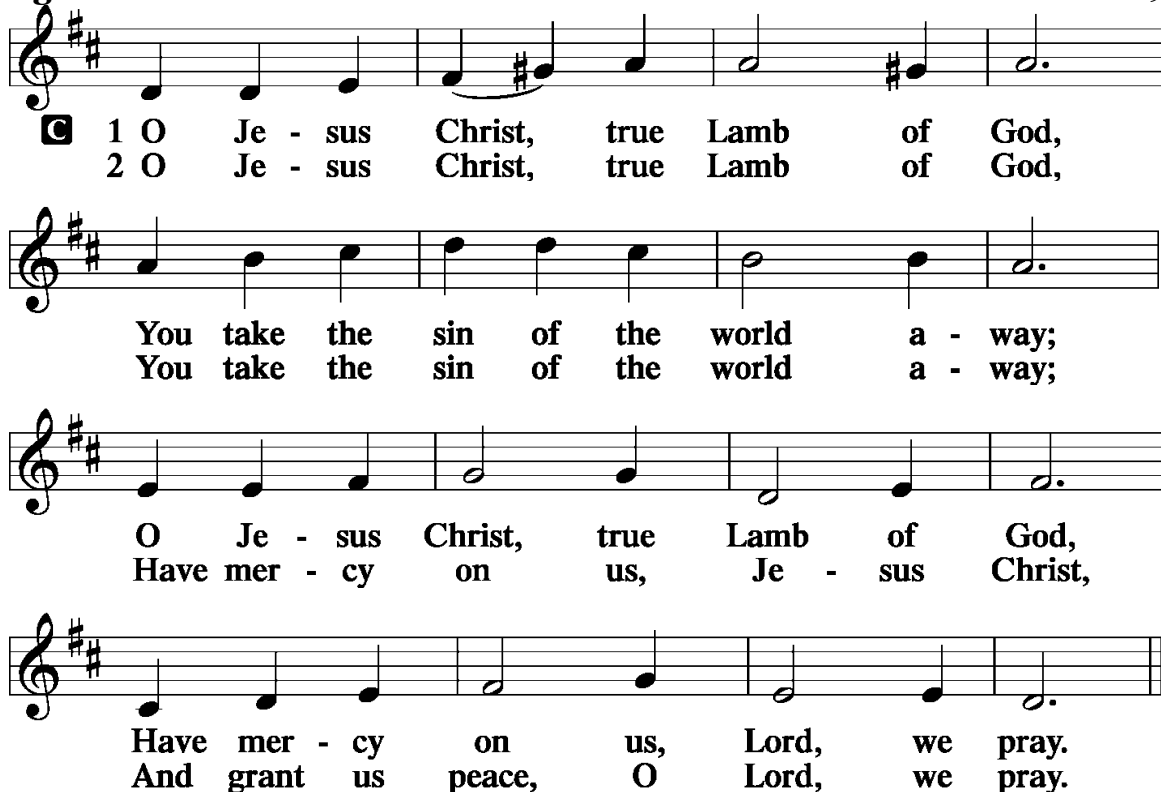
John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

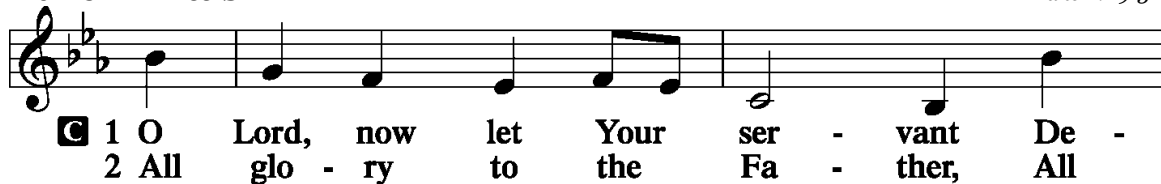
Distribution Hymns

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”
“Children of the Heavenly Father”
“How Firm a Foundation”

LSB #743
LSB #725
LSB #728

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

[Psalm 103:1]

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.

Numbers 6:24-26

C **Amen.**

Announcements

Pastor

Closing Hymn

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

LSB #653

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*
- Sue Doepner – *Daniel and Karen Kilian's Friend*
- Charlene Franke
- Myrtle Friemel – *Carol Ahlschlager's Friend*
- Ivan Fritsche
- Sam Gibbs
- Nellie Gonzalez
- Jennifer Harper – *Charles Lehmann's Daughter*
- Larry Hernandez – *Marceil Prestridge's Son-in Law*
- Nicole Hernandez – *Marceil Prestridge's Daughter*
- Cindy Hielscher
- Jerry Hielscher
- 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*
- Karen McDougall – *Mark McClain's Sister*
- 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 the LWML.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL’S:

Sunday, October 1st – LWML Sunday

- 9:00am – Worship Service with Communion – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Sunday School/Bible Study – *Education Building*
- 2:30pm – Confirmation – *Education Building*

