



St. Michael  
Lutheran Church  
**THE HERALD**



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ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
**MEETING**

**SUN., JANUARY 28, 2024**

***Immediately following the  
second worship service.***

***Mark your calendars and plan to join us for  
this very important Annual Meeting of our  
Congregation. We want and need your  
input and your votes.***



## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:30am	Traditional Worship
9:30am	Coffee Hour
9:40am	Sunday School
10:45am	Contemporary Worship

The following was found on Facebook from one of our Food Pantry clients:

*"Thank you St. Michael's church on Whiteford Center. I have been having a whopper of a year, not in a good way. I have been carry a whole bale of 'straws' on my back, recently almost to my breaking point. St. Michael's provided Christmas gifts for my kid's, I don't think I was going to be able to do it on my own this year. In addition, gave 6 bags of food, which included a Christmas dinner setup. I just want them to know how much this means to me. Not sure how it happened but my kids are incredible, and deserve way more then I'm providing. Please, if any of the parish see this, pass the appreciation on, you guys are doing great things. Thank you for everything. Job well done St. Michael."*



The Angel Tree and Social Ministry Board send out a **BIG THANK YOU** to our congregation for your support and generosity to the Angel Tree



*"I would like to thank you for the food you gave out on Dec. 9, 2023. But I also want to thank you for all that you do to serve God's people. May God bless this church abundantly."*

Ruth Brown  
Food Pantry Client



Thank you to all of our St. Michael Church Family for your love and support during this past holiday season. Thank you, also, for the many gifts, cards and good wishes that you so generously shared with us. We so appreciate each and every one of you and your love and service to our church. May God bless you with good health, prosperity, and the love of family and friends throughout 2024. And may God bless St. Michael Lutheran Church!

Your Church Staff,  
Pastor Shawn, Judy, Karin, Rita, Melinda,  
Melisha, Mark, Peter, Beth



**JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS**

Jan. 7

Jan. 14 Jeremy, Abbie, Rayna Miller

Jan. 21 Rita Bunge

Jan. 28 Bill & Cheri Mannor

**NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT**

Avg. Attendance: 155

Sunday Offering:

\*YTD income as of 11/30/23      \$327,90\*

\*YTD expenses as of 11/30/23:    \$284,106\*

\*Actual figures after bank reconciliation.



**ST. MICHAEL FOOD PANTRY**

**2nd Saturday of the Month**

**Time: 9:30 - 10:30am**

**UPCOMING DATES:**

**January 13, 2024**

**February 10, 2024**

**March 9, 2024**

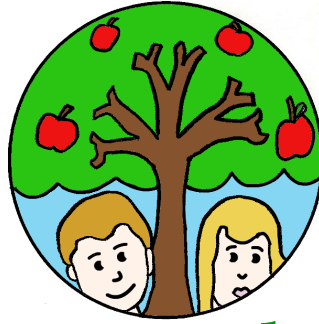
For all Monroe County residents experiencing food insecurity.



Men's Fellowship

**THE MIGHTY MEN OF ST MICHAEL** will meet on **Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 8:30am** in the church Gathering Room. All St. Michael men are invited and encouraged to join us for breakfast and lively conversation. Questions? Call the church office.





## Eve Circle

### ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF ST. MICHAEL

The women of **Eve Circle** would like to invite you to join us as we continue to meet each month. We would love to welcome you to our group!

**Eve Circle** will meet on **Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024 at 7:00pm** in the Gathering Room. Please plan to join us. Questions? Contact the church office.



## Social Ministry

### MEETINGS IN JANUARY

**Jan. 10, 2024 at 9:30am**

Social Ministry Board Meeting

The next Card Makers' meeting is **Jan. 24, 2024**  
**at 9:30am in the GR.**

## JANUARY USHER SCHEDULE

### USHERS - 8:30 SERVICE

JAN 07 JOE HUSS' TEAM  
JAN 14 BRAD BECK'S TEAM  
JAN 21 NICK KISSOFF'S TEAM  
JAN 28 BETH PAULI'S TEAM



### USHERS - 10:45 SERVICE

JAN 07 BART SARKISIAN'S TEAM  
JAN 14 CAL OLMSTEAD'S TEAM  
JAN 21 RICH MENZEL'S TEAM  
JAN 28 TINA CALHOUN'S TEAM



## **NEW GROWTH COMMITTEE**

We are looking for volunteers to join the newly formed Growth Committee. This team will concentrate on finding creative ways to intentionally grow the Church.

The Growth Committee will hold a series of 1 hour meetings after the 2nd worship service beginning on January 21. The team will brainstorm ideas, discuss alternatives and come up with a growth plan recommendation to the Church Council.

If you are interested in participating with this important mission, please contact Rich Menzel or Karin Johnstone.

For last year's  
words belong to  
last year's  
language and next  
year's words await  
another voice.

