



*a letter
from the pastor*

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"

Matthew 25:21

These are the words that I chose for my funeral sermon text for John "Hutch" Hutchinson. As I imagined his arrival in the heavenly kingdom, I had this vision of Jesus welcoming John home and saying words similar to those above ... *well done, come and share in the Kingdom I have prepared for you!*

John had such a servant heart. He went out of his way to serve his family, his church family, his friends, and his community each and every day of his life. And he did it with a smile on his face and a skip in his step. He loved life and he loved Jesus. And that love translated into a life well lived.

John was a tireless servant here at St. Michael. If anything needed to be done, you could count on John to give you a hand ... from setting up or tearing down tables in the gym to painting walls, from supplying food for youth events to serving on church council. Indeed, John was serving as St. Michael Church Council President at the time of his death.

John was always a big support to me in my role as your pastor ... always asking me how I was doing ... making sure I was taking time with my family ... always encouraging me to use all of my vacation time. I knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that John Hutchinson was always in my corner.

Hutch was not just my parishioner. He was my friend. Like all of you, I will miss him. I still have trouble believing he is really gone. But while he may be gone, he will not be forgotten. May God bless and keep you in his love, John Hutchinson. We will all see you again soon!

I ask that you, the people of St. Michael, please keep Janet, Abbey, Kelsey, Jimmy, Shawn, Hutch Sr., and the rest of John's extended family in your prayers.

Peace and blessings,
Pastor Gibbs





SUNDAY MORNING SUMMER SCHEDULE

8:30am **Traditional Worship**

9:30am **Coffee Hour**

Sunday School will resume on Rally Day, Sept. 12.

10:30am **Contemporary Worship (outdoors weather permitting...bring a lawn chair)**



We extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of John Hutchinson who passed away on July 23, 2021. John was the President of our church council. He will be greatly missed by all of us here at St. Michael.



A huge thank you to the entire St. Michael family for the outpouring of love and support given to my family and me with Hutch's sudden death. A special thank you to Pastor Gibbs for being with me on that day and then giving such a meaningful funeral message. Also, a big thank you for the workers who provided the wonderful luncheon and those who donated all of the food. Your kindness means a lot.

Janet Hutchinson & Family



Jean Doebler
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Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 1 Logan Alexander
Brayden Christensen
Jan Lang | 13 Miriam Benner | 23 Anthony & Vita Cardenas |
| 4 Lainey Huner
<i>Logan & Maeleigh Pant</i> | 15 David Cwiklewski
Austin Dickerson
<i>David & Verna Cwiklewski</i> | 24 Evelyn Oswald |
| 5 Ruth Keller
Jimmy Kimmelman
<i>Ron & Kathy Pfenning</i> | 16 Maureen DeWitt | 25 Jon Barnett |
| 6 Beth Pauli | 17 Taia Sutherland | 26 Vita Cardenas |
| 7 Lana Consear
Bradley Heineman
Gabrielle Rohrer | 18 Lloyd Pant
Andrea Sears | 28 Suanne Cline |
| 9 Amy Jo Fox | 19 Bryan & Angela Dye | 29 Parker Sears |
| | 20 Kathy Koevenig | |
| | 22 Larry & Marilyn Lohman | |



Birthdays ad Anniversaries

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| 1 John Johnstone
<i>Laurie & Mark Willingham</i> | 9. Doug Kulwicki | 21. Vicki Cole
Pastor Judy Smith
<i>Michael & Bonnie Bond</i> |
| 2. Arrow Dickerson
Paul Onweller
Walter Schmidlin
<i>Larry & Jane Vincent</i> | 10. Joe & Bridget Huss | 23. Donna & Donald Bechler
Gary & Andrea Sears |
| 3. Rich & Julie Menzel | 11. Reid Olmstead | 24. Jean Schroeder |
| 4. Michael Alexander | 12. Rob & Vicki Maloy | 25. Mike & Karen Lucht |
| 5. Aaron Consear
Sharon Sanders
Levi Willingham | 13. Brad & Mari Beck | 26. David Mull
Marge Waldron
<i>Patrick & Taia Sutherland</i> |
| 6. Keith & Jean Holmes | 14. Cinda Marckel | 27. Clinton Kulwicki
Ethan Lykowski |
| 7. Jane Vincent
Deb Wade
<i>Richard & Cindy Liley</i> | 15. Randall & Patricia Ortman | 28. Jenny Christensen |
| 8. Abbygayle Dye | 16. Carolyn Kutzke | 29. Duke & Devon Clevenger |
| | 17. Lina Young | |
| | 18. Walter & Cris Schmidlin | |
| | 19. Tom Packard | |

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER ALTAR FLOWERS

August 2, Susan Tucker in memory of Hubert Mays and Melba Mays

August 8, John Fox in celebration of Amy Jo's birthday

August 15, Mark & Julia Gibbs in celebration of Maureen's 32nd birthday

August 22, Brian & Kathy Koevenig in celebration of Kathy's 65th birthday, Aug. 20.

