

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

(see calendar for complete list)

- July 4
Church Offices Closed
- July 17, 10:15am
Discovering St. Michael
- July 18, 6:30pm
Church Board meeting
- July 26
Red Cross Blood Drive
- August 8
September newsletter deadline
- August 14, 11:00am
Outdoor Worship
- August 15, 6:30pm
Church Board meeting
- August 21
Ride Your Two-Wheel Apparatus
to Church Day

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smlucanton.org/happenings

DRASTIC CHURCH SHAKEUP!!

In a bold and unexpected move, the Reverend Timothy J. Ewell shocked the congregation of St. Michael Lutheran Church of Canton when it was discovered that he had covertly changed the church constitution effectively ousting former lead pastor Reverend Dr. David K. Denzer, while he was away on a two-month sabbatical. Former Church council president Kevin Manor said, "I never saw it coming! It was truly diabolical." The eldest elder, Greg Anderson, had this to say, "If only he would use his brain for good, not evil." Surprisingly, a number of congregants gleefully supported this coup d'état. One member, Linda Denzer said, "I never liked the other guy anyway. I am totally onboard for this awesome change." Other members, including IT head honcho, Jerry Powell, were seen sobbing inconsolably in the beautifully renovated women's restroom. Many people were unaware of what had transpired *because they never read the newsletter!* They remained transfixed on the choice of carpeting in the sanctuary. The ladies quilting group is meeting on July 12 to decide on a suitable severance package while the Men With Flexible Schedules are busy under Rev. Ewell's watchful eye installing a sauna and hot tub in the recently expanded lead pastor office. The new refrigerator and pizza oven will be installed as early as July 9 pending the hiring of a pizza chef. One hopes this church can withstand the turmoil, but that remains to be seen as time goes by.



Summer Sermon Series: “Miracles”

People were attracted to Jesus for many reasons, but chief among them seemed to be the miracles he performed because in them, the power of God was revealed. Join us for this message series this summer as we look at the miracles of Jesus and what they might mean for us today.

Fall Wednesday Night Adult Study

The study “Paul on the Patio: Continue in What You Know – A study in 1 & 2 Timothy” will start at 6pm, on the patio (in the chapel if bad weather) beginning September 14. All are encouraged to attend and bring a sack dinner for themselves.

Senior Bible Study

The Thursday Morning Senior Bible study continues throughout the summer. The class runs from 11am to 12:15pm and meets in the Chapel. It is a time of prayer, fellowship and deep study. We just began a study of the book of Acts. This class is open to seniors 50 and above. New attendees are always welcome. Please contact Pastor Tim with any questions.



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Book Club

All women are warmly invited and encouraged to attend our monthly book club meetings. They are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm in the Portable. All books can be bought through any book vendor. We discuss the entire book during one evening rather than a chapter by chapter approach.

Our book selection for the **July 18** meeting is “The Great Alone” by Kristin Hannah.

Our book selection for the **August 15** meeting is “Loving Isaac” by Heather Kaufman.

If you have any questions or would like to be added to the email list, please contact Amy Bruhn at amy.bruhn@gmail.com or 313-563-2782.

Stewardship

During these summer months, a reminder to prayerfully consider staying current with tithes and offerings as the expenses of this ministry that we share continue throughout the summer. This can be done through plate offerings, via the mail or by electronic means. A big thank you for the sacrificial giving to date in 2022.

“Each one must do as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7



God of freedom, I pray for the time when all “earth and heaven [will] ring ... with the harmonies of liberty” (James W. Johnson).

GriefShare

The next two GriefShare sessions will be offered this coming fall:

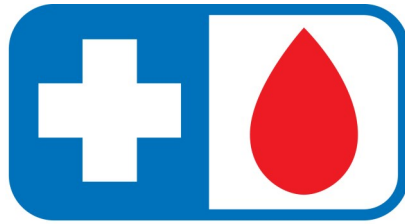
- Wednesday mornings, 10-11:45am beginning September 8
- Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:15pm beginning September 9

Each session is 13 weeks and costs \$20 for materials. Registration is now open. Class size is limited. Contact Pr. Tim at 734-459-3333 or at timewell@smlucanton.org to register or with any questions.

GriefShare is ideal for anyone working through the grief process (loss of a child, spouse, parent, sibling or friend) regardless of when the loss occurred. Open to the community.



Red Cross Blood Drive



**GIVE
Blood**

The next Red Cross blood drive is Tuesday, July 26 at 10am-3pm in the gym. Sign up on the Pastor's board today, call 800-733-2767, or go online at RedCrossBlood.org (using the sponsor code: sheldon- churches). Thank you for this gift of life.

