

SAINT MICHAEL'S

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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 WITH COMMUNION

Prelude Selected Music

Ringing of the Church Bell

Ushers

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor

Opening Hymn

"Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten"

LSB #914

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.

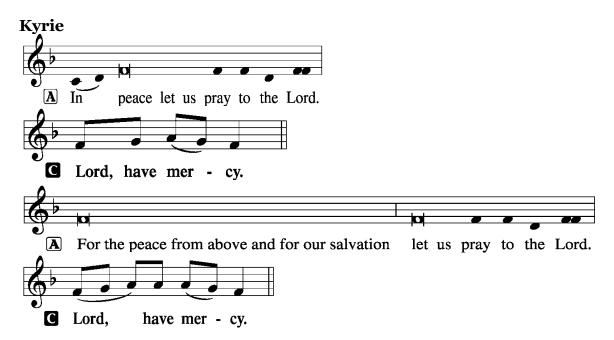


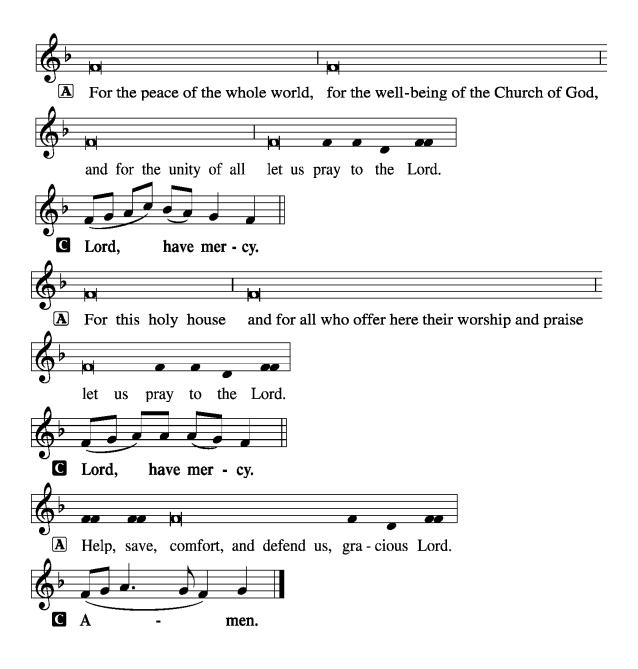
SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit Read Together

Psalm 143:2, 5-6, 10-11; antiphon: v. 1

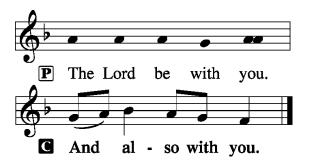
Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you. I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands. I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground! For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! 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. Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!







Salutation and Collect of the Day



2 Timothy 4:22

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 1:7-16

⁷Be silent before the Lord GoD!

For the day of the LORD is near;

the LORD has prepared a sacrifice

and consecrated his guests.

⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—

"I will punish the officials and the king's sons

and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

⁹On that day I will punish

everyone who leaps over the threshold,

and those who fill their master's house

with violence and fraud.

¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD,

"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,

a wail from the Second Quarter,

a loud crash from the hills.

¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!

For all the traders are no more;

all who weigh out silver are cut off.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent. those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' ¹³Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. ¹⁵A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation. a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-12

¹Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

²Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

and against the lofty battlements.

³You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

⁵You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

⁶in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

⁷For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.

⁸You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

⁹For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

¹¹Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

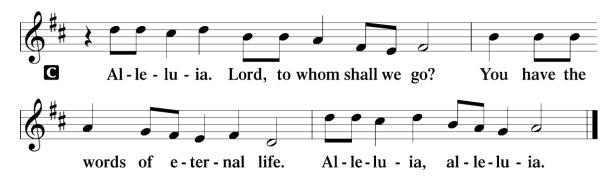
¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be

sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



¹⁴[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you

delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little: I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' 23His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."



to You.

Children's Message

Praise

Pastor

Hymn of the Day

"To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All"

Christ.

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LSB #613

Sermon Rev. Nate Hill

Nicene Creed

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.