August 29, Gary & Andrea Sears in celebration of Parker's 16th birthday

September 5, Barb & Lloyd Pant in loving memory of Jerry Pant

September 12, Keith & Jean Holmes in celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary

September 19, Dan & Carolyn Zimmerman in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

September 26, Pat & Taia Sutherland in celebration of their 29th wedding anniversary

pastor's bible study

Pastor's Bible Study
meets on **Tuesdays at
3:00pm** in the Gathering Room.
Come join us! All are welcome!



HELP WANTED!

We are looking for two persons who would be interested in part time work as follows:

*Part-time housekeeper, 1 day per week with flexible hours. If you, or someone you know, might be interested, please call Pastor Gibbs at 419.704.5036.

**Part-time caregiver for an elderly man, mostly just cooking and light cleaning. The job would be for 6-9 hours per week at a rate of \$14.00 per hour. If you, or someone you know, might be interested, please contact Pastor Gibbs at 419.704.5036.



ST. MICHAEL FOOD PANTRY
2nd Saturday of the Month
Time: 10 - 11am

UPCOMING DATES:
September 11
October 9
November 13

For all Monroe County residents experiencing food insecurity.

pageborders.org





50+ Luncheon

TACO BAR

Tues., Aug. 24, 2021

12:00noon

Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Coffee & water will be available. Come join us for great food, fellowship and fun as we say "goodbye" to summer and "hello" to fall!



Fall is coming!

In conjunction with RALLY DAY on **Sunday, September 12**, ice cream sundaes will be served after each service. We will be celebrating the kids of St. Michael as they begin their first day of Sunday School. Please plan to stay after both services and enjoy this special treat of ice cream sundaes with all the toppings! A free-will offering will be taken to support our Christmas baskets for the Whiteford community. (This offering will replace our usual mission collection for September.)



WISC BIRTHDAY DINNER

Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021

6:00pm

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the WISC Birthday Dinner! This Year's theme is *"Welcome Back."* All women of St. Michael are cordially invited to attend!



**MISSION
SUNDAY**

Thanks to your generosity, on Mission Sunday, July 25, we collected over \$500 for Faith Lutheran Church in Pierce, Idaho. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated by this little church that does magnificent things to serve their community. God bless you for your bountiful giving.

COVID-19 Update

At last evening's Church council meeting (8/8/2021), we spent some time discussing the always-changing COVID-19 situation. It has been a joy these past 6 weeks to be back to a fairly normal Sunday morning experience without masks and social distancing. However, the relaxation of COVID-19 protocols was based on our community and state having achieved very low "new case" numbers. The last couple weeks of June and the first couple weeks of July, new case numbers averaged just a few hundred a day. Since that time, new case numbers have been steadily climbing and are predicted to keep going higher. This past week the new case numbers averaged about a thousand per day.

Currently, the State of Michigan does not have any mandates in place that would effect our congregation's COVID-19 policies. However, both the state and federal governments have issued guidance encouraging all individuals to wear a face mask, regardless of whether or not they have received a COVID-19 vaccine. This new guidance is based on evidence and research showing that even vaccinated individuals can be infected with the new Delta variant of the virus and can spread it to others.

Given these facts, our church council has decided not to reinstate any type of mandates at this time, but has not ruled out doing so in the future should the situation significantly worsen. However, the church council does encourage each of you to follow the following protocols while indoors at St. Michael:

1. Please return to **practicing some social distancing**. There is no need to sit tightly in worship or at the coffee hour tables. Try to keep a couple feet between each other. Avoid handshaking and hugging.
2. We encourage **the wearing of face masks** while inside the St. Michael building, especially if you are unvaccinated or in a high-risk health group.
3. Please use the **hand sanitizers at the front doors** when you enter and exit the building.
4. Please wash your hands after using the restroom facilities and please wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before consuming any food here in the St. Michael facility.
5. Please **stay home if you are sick**.

We hope these simple measures will keep us all safe while fellowshiping here at church. We appreciate your cooperation. The church council has scheduled a follow-up meeting for August 30 to re-evaluate the COVID situation prior to Rally Day (Sept. 12, 2021).



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SHORT TERM PRAYER REQUESTS *
August 12, 2021

Jean Schroeder (chemo-therapy)
Sharon Rueter (recovering from eye injury)
Andrew (pneumonia & other complications; Taia Sutherland's friend)
Gary Mehl (poor health issues; friend of Keith & Jean Holmes)
Laurie Marsh (blood clots in leg)
Linda Blessing (recovering from hip surgery; friend of Sue Cline)
Pat Barron (under Hospice care; friend of Maybelle Osburn)
Mary Evilsizer (health issues)
Martha (ovarian cancer; friend of Carol Packer)
Sal Pinardo (kidney transplant; Rob & Vicki Maloy's nephew)
Steve (recovering from surgery; friend of Evelyn Oswald)
Otto Hutch Kimmelman (Kelsey & Jimmy Kimmelman's newborn son, born two months early)

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)

Becky Britton	Charlotte Schroeder	Dan
Jane Evilsizer	Carol Wahl	Shelley
Sabrina Belknap	Mike Randall	Ben
Jane Herwat	Bruce Bischoff	Martha
Kathy Pullen	John Pirolli	
Jodi Barnhart	Robert Lucht	
Jennifer Peart	Fred Goodspeed	
Kevin Foster	Patrick Eisle	
Denise Kaufman	Pat Barron	
Dick Laurell	Lonnie Arnold	
Gabe	Christy Johnson	
Cheri Ricketts	Shirley Chappell	
Dan Zimmerman	William Chappell	
Patti McCluskie	Grandma Bren	
Arthur Harbaugh	Jake Kahn	

WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Would you be willing to serve occasionally as a volunteer at one of our worship services?
Please check which service and which job you would be willing to fill. Thank you!

NAME _____

8:30am _____

10:30am _____

_____ GREETER

_____ USHER

_____ READER

_____ COMMUNION ASSISTANT

***PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

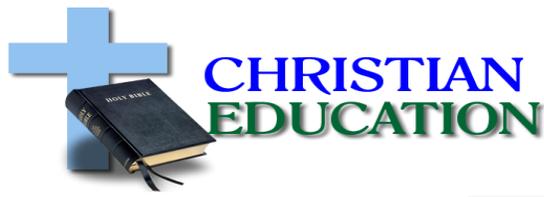
****SEE PASTOR GIBBS IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.**

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REASONS

1. **Sunday School improves your Bible knowledge.** When you know and understand God's Word for yourself, you are more likely to obey the Lord. The Bible knowledge gained in Sunday School also helps you become more proficient in using God's Word, the Bible.
2. **Sunday School assists your spiritual growth.** Think of Sunday School teachers and class members who have modeled the Christian life. You learned from their examples how to live for Jesus. Most importantly, spiritual growth often occurs best in the context of small group Bible study. That's Sunday School.
3. **Sunday School provides a "place to belong."** In a Sunday School class you are known, personally recognized and transparency is more likely to occur. You can share needs and concerns from your life. As you participate in class discussions, you become part of the group.
4. **Sunday School helps you build meaningful relationships.** You meet people, learn their names, hear their stories, and meet their families. You share fellowship times with class members. You minister alongside others.
5. **Sunday School gives you opportunities to serve and minister.** Contacts with sometimes "unchurched prospects" gives you the privilege of sharing your faith. You show the love of Jesus by ministering to class members who have needs.
6. **Sunday School has a place for the whole family.** In one trip to church your entire family can participate in the important purposes of Bible study, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and evangelism. You gain the assurance of knowing every member of your family is involved in weekly, small-group Bible study, which is growing their Bible knowledge and helping them grow spiritually.



THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make Rocky Railway VBS program a huge success! A very special thank you goes out to the VBS committee of Taia Sutherland and Denise Osburn for leading the efforts on decorations and collecting supplies. We could not have done this without all of your help!!!

We had 35 children sign up for VBS and averaged 27 in nightly attendance. We were also fortunate enough to have 32 volunteers with an average of 25 each night. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents for bringing the kids and to our awesome volunteers for a great week of sharing that Jesus' power will pull us through life's up and downs.

Our VBS mission project this summer supported Operation Kid to Kid/World Vision's Alpacas for Families in Ecuador. Our kids raised \$502.14! Wow! This will help 50 Ecuadorian families purchase alpacas that will warm their bodies, nourish their crops, and improve their financial outlook. Great job, kids!!

Mark your calendars: **Next year's VBS will be the third week of July, July 18-22, 2022!**

WELCOME OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!

- Trekkers (PreK/K)** - vacant, looking for a volunteer
- Voyagers (1st/2nd/3rd/4th)** - Tami Livingstone
- Pathfinders (6th/7th/8th)** - Laurie Willingham
- Crusaders (9th/10th/11th/12th)** - Gary Sears
- Pacesetters (Adult)** - Taia Sutherland & Andrea Sears



St. Michael is blessed to have a wonderful Sunday School ministry. Sunday School is important in our spiritual development because it provides a forum for learning. It sets the stage for better understanding and is a comprehensive way to learn from one another and receive encouragement to live by God's Word.

Sunday School is held each Sunday from September 12 - June 5. It begins at 9:40am and runs until 10:40am. Children ages 3 years to adult are welcome! We would love to have you join us!

Elementary Program: This is for children 3 years old to 5th grade and is held in the classrooms in the elementary wing (small fellowship hall area) from 9:40 - 10:40am. Our "Grow Kids" curriculum is based on a strong foundation in the Bible and helps kids to grow spiritually both at church and at home.

Junior High Class: This is for youth in grades 6th, 7th & 8th and is held in the secondary wing (old classroom area) from 9:40-10:40am. Students study the "Grow Students" curriculum which helps them to focus on the things that produce long-term spiritual growth.

High School Class: This class is for youth in grades 9-12 and is held in the secondary wing (old classroom area) from 9:40am-10:40am. Students study the "Grow Student" curriculum where they focus on applying Biblical principles in their daily lives.



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Stewardship

Youth

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

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

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