

Weekend Regular Worship

Saturday	5:30 PM	Informal
Sunday	8:00 AM	Traditional
	10:45 AM	Blended

Communion is offered the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:45 AM, and on the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 8:00 AM (and the Saturday before, at 5:30 PM).

9:15 AM Way Station Sunday School & Bible Classes/Classes for all ages, from 2 years old, to youth and adult.

Wednesday Illuminate Bible Studies

Dinner	5:30 PM	(\$6)
Studies	6:15-7:30 PM	
Middle & High School FOCUS	5:30-7:30 PM	

Don't forget to use the
online calendar found on the
first page of www.smlcs.org.



The Messenger

St. Michael Lutheran Church and School
3595 Broadway, Fort Myers, Florida 33901
239-939-4711 **www.smlcs.org**

Drawing people to God's love in Jesus, and empowering them to become fully devoted followers of Christ.

From The Pastor – Reverend Jon Zehnder

“SHMILY”

There was an article I had received years ago about a couple that had been married for over 50 years and over those years they played a game – and the goal of that game was to write the word “shmily” in a surprise place for the other to find. So they took turns leaving “shmily” around the house and as soon as one of them discovered it, it was their turn to hide it again.

They dragged “shmily” with their fingers through the sugar and flour containers; they smeared it on the dew on the windows and in the steam left on the mirror after a hot shower; one even unrolled an entire roll of toilet paper to leave “shmily” on the very last sheet – there was no end to places “shmily” would pop up – notes on dashboards, on car seats, taped to steering wheels, notes stuffed inside of shoes, or left under pillows.

This couple's grandson wrote, “This mysterious word was as much a part of my grandparent's house as the furniture. It took me a long time before I was

able to fully appreciate my grandparent's game. It was more than flirtations – it was a way of life. Their relationship was based on devotion and passionate affection.”

There's more to this story, you can google it if you'd like, but the secret to the “shmily” riddle is that the letters stand for **See How Much I Love You**.

That's what this season of lent that begins on February 22 is all about. It is our God of grace's way of showing us how much He loved us! Every time you see that cross or contemplate that sacrifice – God thought of you above all. And if you would have been the only person on this earth, God still would've sent Jesus to cover your sin so that you could live with Him now and forever.

There is no greater expression of love. It was in light of that love that Paul could say, *“If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also along with Jesus freely give us all good things?”*
(Romans 8:31-32)

Come and celebrate that love of God for you and witness the word “shmily” scrawled across a cross and emblazoned in the morning light around an empty tomb!

LENT

Lent begins **THIS** month with **Ash Wednesday**, on February 22. Now our Lenten observance is a 40-day commemoration - originally Lent lasted 40-hours to remember the time Jesus lay in the tomb but then it was extended to 40-days to remember His temptation in the wilderness. Since Sundays were never fasting days, Lent runs 6 weeks.

Join us at our midweek worship services held on **Wednesdays at Noon** and at **6:15 p.m.** Dinner is available before the worship services.

Sermon Series

We will wrap up our “Renew” series and start a new series “Hope for Losers” on Feb 26th.

Feb 05 – “Grace Changes Everything”

Feb 12 – “Renewal of Yourself”

Feb 19 – “Heaven”

Feb 26 – “Hope for Spiritual Losers”

From Our School Principal

212 Degrees: STEAM Power!

Are you familiar with the book series *212 Degrees*? Check out this web site. <http://store.simpletruths.com/212-the-extra-degree-cl153.aspx> The premise is that 1 degree makes all the difference.

From 211 to 212 degrees, water changes to steam. What is normal and

natural suddenly changes into a powerful force, steam. **We are committed to grow 1 degree in all areas of our school!** This past week Mr. Rhinehart and I were at the POLS and LEA-NAC national conference. [www.lcmspols.org & http://www.arrowheadregistration.org/info.php?a=msg&id=700&s=83&sess=USER_0] We were on the leadership teams for both groups. Look at the topics of the programs we were exposed to. We learn so much that helps us grow by 1 degree! Our entire staff will work through the *212 degree* service module between now and next school year!

Here are some key items from the last issue you might have missed:

1. Just before the school break I sent out an email asking you to participate in a survey from us administered online by Grace Works Ministry. Please take the

time to take the survey. I will be sending our email reminders and a survey codes for 2nd adult in each family unit. There are some nice incentives for students. **“As a thank you for your participation we will be giving the students a ticket for the choice drawings, a dress down coupon, and a ticket for a free**



Harness the power of 212° in 2012

cookie in the lunch line. Just print the email page that you receive and sign off that you completed the survey online and return to the classroom teacher.”

2. Re-Registration will begin with the Semester Showcase on Wed. the 25th from 3:00-4:00 P.M.! See the online calendar at: <http://www.smlcs.org/smls.htm> Come one, Come all! Walk around the campus at the Semester Showcase and do 3 things!

- Visit your current classroom.
- Visit next year’s classroom.
- Visit your special subject areas.

Students are to bring their families to school to see the excellent work they are doing in their classrooms and then go as a family and visit the next grade level up to learn about the exciting things that await you next school term. Meet and greet my excellent staff in person! Please do invite your friends and neighbors and work colleagues to come with you! Each one reach one, so we have capacity enrollment!

3. The school Board has not increased the cost of attending SMLS for the 2012-13 school term. The total tuition rates will remain the same. (This has not been done since the ‘95-‘96 term) To accomplish the ministry work program (budget) which includes this calculated risk we are asking everyone to help us increase enrollment. Watch for more information about the, “Each One Reach One +!” incentive program and tell your friends and neighbors that they can take tours at ten daily or by appointment.

Celebrating together!

Robert Ziegler, School Principal



Baptisms

January 07

Jett Robert Drury

Looking Ahead — Keep checking our St. Michael Lutheran website for our online calendar with event updates: www.smlcs.org

February

Boy Scout Sunday

05

Seniors On the Go—Identity Theft Workshop

12 @ Noon

Valentines Day

14

SMLS Grandparents Day at school

17

Living Well with God and Attitude

19

Ash Wednesday — 22 @ Noon & 6:15 PM

5th Annual Covenant Marriage Affirmation

Ceremony & Reception

24 @ 6:00 PM

SMLC Voter's Meeting

26 @ 9:30 AM

Wednesday Lenten Worship

29, @ Noon and @ 6:15 PM

March

Volunteer Property Work Day

3 @ 8 AM

SMLS Art Fair (4:30-6PM) NJHS Ceremony

4 @ 4:30 PM

National Lutheran Schools Week 4th-10th

Dynamic Marriage Sessions Begin

7

Wednesday Lenten Worship

7,14,21,28, @ Noon and @ 6:15 PM

Family Retreat in Alva/Board of Fellowship

09-11 @ Riverside Retreat

Daylight Savings Time Begins — 11

Martin Luther High School Choir at SMLC

18 @ 7 PM

SMLS Bid For Kids Auction

24 @ 5:30 PM, 2012

<http://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/calendar.aspx?ci=L6L6F0F0J4F009N8H2>

April

Palm Sunday-

01 @ 9:30 AM in gymnasium

Easter Egg Hunt & BBQ and Blood Drive

Wednesday 4 —No Illuminate/Youth activities

Maundy Thursday

5 @ Noon and @ 6:15 PM

Good Friday

6 @ Noon and @ 6:15 PM

Easter Sunday

8 @ 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 AM

Easter Breakfast, \$5 each @ 7:30-9:45 AM

Easter Feast

after 11:00 service (signup at sound booth)

22nd Annual Golf Tournament

28 @ Noon, Check In

Fifth Sunday Breakfast — 29

May

National Day of Prayer

3

Mother's Day

13

8th Grade Confirmand Retreat w/parents

4-6

School Piano and Violin Recital (all welcome)

19 @ 11 AM

Confirmation/Communion all services

20

Spring School Concert

24 @ 6 PM

Memorial Day Observed

28, No school

Not a
baptist

Attention all Married Couples! You are cordially invited to attend our
5th Annual Covenant Marriage Affirmation Ceremony and Reception

Friday, February 24, 2012 ~ 6:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary

What is a Covenant Marriage Affirmation Ceremony you ask? It is an opportunity for you, as a couple, to confirm your belief that marriage is a covenant relationship (a promise between God, you, and your spouse) intended by God to be a lifelong relationship.

Cost is \$50 per couple (scholarships are available) This includes:

- ♥ Covenant Marriage Ceremony
- ♥ Dinner Reception
- ♥ Wedding flowers for couple
- ♥ Music and dancing
- ♥ A special gift

- ♣ Wives: Dress for a nice evening out
- ♣ Husbands: A jacket and tie



We ask that you please bring a photo from your wedding and a recent photo to the Church Office Center by February 5th to share at the event. All photos will be returned.

Questions, please contact Toni Martin in the Church office at 939-4711 x231
Don't forget to mark your calendar for Friday February 24!

Reservation Form (Please Print)

Couple's Name: _____
 Month/Day/Year Married: _____ Would you need babysitting services? _____
 E-mail: _____ Telephone #: _____

Please make checks payable to St. Michael and on the memo line put: Marriage Affirmation. You can place the form with the check in the collection plate or turn them into the office center.

Reservation Deadline is Friday, February 10th ~ Thank You!

Single Volunteers Needed! If you are single, but would like to be part of this special event, please contact Toni.
We need help with set up, serving, and take down.

Attention all you singles!

Do you have a passion for serving?

Did you always dream of being a waiter or waitress?

Is Photography your hobby?

Would you like to babysit the kids?

Do you just like to talk to people?

If so, we have an opportunity for you to live out your dream at our
5th Annual Covenant Marriage Affirmation Ceremony and Reception

Friday, February 24, 2012

This is a ceremony where couples come together to reaffirm their wedding vows before God and each other. Enjoy a nice sit down dinner and a little dancing. We, as singles, treat the married couples.

If you are single and would be interested in volunteering for this event, please fill out the form below and return to the church office either by placing in offering plate or mailing to: St. Michael Lutheran Attn: Toni, 3595 Broadway, FM 33901. If you have any questions, call Toni Martin at 939-1218 x231.

Volunteer Form (Please Print)

Name: _____ Telephone #: _____
 E-mail address: _____

I would be willing to volunteer (please circle all interests):

Waiter/Waitress	Photography	Help with Set up
Watch children here on campus	Help with Clean up	
Make bridal bouquets and boutonnières		

Why I Am A Lutheran

It is often believed that when it comes to other religions, church denominations and fellow Christians, we need not be overly concerned with what they believe and teach about God or Christ, as long as they believe and teach about God or Christ. The assumption is that the content of one's belief in Christ or God doesn't matter as long as one believes. But is this true? An example from the medical field may help us find the answer. I think that we would all agree that when it comes to our doctors or our surgeons,

we want those who not only believe in medical practices and procedures, but also those who believe in the correct medical practices and procedures. We want this because we are concerned about our physical life and well-being. So too, but more importantly, it is with Christianity and our spiritual life and well-being. Therefore, it should matter to us not only that a person believe in the Bible, Christ and how we are saved, but it should also matter what a person believes about the Bible,

Christ and how we are saved. The correct belief matters.

As Lutherans, we believe that the scriptures contain only one truth, not many, only one teaching, not many, concerning the Bible, Christ and how we are saved. We believe that God did not give us many roads that lead to salvation, but only one, and it is a narrow one. Therefore, not everyone who says "Lord, Lord" has the correct teaching about the Lord. And not having the correct teaching is false teaching, and false teaching places

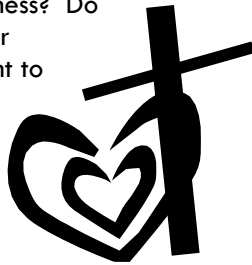
obstacles in the path of the Holy Spirit that can lead us away from Christ and even cost us salvation.

We should always be concerned and vigilant about the content of our belief and about the belief of others. That concern and vigilance is just another reason by which we answer the question, "Why are you a Lutheran?"

Facing Illness –Living Well With God and Attitude

You are Invited!

Are you looking for hope and strength to live with a better attitude despite your condition or illness? Do you want to discover ideas that are meant to lift you up in your times of discomfort or distress?



Join us on Sunday, February 19th, following the 10:45 AM worship service, in the cafeteria as we welcome our guest speaker, Dr. Keith Susko, who can share his medical expertise.

Keith Susko, M.D. graduated with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Arizona, College of Engineering with a biomedical emphasis. He earned his medical degree and did his medical internship at Eastern Virginia Medical School, in Norfolk, Virginia. Dr. Susko is Board Certified by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, with a sub-specialty Board Certification in Pain Medicine.

Dr. Susko has developed numerous presentations and lectures concerning myofascial trigger point evaluations, osteoporosis, electromyography, cerebral palsy, and low back pain. He is board eligible in Bariatric Medicine. Relying on his experience and skills, he enjoys helping patients with rehabilitation issues, pain problems, and weight loss.

You are invited to hear Dr. Susko speak. Please sign up at the sound booth in the church sanctuary, or call the Church office to RSVP.

A delicious meal will also be served at this presentation.

Free will offerings will be accepted. Questions? Contact Lars Marell 849-1660.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

Psalm 146:5 (NIV)

SeniorFest 2012
Held at Zion Lutheran!
February 15, 2012



Lift Up Your Hearts SeniorFest 2012

SeniorFest 2012
at
Zion Lutheran Church Fort Myers

Save the date:
Wednesday
February 15, 2012

More information coming soon!

Engaging Speakers

Laughter

Fellowship

Delicious Lunch

FUN

ALOHA FLORIDA SENIORFEST

Parish Nurse

February is HEART MONTH

LEE MEMORIAL HEALTH SYSTEMS CARDIAC GUIDELINES
HEART ATTACK SIGNS - CALL 911

• CHEST DISCOMFORT, uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back.

- DISCOMFORT IN OTHER AREAS OF THE UPPER BODY may be felt in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
- SHORTNESS OF BREATH often occurs with or before chest discomfort.
- OTHER SIGNS may include breaking out into a cold sweat, nausea or light headedness.

Blessings,
Ann Sluiter RN Parish Nurse

Amigos en Cristo



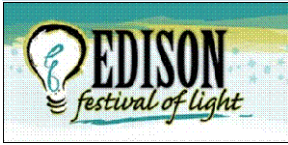
Please Save The Date: Wednesday March 28th, 12pm-1pm for the Friends of Amigos Luncheon at the Hilton in Naples. For more information, please contact Leah McCann at: (239) 297-9658 or email: leah@amigoscenter.org.

If you or someone you know are interested in learning more about the Amigos Center ministry, please contact Leah McCann at: 239-297-9658 or leah@amigoscenter.org.



Amigos en Cristo Inc.
25999 Old 41 Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34135
www.amigoscenter.org

Tickets and a seat for you!



Seats for the Edison Festival of Lights Parade (Feb. 18th) are available for purchase again this year for \$10 each.

Please make checks out to St. Michael.

Contact Cindy Weis if you are interested, ckweisstreetseats@gmail.com or call 849-2807. Thanks for supporting the St. Michael high school Youth Ministry as they



prepare for various activities including summer mission trips.



St. Michael Family Retreat
Riverside Retreat Center

Board of Fellowship

◀ Make plans to join us for the 2012 St. Michael Family Retreat at the Riverside Retreat Center in LaBelle March 9-11th.

Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

Last year, we had 50 people attend for fellowship and fun for all ages. We have room this year for 95 people and expect a full house. Sign up in the Narthex.

Caring Meal Ministry

Since October we have delivered 29 meals to individuals and families at a time when it was most needed. We will continue serving as needs arise in this ministry.

If you have questions or would like to help serve, please contact Sheila Ward, 239-267-4646 or wards1973@gmail.com.



Property Work Day March 3rd

Volunteer Property Work Day is now scheduled for Saturday, March 3rd from 8AM-Noon. Please bring your gardening tools and gloves as we will be removing and replacing plants and trees where deemed necessary. Thank you in advance, any assistance is greatly appreciated!



Prayer Shawl Ministry – Quilt Drawing April 1st

Our ministry serves many people including shut-ins, chemo therapy patients, school graduates and the Dominican Republic children. To help support our efforts we are selling tickets for a beautiful antique-embroidered, homemade queen-sized quilt. ▶

The drawing will be held at the Palm Sunday BBQ; winner need not be present to win. Tickets are only \$1 each or 6/\$5. Buy your ticket in the Narthex on Sunday mornings or see any Prayer Shawl member. The quilt will be on display in the church narthex beginning in February. Questions? Call Janice Waldren 239-220-4333.



Church Greeters for the Month

Feb 05	8:00 a.m. Lois LaPorte 10:45 a.m. Richard & Reta Wadley
Feb 12	8:00 a.m. Bill & Kathie Truax 10:45 a.m. Claire Middleton
Feb 19	8:00 a.m. William & Polly Bryden 10:45 a.m. Judy Ward
Feb 26	8:00 a.m. Kim Arnold 10:45 a.m. Marilyn Lehman

Thirty Years of Ministry for LSF



Thirty years ago, Lutheran Services Florida was resettling refugees fleeing from unspeakably cruel government treatment in places like Uganda, Vietnam and Cuba. Through the prayers and financial support of Lutherans from across the state, LSF now operates more than 60 programs delivering healing, hope and help to tens of thousands each year.

For more information about the work of LSF, please visit our website at www.lsfnet.org.

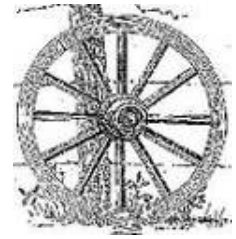
Seniors On The Go

- Sun. Feb. 12 — Our monthly dinner (\$6.50 per person) will be held in the cafeteria at 12:00 PM. Our featured speaker, will be Mr. Anthony Nigro, retired police detective and Thrivent Financial representative, speaking on **Identity Theft**.

In less than 1 hr. you'll learn how identity theft occurs, how you can take steps to prevent it, and what to do if your identity is stolen.

Please sign up at the sound booth, or call the church office to reserve a spot for dinner.

- **If you have a desire to serve others in this ministry**, and a gift to organize and plan simple events, please contact Lars Marell, 239-849-1660



5th Wheels

Join us at the 5th Wheels monthly potluck dinner, always the 3rd Friday of the month. **We will meet February 17th at 6PM** in the back of the Office Center at St. Michael. This group invites widows, widowers, mature divorced individuals, and singles. We'd love to have you join us!

Questions? Please contact Violet Zurowski 239-482-2291.

Sunday School & Bible Study Opportunities

9:15-10:30 AM

**Early Childhood Adult Learning Center (ECALC)*

Nursery (0-2)	Church Nursery
Parents & Toddlers	*ECALC, Rm 13
Preschool 3-4	*ECALC, Rm 1
K – 1 st Grade	*Education Bldg. #25 (Flynn)
2 nd -3 rd Grade	*Education Bldg. #4 (McGovern)
4 th -5 th Grade	*Education Bldg. #17 (Art Room)
6 th -8 th Grade (Confirmation)	Band Rm
9 th -12 th Grade	Youth Rm
Parents of Teenagers	*Educ. Bldg. #5 (Teachers Resource Rm)
Marriage Enrichment	*ECALC, Rm 22
Pastor Zehnder's Adult Bible Study	Cafeteria
Pastor Hubbard - Lutheranism #101	Spanish Classroom

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

6:30 pm (3 rd Mondays only)	Stephen Ministry (Continuing Ed. & Supervision Men's Bible Study, 12670 New Brittany Suite #101, call Rob Royston, 939-2222
7:30 am Tuesday	Ladies Bible Study, ECALC, Bdrdm Ladies Exper. Christ, Pstr Conf. Walk Thru Bible, Bdrdm ECALC (Meets 2 nd & 4 th weeks only)
9:30 am Tuesday	Pastor Hubbard Studies, Spanish Ram.
10:00 am Tuesday	Dinners (\$6) in our cafeteria Bible Studies and FOCUS Prayer Shawl/Quilting Ministry (3 rd Thurs), ECALC Boardrm.
5:30 pm Tuesday	Men's Bible breakfast in Pastor's conference room
6:30 pm Tuesday	Men's Ministry/Bible Study
5:30 pm Wednesday	
6:15 -7:30 pm Wednesday	
9:00 am Thursday	
6:45 am Friday	
9:00am Saturday	

Caring Ministries



This one is different!

Want to feel the **passion & excitement** of a newlywed again? Give us 8 weeks and we'll give you 'that'

Dynamic Marriage!

The class that's about transformation, not just information! Dynamic Marriage is our powerful, marriage enrichment course that creates real and lasting change. Unlike many other marriage classes, its distinctive format encourages couples to break through barriers to intimacy, not just talk about them. Over eight weeks, couples meet to discuss new concepts, develop new skills and delve into the unique 'dynamics' of their own marriage.

In Dynamic Marriage You Learn How to...

- Truly commit to your spouse and your marriage

- Experience love at a deeper level of intimacy
- Love one another in the way you each want and need to be loved
- Talk to your spouse in a way they'll really listen and hear you
- Negotiate rather than argue
- Manage your anger and work through conflicts together
- Forgive
- Share in and support each other's dreams



Dynamic Marriage Schedule:

Pre-session (overview, initial homework assignment & books):
Wed., 3/7/12, 6-7 p.m.
(Snacks will be provided).

(8) Sessions: Wednesdays,
3/14/12 - 5/2/12, 6-8:30 p.m.

Childcare is offered. Please call Julie, ASAP, to register your children.

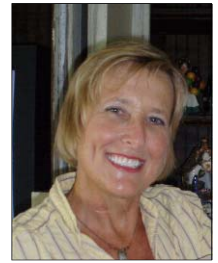
Pre-registration is required and we ask that you complete this process ASAP. Class size will consist of 6-9 couples and meets one night a week for 9 consecutive weeks (including Pre-Session). Cost is \$130.00 per couple for materials, which averages about 8 dollars per person a week! And there's no charge for couples who have taken it before.

For more information, contact: Julie Berchtold, 470-5854 or Lee Berchtold, 872-8999.



Mark September 28-30, 2012 for a gift to each other, and make a difference in the lives of friends by inviting them to attend this Ft. Myers event.

It's called a **Weekend to Remember** for couples and will be held at the **Sanibel Resort and Spa**. See details at www.familylife.com or ask Julie Berchtold for information.



Julie Berchtold, Caring Ministries, offering small group ministry & personal counseling.

Email:

Julie.berchtold@smlcs.com



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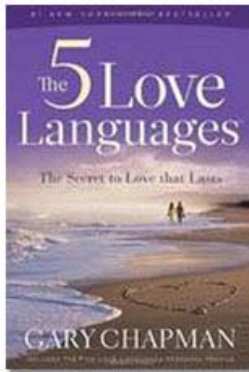
GriefShare

GriefShare has a new session beginning Saturday, January 14th - April 7th. Sessions will be held from 10 AM-Noon. Every person approaches grief with different upbringings, personalities, coping mechanisms and beliefs; this program is designed for all.

If you know of anyone (member or non-member) that you feel may benefit from this, please contact Bob Betancourt at 239-274-8188.

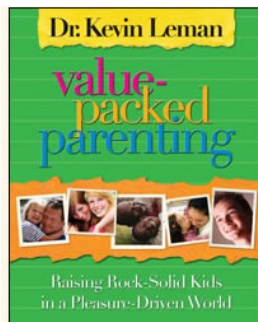
Nurturing Notes from the DCE

Supporting parents as they grow individually as Christians, as couples, and as leaders of their homes is a key value for the Parish Education Board. Raising children to follow their Creator, Savior, and Sanctifier is not easy. We all need to be growing in our own faith. As part of that goal, we are trying to make Sunday morning from 9:15-10:30 a great time for your whole family (not just a time to drop off the students but also a time of growth for parents as well). We wanted to announce a new class that has just begun



because of the growth to the marriage and relationship class. Bill and Megan Minor heard the need for both Biblical marriage and parenting insights on Sunday mornings vs. Wednesday nights so they have moved from Wed. nights to

Sunday mornings. They will rotate between series on marriage and parenting. Right now they are studying the 5 Love Languages by Gary Chapman. The Parenting Tweens/Teens class has moved in the education building to the Teacher Resource room (#5) and is using a series by Kevin Leman "Valued-Packed Parenting" that applies to parents of all ages. In addition, you might want to check out any of the other classes on Sundays.



Pastor's Bible Class
Lutheranism 101
Marriage & Relationship
Marriage & Parenting
Parenting Tweens/Teens

Cafeteria
Spanish Rm.
ECALC Rm. 22
ECALC Bd. Rm.
Ed. Bld. Tchr.
Resource

Children's Ministry



Way Station

During Wake-up (9:15-9:30) in the art room, we'll be practicing a special Third Day song: "Sing Praises" for Palm Sunday Worship that we will sing

with the adult choir. Join us in your classes from 9:30-10:30 for new adventures through the Bible.

Family Vacation Bible School

We had such a great time last year with **FAMILY VBS from 5:30-8:00 that we will be doing it again**

Monday – Thursday, July 16-19. Our

theme is Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity. Mark



your calendars now for this great family experience. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Director, Kati Miser 634-3073 katimiser@gmail.com

Youth Ministry

High School Sunday School

We continue with our study of Esther. Find out how the actions of one person demonstrated God at work even though God's name is never mentioned directly in the book. Connect with your church friends and be empowered by God's word to live for him like Esther did!

Middle School Confirmation

This month we will examine, The Last Commandment, The Passion, The Resurrection, and The Great Commission. Parents please plan to attend Feb. 12. Students should bring



Lori Schwan, Director of Christian Education, provides spiritual guidance and fun for the children.

Email:
lori.schwan@smlcs.org
Phone 239-939-4711
x 224

their Bibles and Living Scripture each week.

We just launched a special confirmation evaluation committee that will be meeting now through May to look at ways to improve and modify our youth confirmation program for the Fall of 2012.

Middle and High School FOCUS

We thank Brian and Chris Risley for sharing a glimpse of what the wise men saw as they used the stars and plants to navigate their way to Jesus. In Feb. we will have FOCUS as usual until Lent services begin on Feb. 22 with Ash Wed. Dinners at 5:30 (\$6/person) and FOCUS will wrap up all month at 7:30 PM. Bring a friend!

Edison Festival of Lights Parade

If you haven't gotten your parade seats purchased for Sat. Feb. 18, please see Cindy Weis in the Narthex or e-mail her at

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ckweisstreetseats@gmail.com. High School Youth and families helping with set-up should arrive at 2 PM. Tear down hands are also needed for about 20 minutes after the parade is over.

FL-GA High School District Youth Gathering



High School students, register now for Mar. 2-4 FL-GA District High School Youth Gathering in Orlando. It will have a new face this year: DJ (no band) and 3-4 local big servant events. Cost is \$150 if registered by Feb. 1 and \$160 if Feb. 19. Adults interested should contact Lori Schwan for an application.

High School Seniors and Parents

Your last year in High School is more than half way through. Parents and seniors, join us on Sun. Feb. 12 in Mrs. Rhinehart's 5th grade classroom (# 31) from 9:15-10:30 as we take a moment to pause and see what lies ahead in the coming months. Support one another and see how God wants you to use this precious time

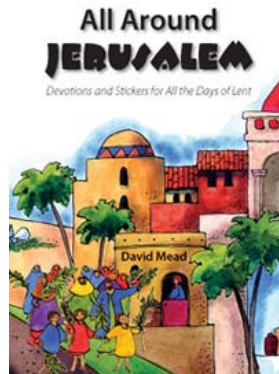


through our Faith Stepping Stones Graduation class.

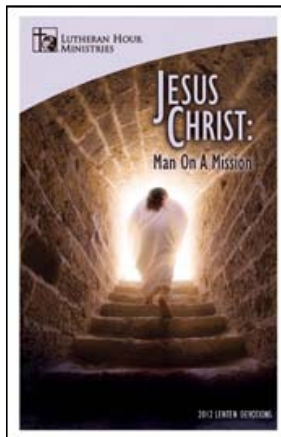
Lenten Devotions

Starting the weekend of Feb. 11 & 12, we will have two kinds of devotions available for Lent (which begins Ash Wed. Feb. 22).

Families with kids will love the *All Around Jerusalem*:



A Lenten Sticker Journey with Jesus. Adults will enjoy Lutheran Hour Ministries' 2012 Lenten Devotions, *Jesus Christ: Man On A Mission*. The earthly life and ministry of Jesus is



brought into sharp focus through the powerful words of the Gospel of Mark. Follow this Man on a mission, as He conquers the powers of darkness for you—Jesus Christ, the Lord and Savior of all! This year you can choose how you get the adult devotions: pick up regular or large print versions in the narthex, get a booklet for e-readers in PDF version, have them e-mailed to you daily or listen via www.lentendevotions.net.

Christian Book Fair for Easter
Like we did before Christmas, we will hold a Christian book fair by Concordia Publishing House, February 19-March 11, in the Narthex at all services. Consider Easter books as gifts for kids in your family, end of the year teacher gifts, graduation gifts, Women's and Men's studies and gifts for Mother's and Father's Days.

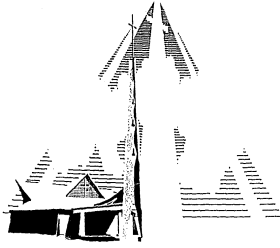
Usher Schedule	
8:00 A.M.	10:45 A.M.
<i>Please contact the head usher if you are unable to serve as scheduled, or secure your own replacement. If YOU would like to serve as an usher, please contact the church office at 939-4711, and let us know which service you prefer.</i>	
February 5	
John Hoffmann...936-8362 Philip Irish Richard Rybak Kathy Royston Don Zehnder Elaine Everhart	Dee Lemke...731-3727 Chase Kollmann Zeke Michael Marty Natter Chuck Oliver Crysta Oliver
February 12	
Bill Truax...482-8418 John Hoffmann Charles Cook Elaine Everhart Bob Richardson Sharon Harrington	Tom Kosteno...489-4398 Bud Snell Chuck Oliver Leroy Waldren Marty Natter Ken Fritsch
February 19	
Don Zehnder...267-1414 Justin Gehringer Jack Polhman Elaine Everhart Dale Mast John Hoffmann	Leroy Waldren...989-1048 Frank Most Roy Hendry Diane Hendry Ken Fritsch Darlene Fritsch
February 26	
Richard Rybak...567-0149 John Hoffmann Bill Truax Kathy Royston Justin Gehringer Jack Pohlman	Elaine Everhart...543-8527 Dee Lemke Bud Snell Marty Natter Diane Hendry Roy Hendry
March 4	
Charles Cook...936-5969 Sharon Harrington Dale Mast Bob Richardson Jack Pohlman Kathy Royston	Frank Most...274-7789 Ken Fritsch Darlene Fritsch Tom Kosteno Leroy Waldren Bud Snell

Acolyte Schedule	
8:00 AM	10:45 AM
February 5 (Scout Sunday)	
A- McKenzie Yelvington A- Jared Irizarry	C- Christian LeSueur A- Megan Ward A- David Engstrom
February 12	
C- Kayla Wherry A- Dana Wherry A- Allison Denison	A- Christian Bottorff A- Christofer Zinn
February 19	
A- Justin Irizarry A- Dana Wherry	C- Nalani Garcia A- Janet Oliver A- Hannah Zinn
February 22 Ash Wednesday at 6:15	
C- Sarah Tice A- Christian Bottorff A- Christofer Zinn	
February 26	
C- Christian LeSueur A- McKenzie Yelvington A- Jared Irizarry	A- Tommy Hoolihan A- PJ Yaloff
February 29 Lenten service at 6:15	
A- Lauren Abbott A- Peyton Staas	
If you cannot serve when scheduled, PLEASE find your own replacement AND also notify the office at 939-4711 by MONDAY of the change to Sunday Service and by Friday for a mid-week service. Names are printed in the bulletin according to this schedule.	



Missionary Aurora Sandell in Cambodia

Please look for her monthly newsletter now posted on the same online page as our St. Michael newsletter. Additional copies are available in the Narthex.



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- Getting Ready for the 2013 Synodical Convention.
- The Place of Campus Ministry.
- Hallowed be Thy Name (What Does This Mean?).
- A Schedule of 2012 District Conventions.

Watch for new articles almost every month. Copies are available on the Narthex desk.

The Jan. 16, 2012 LCA meeting presenters included Ft. Wayne Seminary president, Dr. Larry Rast, Rev. Kevin Vogts, Rev. Michael Kumm, Synods second vice president, Dr. John Wohlrabe, Mr. Walter Disson, Esq. and Mr. Scott Meyer, Esq.. We believe most of their presentations will be published in upcoming Clarion articles.

If you have any comments or desire additional information regarding the Clarion, please contact Mr. Don Zehnder on 239-267-1414. He is currently serving on the national LCA Board of Directors.

Fellowship and Volunteer Opportunities

Do you see an opportunity
for you?:

**Marriage Affirmation
Dinner & Ceremony**
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Friday Church Duty
Cleaning crew

Comfort Meal Ministry
cooks as needed

Wedding Coordinator
Co-lead opportunities

Seniors On the Go
Organizer/Leader

Wednesday Evening
Child Care Volunteers

Property Work Day
March 3, 2012