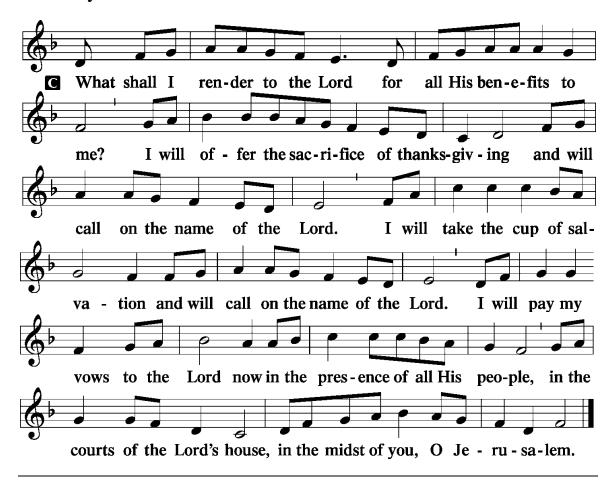
Prayer of the Church

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



Offertory



Important Information about Holy Communion Today

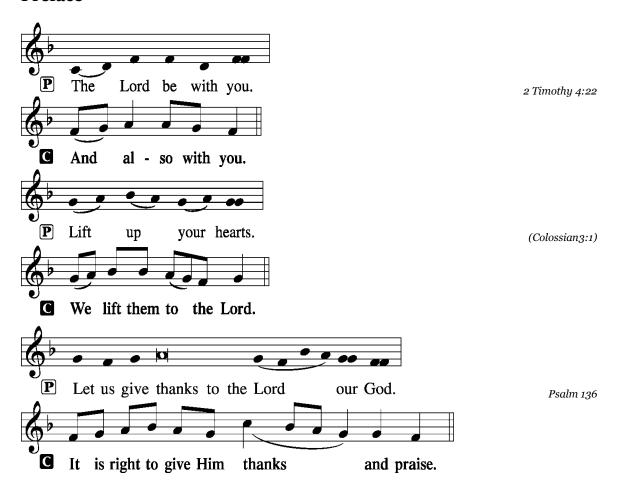
Today, we will celebrate Holy Communion, where Jesus Christ offers us his true body and true blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. This Sacrament is also an expression of the unity in faith, doctrine, and practice of those who receive it together.

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



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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

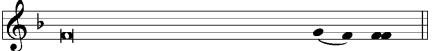
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

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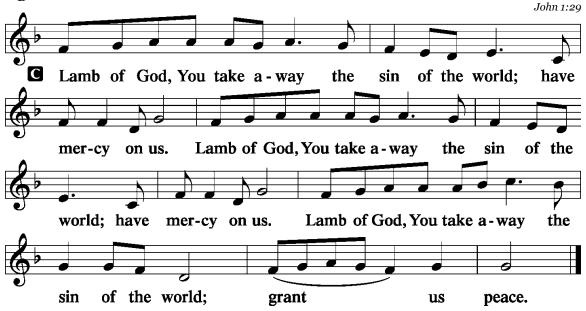
John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



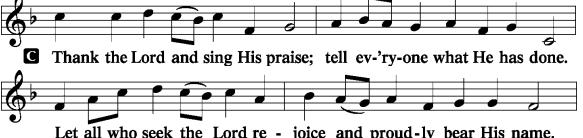




Distribution Hymns

"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"	LSB #663
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	LSB #338
"Take My Life and Let It Be"	LSB #783

Post-Communion Canticle



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



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.



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.



Announcements

Pastor

Closing Hymn

"Lord of Our Life"

LSB #659

Postlude

Selected Music

PRAYERS AT SAINT MICHAEL'S

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Melinda Bennett Bill Karisch's Friend
- Sheila Bojorquez-Charles Lehmann's Daughter
- Debra Bradley Garry Synatschk's Mother
- 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
- Gavon Grayson-Glenn and Stacy Zoch's Friend
- 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

- Audrey Koenning
- Theresa Krause Diana Roeber's Friend
- Mary Lehmann
- John Lievsay, Jr Kelly Franke's Brother
- 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
- Michelle Smith
- Amy Wagner

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- 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 Elna Koenning in loving memory of Delton Koenning and in celebration for Elna Koenning's and Bryan Burton's birthdays.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:

Sunday, November 19th

- 9:00am Worship Service with Communion Sanctuary
- 10:15am Sunday School/Bible Study *Education Building*
- 1:00pm 4-H Meeting Education Building