T.S. Eliot

LaWhimsy//Monday Mantra



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Diana Beck Jeanie Holzscheiter	2 <i>Brad &amp; Katie Heineman</i>	3 Bill Mannor	4	5 Logan Lykowski	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Pam Alexander
14 Mary Kulwicki	15	16 <i>Roger &amp; Mary Brushaber</i>	17	18 Doreen Pant	19	20 Daniel Bunge
21	22 Sandra Fisher	23 Terry Potter	24 Rita bunge	25 Samuel Packard	26	27 Ken Chambers
28 Zachary Dickerson	29	30 Neil Maloy David Zolg <i>Brian &amp; Doreen Pant</i>	31 Kathleen Pfenning			

## JANUARY YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

JAN. 7: Youth Group 7:00-8:30pm

JAN. 14: Youth Group 7:00-8:30pm

JAN. 21 Youth Group 7:00-8:30pm

*JAN. 28 Ice Skating @ Ottawa Park 7:00pm*



## SHORT TERM PRAYER REQUESTS



**Jim** (recovering from open heart surgery; Christine Bischoff's cousin)  
**Marlene Wagner** (recovering from surgery; Rich & Julie Menzel's mother)  
**Becky** (death of one of her newborn twins; Denise Osburn's sister-in-law's niece)  
**Jaxson** (newborn w/health issues; great-grandson of Dianne Richason)  
**Christy Johnson** (upcoming surgery; Michaelene Johnson's daughter-in-law)  
**Dave Shaner** (brain disease; Dan Sadoski's stepson)  
**Kathy** (stroke, on a vent; friend of Deb Wade)  
**Bob** (stroke; friend of Christine Bischoff)  
**Matt Thieman** (paralyzed from chest down in tree-trimming accident; 37 yr old friend of C. Machcinski)  
**Laura & Family** (Laura beginning treatment for breast cancer; relative of the Bottles family)  
**Brian Armstead** (recovering from several broken bones due to a fall; friend of Suanne Cline)  
**Family & Friends of Robert E. Maloy** (Rob Maloy's father)  
**Family & Friends of Mel Briskey** (Pam Briskey's brother-in-law)



## LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Our active military personnel: **Dan Clifford, Kelsie Kennedy, Nathan Calcamuggio, Andrew Rohrer, Jacob Fojtik**

**Faith Lutheran Church** (our mission church in Idaho)  
**Mexico Mission, Monterrey, Mexico** (Pastors Victor, Juan and Enrique)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Just a reminder that names on the short term prayer list remain there for one month and then, if prayers are still needed, they are moved to the long term prayer list where they will remain until the end of the current year.

**ALSO:** Names on the long term prayer list are removed at the end of the year. If you have persons you would like to remain on the long term list, please call the church office.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 3pm Bible Study	3 7pm Chancel Choir	4 7pm Floor Hockey	5 3pm Altar Care	6 8:30am Mighty Men
7 8:30am Trad. Wor; 9:40am Sun. Sch. 10:45am Cont. Wor. 7pm Youth Group	8 5:30pm Tumbling 5:30pm ECL Board 6:30pm Church Council	9 3pm Bible Study	10 9:30am Soc. Min. 7pm Chancel Choir	11 7pm Floor Hockey	12	13 9:30am Food Pantry
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28 8:30am Trad. Wor; 9:40am Sun. Sch. 9:40am M/W Board 10:45am Cont. Wor. 12noon <b>ANNUAL MEETING</b> 7pm Youth Ice skating	29 5:30pm Tumbling	30 3pm Bible Study	31 7pm Chancel Choir			





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**CHURCH STAFF 2023**

**ASSISTANT PASTOR**, Shawn Jennings  
**OFFICE MANAGER**, Judy East  
**OPERATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS MGR**, Karin Johnstone  
**WORSHIP TEAM LEADER**, Mark Elvey  
**CHOIR DIRECTOR**, Peter Kramp  
**ORGANISTS**, Rita Bunge, Melinda Olmstead, Judy East  
**FINANCIAL SECRETARY**, Beth Pauli  
**CUSTODIAN**, Melisha Cole

**CHURCH COUNCIL - EXECUTIVE BOARD 2023**

<b>PRESIDENT</b> , Jeremy Miller	2nd yr 2nd tm
<b>VICE-PRESIDENT</b> , Jimmie Hawkins	1st yr 1st tm
<b>SECRETARY</b> , Debbie Arnold	2nd yr 2nd tm
<b>TREASURER</b> , Kathy Silvestri	1st yr 2nd tm

**BOARD CHAIRPERSONS 2023**

<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>EVANGELISM, CONG. LIFE</b> , Ron Pfenning	1st yr 1st tm
<b>WORSHIP/MUSIC</b> , Janet Hutchinson	1st yr 1st tm
<b>FINANCE/HUMAN RES.</b> , Rich Menzel	1st yr 2nd tm
<b>PROPERTIES</b> , Ted Lang	2nd yr 2nd tm
<b>SOCIAL MINISTRY</b> , Sharon Sahloff	1st yr 1st tm
<b>STEWARDSHIP</b> ,	<b>Open</b>
<b>YOUTH</b> , Reid Olmstead	1st yr 1st tm

**\*Call the church office for contact information  
if you wish to communicate with any of these staff or council members.**

**Elected Odd Years:** Vice Pres., Secretary, Worship &  
sic, Christian Ed., Stewardship, Finance/HR

**Elected Even Years:** Pres., Evangelism/CL, Properties,  
Social Ministry, Youth

*Revised 10/31/23*