Monday, October 2nd

- 7:00pm – WACA – *Zilss Hall*
- 7:00pm – Board of Elders – *Education Building*

Tuesday, October 3rd

- 9:00am – Quilting – *Education Building*
- 6:30pm – Park Board – *St. Michael’s Park*
- 7:00pm – Board of Trustees – *Education Building*

Wednesday, October 4th

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

Sunday, October 8th

- 9:00am – Worship Service – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Sunday School/Bible Study – *Education Building*
- 10:30am – Board of Missions Drive Thru BBQ Pork Steak – *St. Michael’s Park*

Sunday School: “A Revealing Truth” is the Bible lesson for this week. On Easter afternoon, Jesus joins two disciples discussing the events of the past week in Jerusalem while on their way to Emmaus. Along the way, Jesus interprets the Old Testament prophecies concerning Himself. Arriving at Emmaus, the disciples suddenly recognize Jesus, who then disappears from sight. The disciples quickly return to Jerusalem to share their amazing account. Discuss how you, too, can share this amazing story.

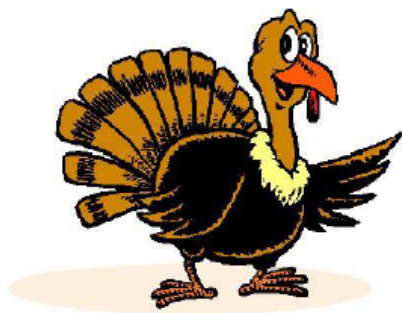
Beautification Watering: For the week beginning on October 2nd, Candice Hill will be in charge of watering. If you notice that something needs to be watered, please contact the person of the week that is monitoring. If the week does not work for you, please work it out with someone else.

LWML Sunday Door Offering: Today as you exit the sanctuary, a door offering will be collected to support the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Casserole Crew: Candice Hill is on duty for the month of October. If you know of someone with a need for a meal in the congregation or community, please contact Candice at (979)966-8034.

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.

Mount Calvary Annual Turkey and Dressing Dinner Monday, October 9th



Date: Monday, October 9, 2023
Time: 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Location: Mt Calvary Lutheran
Church-BBQ Pavilion – 800 N.
Franklin Street

Tickets can be purchased at the church office, Preschool, LG Chevron, Lukas Bakery, any Men's Club member, or any LYF member for \$15.00 each. Note: Plates will be available DRIVE THRU ONLY!

Proceeds from the dinner are used by the Men's Club, Mary Martha Guild, and LYF to fund service projects, scholarships, and youth retreats. Thank you for supporting Mt. Calvary!



LWML POST OAK ZONE
FALL RALLY
HOSTED BY
TRINITY - DIME BOX

REGISTRATION 1:30 PM
RALLY KICKS OFF AT 2 PM

SALAD SUPPER TO FOLLOW

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LUTHERAN CHAPEL AT
TEXAS A&M



Don't forget to bring
your canceled stamps

LIFE-SIZED BOARD
GAME NIGHT

Free Family Fun Night


October 10 | 5:30-7:30pm



Games
Supper
Devotion
Community



More Info:
(979) 968-1657
www.camplovestar.org

 2016 Camp Lone Star Rd
La Grange, TX 78945





Drive Thru Only BBQ Pork Steak

With all the trimmings
\$12.00

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

Saint Michael's Lutheran Church Park

310 Frio Street

Winchester, TX 78945

Proceeds Benefit Saint Michael's Missions and Our
Sponsored Missionaries

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8



LCMS OFFICE OF
DISASTER RELIEF &
HOLY CROSS, WARDA

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO

Learn about

L.E.R.T.

(LUTHERAN EARLY RESPONSE TEAMS)

LERT is a network of volunteers from around the Synod, trained to respond in times of disaster.

Schedule:



9AM

**MISSION FESTIVAL WORSHIP &
BIBLE CLASS ON MERCY**



12PM

**LIGHT LUNCH PROVIDED BY HOLY
CROSS OUTREACH COMMITTEE**



12:30PM

**PRESENTATION ON DISASTER
RELIEF, & CARE FOR NEIGHBOR**

Speaker: Rev. Michael Meyer



Rev. Michael Meyer serves in the LCMS Office of National Mission as the Managing Director for Congregations and Districts. He oversees various departments (School ministry, Youth ministry, Campus ministry, Disaster Relief, etc.) Pastor Meyer works with districts and congregations to help establish Lutheran Early Response Teams

who answer the call to serve their neighbors when disasters strike. Please prayerfully consider joining us after worship on Sunday, October 8 for a light lunch and a conversation about L.E.R.T. and what it might look like for Lutherans in Central Texas to answer the call to love and serve our neighbors in their time of greatest need! RSVPs for lunch are appreciated!



Please RSVP for lunch:

📞 979.242.3333

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📍 600 FM 1482, Giddings, Texas
(a half mile west of Hwy 77 in Warda)