Monday, November 20th

• 7:00pm – Church Council – Education Building

Tuesday, November 21st

- 11:00am LWML Education Building
- 7:00pm WACA Book Club Zilss Hall

Wednesday, November 22nd

- 9:30am Bible Class Education Building
- 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service Sanctuary

Sunday, November 26th – Last Sunday of the Church Year

- 9:00am Worship Service *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am Christmas Program Practice Sanctuary
- 10:15am Christmas Tree Setup Sanctuary

Sunday School: Today, students study "A Returning Truth." Banished to the island of Patmos, John receives a revelation of the new heaven and new earth. In this climax to the Book of Revelation, John describes the indescribable—the Lamb of God in His glory with His people in their eternal home. As a family, you could discuss, "How does God reassure us concerning His return on the Last Day?"

Casserole Crew: Katrina Miertschin is on for the month of November. If you know of someone with a need for a meal in the congregation or community, please contact Katrina at (979)702-0951.

Offering of Nonperishable Food Items: At this year's Thanksgiving Eve service, we will collect a special offering of nonperishable food items. Please bring these items along with you to the service where we will have a special opportunity to place them at the altar before they are gathered together to be taken to AMEN food pantry in La Grange.

GEMS: All girls 5th-12th grade are invited to attend our monthly GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service) meeting on Sunday, November 26, at 2:00 at Holy Cross, Warda. This month we will have a special service project as we color Christmas bookmarks and assemble gift bags to give away to seasoned LWML members. Please join us for this time of fellowship, service, and fun! Contact Ruth Meyer at 979-540-9868 with any questions.

Rehearsals for Children's Christmas Eve Program: At this year's Christmas Eve Service, we will once again be blessed to enjoy a program put on by the children of our congregation. If you would like your child or grandchild to participate, please plan on having them attend all rehearsals for the children's program. Rehearsals will take place during the Sunday School Hour each week and begin November 26th. There will also be a final rehearsal at 6:00pm on Wednesday, December 20th. In order to ensure that the children are well-prepared for their songs and speaking parts, attendance at each of the December rehearsals is mandatory. Please contact Amanda Hart at 979-540-0600 or another member of the Board of Education for more information.

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/ to look at the summer and activities.





Hello ministry partners. We have a lot of activity on the near horizon here at Abba's House, with families from Afghanistan, Ukraine, and China all anticipated within the next few weeks. As our ministry volume increases, we are making a big push to recruit some more volunteers. Especially needed are women who are available on weekday mornings to work with our refugee women and children as they adjust to life here in the U.S. Below is a link to our next volunteer orientation/training on Monday, Nov. 27 from 9-11, along with an invite to our monthly community dinner. Please promote amongst your community as you see fit. This is a great opportunity for people to work in a direct hands-on way with newly arrived refugees from all over the world. We have much to give, and much to receive through these beautiful interactions. Thanks!

Volunteer

orientation: https://abbashousetexas.wufoo.com/forms/mxtwzz40eb6ylo/

Community

dinner: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70AoD49ACAC22A7F85-

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Rev. Michael Meissner





FOOD DONATION!

Sponsored by: Winchester 4-H







December 6 - 20, 2023

Non-perishable items

All donations benefit AMEN Food Pantry



Donation box



St. Michael's Lutheran Church











POINSETTIAS AT CHRISTMAS

We will soon be celebrating the birth of our Lord on Christmas. We would like to have Poinsettias in our church for the Christmas Season. The beauty of the Poinsettias gives praise and glory to the birth of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

We will be selling Poinsettias with the proceeds going to the LWML. The Poinsettia plants will cost you \$10.00, will have 4 to 6 blooms and will be fully dressed. The plants will remain in church until after the New Year's Eve Service when you may take them home.

Please fill out the form below and give it along with your \$10.00 to Mirlyn Griffin no later than Sunday, November 26th. Be sure to designate what you want printed in the bulletin (Memorial or Honorarium) about your Poinsettia. **Sorry, no late orders can be accepted.**

We will look forward to having the church ablaze in the beauty of your Poinsettias at Christmastime.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM (Please print clearly)	
Name	Phone
I wish to order #Poinsettias at \$10.00 each.	
Enclosed is my check (or cash) for \$	
Please print the following in the bulletin about my P	oinsettias: