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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CANTON



Welcome to the Spirited Life





Hi Friends,

Welcome to St. Michael Lutheran Church! We hope this serves as a great resource for you, as a part of our new member process and beyond.

Our hope is for you to get to know St. Michael more fully and connect more deeply with the living God. This resource is intended to give you an understanding of who we are and how you can connect to this church family as we serve God, one another and our community.

We look forward to journeying with you here at St. Michael.

Pastor Marcus

Getting to Know St. Michael

New Member Class

Video 1: Who We Are

In this video, we discuss more about who we are at St. Michael and our DNA. You will learn about our values, mission and vision. These are the things that we use to guide our decisions, ministry and life together.

[Watch Video Here](#)

Video 2: What We Believe

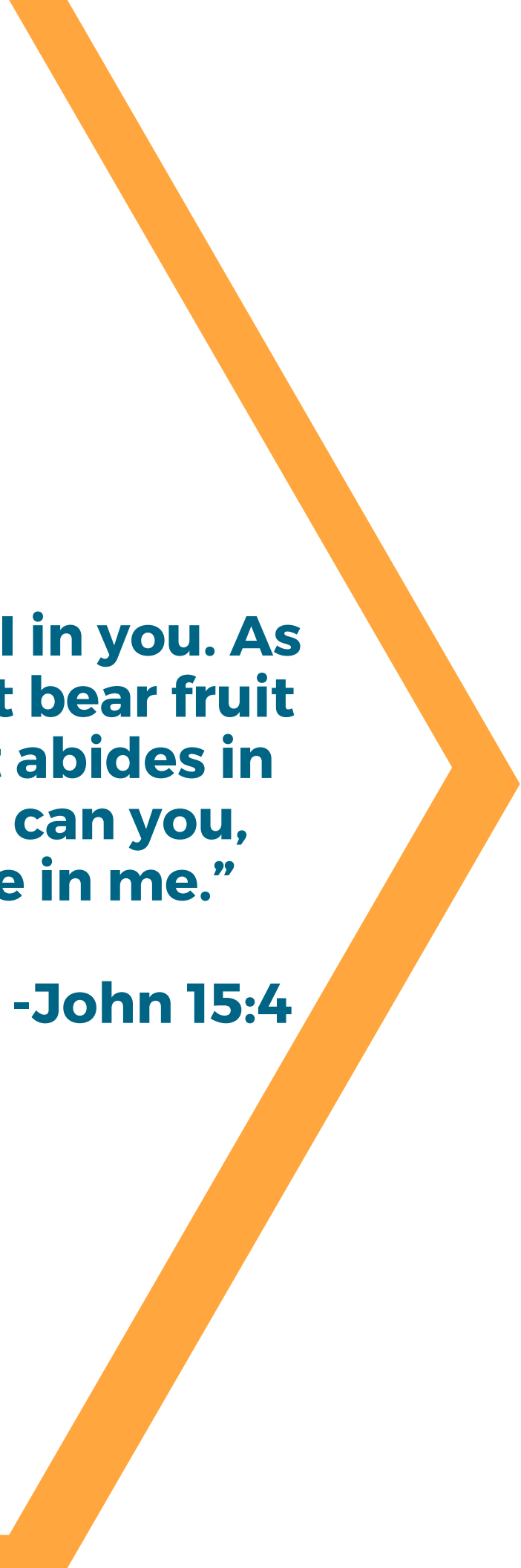
In this video, you will learn more about the key beliefs of St. Michael as Lutheran Christians. You will learn about our key theological beliefs, core practices and how those shape our life together.

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Getting to Know St. Michael

We are excited for us to get to know one another more! You will have an opportunity to meet your Connector, learn their role, have a chance to meet the Executive Board President, learn more about St. Michael and ask questions. We are glad you're here!





“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.”

-John 15:4

OUR
DNA



Our Mission

To connect people
to the *Living God*

We empower everyone to grow their relationship with Jesus and connect to the living God in every stage and season of life by:

- Pointing people to Jesus' unconditional love and grace
- Inviting all generations to consistently put God at the center of their lives
- Being a healthy community where we look more like Jesus everyday
- Transforming the world by sharing our love of Christ near and far

Our Vision

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**1. BE WITH
JESUS**

**2. BECOME
LIKE JESUS**

**3. DO AS
JESUS DID**

**4. TRUST THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

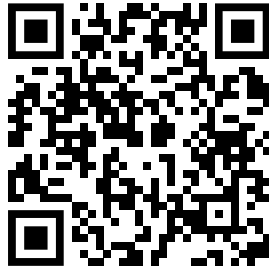
Core Values

Value statements list the principles and ethics to which an organization adheres. They form an ethical foundation for the organization. These principles and ethics then guide the behavior of organization members. They assist organizations in determining what is right and wrong. Members then act in certain ways, using the values as a guide.



What We Believe

You can find out more of what we believe online at <https://smlucanton.org/about-us/what-we-believe> or scan the QR code below.



LCMC

You can find out more about what it means for us to be part of the LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ) online at <https://www.lcmc.net/who-we-are> or scan the QR code below.



St. Michael Leadership

St. Michael Leadership is made up of four groups:

1. Pastors and Staff
2. Executive Board
3. Elders
4. Ministry Teams

All of these groups exist to equip the church for the work of the ministry and to build up the body of Christ.

You can find a list of all the current leadership on our website at
<https://smlucanton.org/about-us/leadership>
or by scanning this QR code:



1. Executive Board

The Executive Board serves as the fiduciary representatives of the congregation.

The Board is comprised of six members elected by the congregation and additionally includes the treasurer and the lead pastor. The Board works with the lead pastor to look at the strategic vision for the operations of the church. Along with the Pastors, Staff, and Elders, the Board ensures our church remains focused on our mission of Connecting People to the Living God.

2. Pastors

Our pastors are a part of staff who help serve the congregation by overseeing the staff and caring for the ministries. Pastors are responsible to lead and feed the church, equip the body, and to oversee the day-to-day ministry and operations of the church.

3. Staff

The Staff at St. Michael are paid employees who serve the congregation in various roles. They help lead and facilitate the day-to-day operations and ministries of the church.

4. Elders

Elders serve in partnership with the lead pastor and are charged under the Constitution 'to be an extension of the lead pastor's ministry... to assist in ministering to the spiritual needs of the members of this congregation, and to work toward the fulfillment of the Great Commission.' While elders have no formal role in SMLC governance, they are at times called to offer advice and support to the Executive Board. Elders assist pastors, staff, and volunteers in caring for the "spiritual health" of the congregation through prayer, encouragement, and service.

5. Ministry Teams

St. Michael exists in large part because of our various ministry teams. They give their time and talents to do the work of the ministry. Ministry teams are volunteers who are the heart of our ministries here at St. Michael.



Church Finances

“A Matter of the Heart”

We are all called by God to join Him on His mission. To be His people, His disciples, and His good stewards. Our church and world are hungry for hope, compassion, truth and the light of Christ. We believe God has placed St. Michael in this community for such a time as this. It is important for us to remember that none of this is ours, but His. We are to manage God's wealth with great care and share God's wealth as He directs us. Through this faithfulness, we can draw closer to Him. It is a matter of the heart.

Ways to Give

Here at St. Michael, we have different options for giving. There is an option to give online on our website. Also, people may give in person in our offering plates via cash or check.

Church Info

Service Times

Traditional Service: 9am

This is our Sunday morning liturgical worship service.

Contemporary Service: 11am

This is our Sunday morning contemporary worship service.

Children's Time and Children's Church are offered at both of our services each week.

Sunday School

Here at St. Michael, we have a class for every age group! At 10am between services we have Sunday School for everyone from adults down to preschool children (September – June). We break up according to age groups and have a chance to dive into bible study together. Visit the kid's registration desk to register your child. You'll have a chance to meet the Kid's Director and see your child's classroom before dropping them off!

Nursery

Nurseries are provided for the comfort of your children from newborn to age four during the 9:00am and 11:00am worship services as well as during Sunday School. When you check your children in the nursery, you will receive a pager just in case your child needs you during service. If you don't think your child will be comfortable in the nursery, please bring them to worship with you. Children are always welcome!

St. Michael Kids

Our Children's Ministry offers a safe, fun environment where the kids can learn and grow in their relationship with God. The Children's Ministry meets every Sunday and plans fun events throughout the year! Children will be dismissed during service for Children's Church.

St. Michael Students

The student ministry offers groups for both middle school and high school students! Middle school students can join the weekly Bible Study on Sunday mornings between services in the Abraham Room and there's also a mid-week study on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Our high school students meet every Thursday for Youth Group from 7-9 pm in the Youth Room. There are several events planned throughout the year such as an annual mission trip and rummage sale. There is also a Confirmation program January - May.

Senior Ministry

Our senior ministry is called Elderversity and is open to members 55 years and older. They meet weekly on Thursdays at 11am in the Chapel for Bible Study. There is also a wide variety of fun events planned regularly throughout the year. Elderversity's Mission is to build faith through the refreshing enjoyment of the company of others; to have fun and learn new things.

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry has a variety of bible studies, programs, and other events throughout the year.

Men's Ministry

Our men's ministry has a variety of bible studies, programs and other events throughout the year.

Life Groups

There are many Life (Small) Groups that are active at St. Michael. These Life Groups vary in size, ages, and meet at various times and locations. These Life Groups offer the opportunity to become connected with others and most importantly, deepen their walk with Christ through bible study, fellowship, prayer, and support.

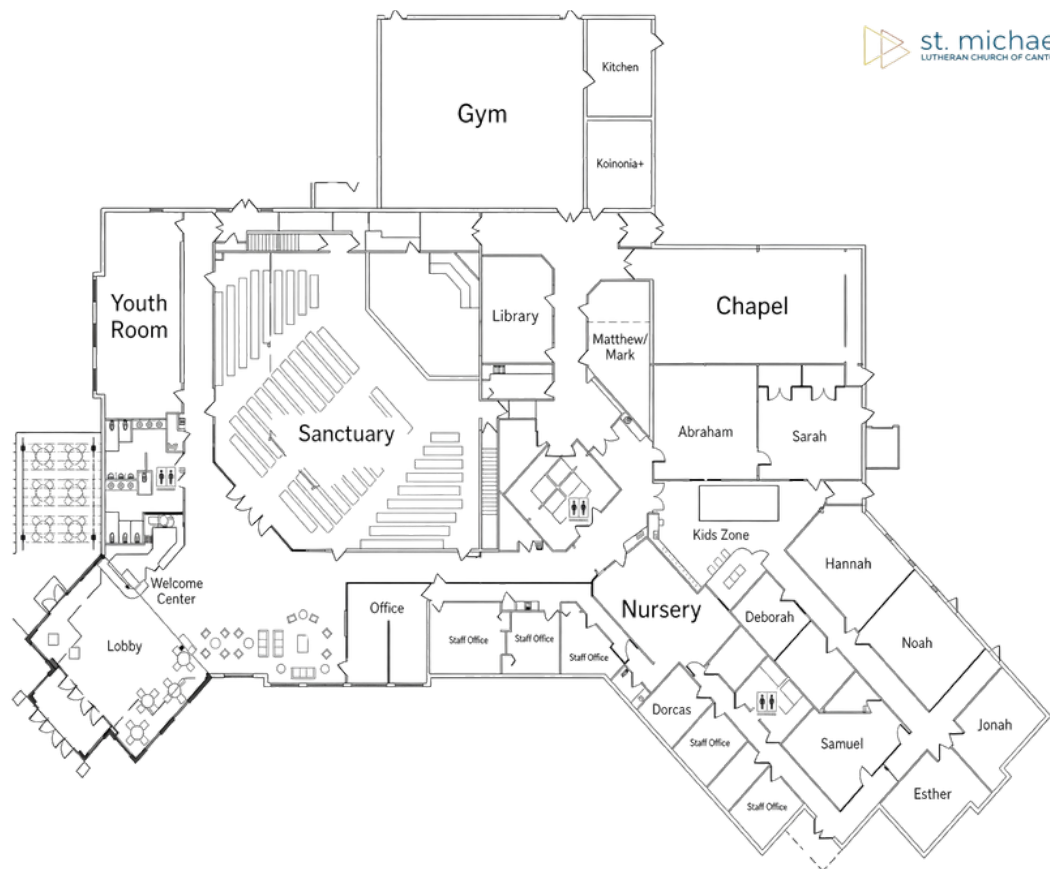
Trail Life & American Heritage Girls (AHG)

American Heritage Girls and Trail Life USA are Christian-based youth programs that focus on character building, leadership, and outdoor adventure as faith-oriented alternatives to traditional scouting. They are both ministries here at St. Michael.

Annual Events

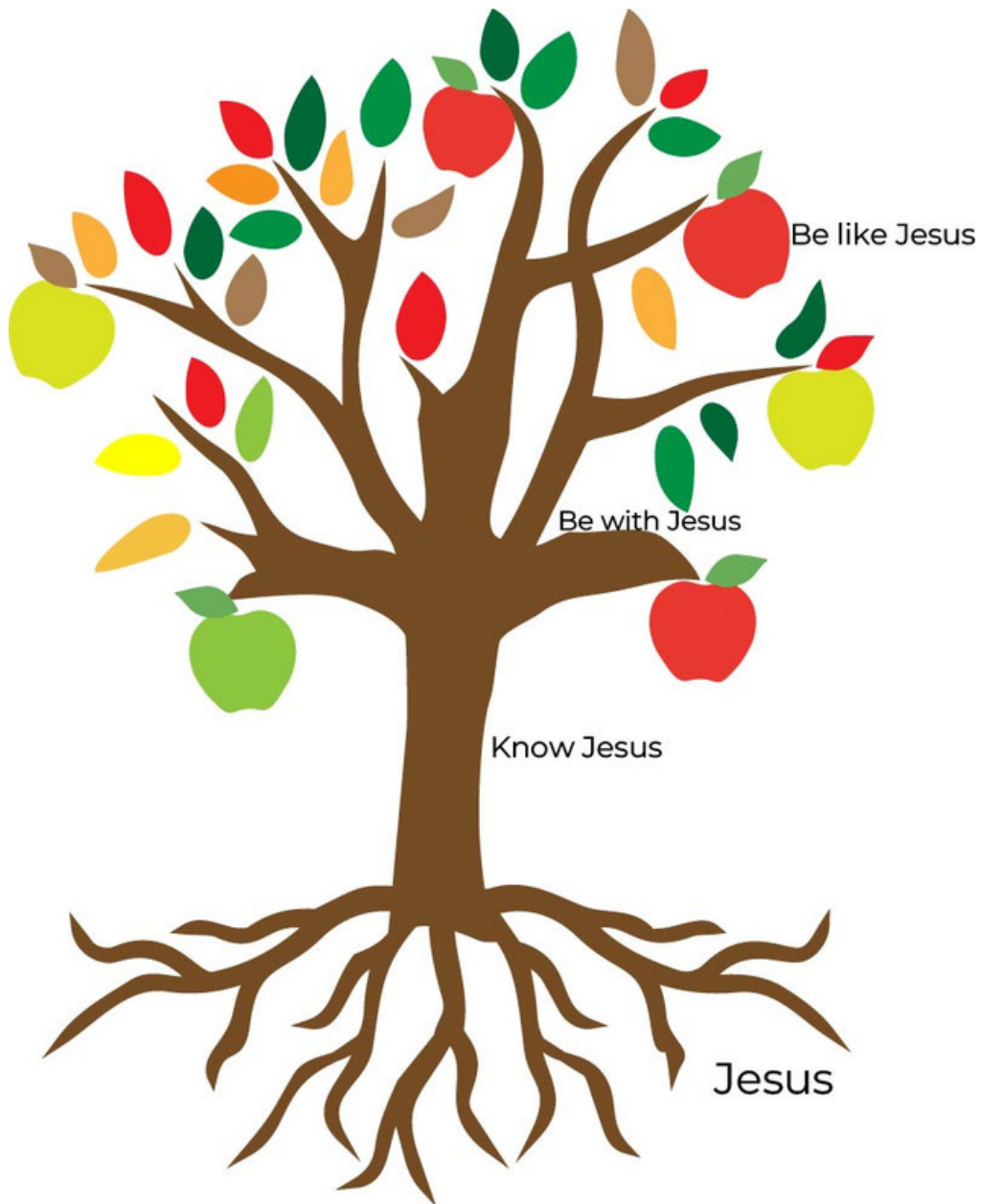
We have a lot of fun, annual events here at St. Michael! Some of which include:
Vacation Bible School
Easter Egg Hunt
Fall Community Festival
Trunk or Treat
& More!

Map of St. Michael



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Discipleship at St. Michael





Ministries & **Serving Opportunities**

Ministry Teams at St. Michael

Finance Team

This team is responsible for the financial health of the church.

Property Team

This team is responsible for all aspects of the management, care, and improvement of the church property.

Personnel Team

This team oversees the personnel policies of the church, ensuring staff reviews, job descriptions, and other items outlined in the personnel policy. They make compensation recommendations to the finance team and executive board for the budget.

Mutual Ministry Team

This team is responsible for the care of the pastor(s), and their families. and the staff. They also serve to help resolve conflict when necessary.

Discipleship Team

This team is responsible for the discipleship, adult education, spiritual formation, and stewardship ministries of the church.

Family Ministry Team

This team is responsible for the family ministry, which will include ministry to infants, children, youth, young adults, parents and families.

Benevolence Team

This team is responsible for the distribution of benevolence funds to various ministry partners.

Outreach Team

This team is responsible for all outreach ministries of the church besides benevolence.

Prayer Team

This team is responsible for the prayer ministry of the church.

Care Team

This team is responsible for the care ministry of the church in partnership with the pastors. This includes visitation, Griefshare, prayer shawl ministry, Meal Train and other related programs and ministries.

Connection Team

This team is responsible for helping people connect to St. Michael and one another. This team would include fellowship events.

Opportunities for Service

You're invited to be part of the team! Find a serving opportunity that fits your gifts and interests, and get ready to make a difference in the lives of others.

Nursery

Children's Church

Children's Sunday School

Middle School Youth Group

High School Youth Group

Coffee Bar

Ushers

Welcome Team

Security Team

Tellers

Sound Tech

Slides

Video Streaming

Worship Team

THANKS FOR BEING HERE!

Thanks for taking the time to be here.
Whether you are a member or not, you're
always welcome as our church family.
May God bless you!