July / August Altar Flowers

- July 3 - in honor of Lorene's birthday
- July 10 - to the glory of God
- July 17 - in honor of Dan and Carolyn Murphy's anniversary
- July 24 - in honor of Shirley Laird's birthday
- July 31 - to the glory of God
- August 7 - in honor of Tom and Kathy Starosciak's anniversary
- August 14 - in honor of Todd and Deb Laird's birthday
- August 21- in memory of son, Fred by Sandra Delamielleure
- August 28 - in memory of her parents by Barbara Weide



St. Michael Annual Golf Outing Sunday, September 25

Watch the bulletin board for more details!



Discovering St. Michael

Discovering St. Michael is a 45-minute informal session that provides details about our church, Christian community, and what we believe. It's a great way to see if you want to explore membership. The next session is Sunday, July 17 at 10:15am. Please text DSM to 734-459-3333 to register and for more details.

It's the middle of summer, Creator God. Nourish growth in my heart as You do crops in fields and produce in gardens this time of year. Amen.



Ride Your Two-Wheeled Apparatus to Church Day

Sunday, August 21 is “Ride Your Two-Wheeled Apparatus to Church Day”. I bet you didn’t know that. It’s true! Use whatever you have to use to make it to church—cars, planes, automobiles. No? How about bikes, roller blades, and motorcycles? See you there!



MUSIC & AUDIO VISUAL MINISTRY

Sing? Play an instrument? Interested in learning camera work, service slides or sound board? New teams are now forming for our music and audio visual ministry. Join this incredible team that helps pull our services together!

—CONTACT ADAM RICCINTO—
 ADAMRICCINTO@SMLUCANTON.ORG
 OR CALL 734.288.7560
 TO LEARN MORE



Eldersiversity Bingo

Join us on Thursday, July 21 at 1pm in the gym for Bingo! Snacks and desserts will be provided. Please call with any questions:

Kathy Fox at 734-9455-7437
 Joyce Hermann at 313-690-8219

Save the date! Back to Church Sunday is September 18. Watch for more details in the September newsletter.

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Dear Jesus, sometimes I’m like Mary and sometimes Martha. Whether I’m quietly listening or busily serving, remind me that you are the “one thing” I need (Luke 10:42). Amen.

Samaritas to Assist Ukrainian Refugees

Samaritas, the former Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, has a long history of helping refugees settle in Michigan. The Director of New American Services, Mihaela Mitrofan, traveled to the Ukraine recently to help out and has some information to share. She points out that refugees are not traveling through other countries, and it could be weeks or months for some to make it to Michigan. In southeast Michigan, a strong Ukrainian community is eagerly awaiting the arrival of families and help is being requested. As the arrival of refugees Approaches, more information will follow on how they can be helped.

For more information, contact Pastor Beth Birkholz, Director of Congregational Engagement, at bbirk@samaritas.org or Kayla Park, Volunteer Xoordinator, at kpark@samaritas.org.

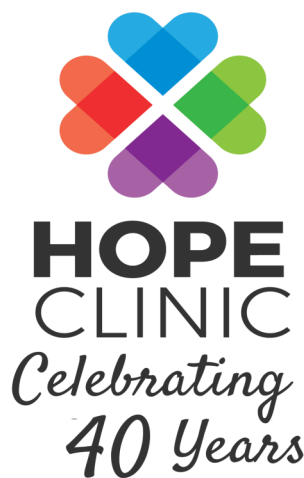
For more information or to offer to be part of this effort, contact Karl Geisler by calling 248-535-1992 or by emailing krgeisler@outlook.com.



Hope Clinic

A few weeks ago, a very pregnant person came in to Hope Clinic with a friend. They were on their way to the hospital to induce labor, but the friend said, "Wait—let's stop at Hope Clinic." The individual was coming from a place of significant need: she didn't have a single diaper, wipe, or even an outfit to bring the baby home from the hospital in. Hope Clinic provided a layette on the spot, full with baby clothes, diapers, and other needed supplies. Thank goodness she had a friend who knew about Hope Clinic.

None of Hope Clinic's services matter if they aren't being accessed by the people who need them. It is crucial that we spread



the word about the free food, free medical care, free dental care, free behavioral health, free eye exams, free baby supplies, and free laundry access available at Hope. We want you to be "that friend" who knows and shares about Hope Clinic. Arrange to bring your friends or neighbors on a tour of Hope. Help spread the word that Ypsilanti has a haven of help & healing called Hope Clinic. Arrange for an in-person tour or visit virtually at <https://thehopeclinic.org/tour>.

Hope Clinic
518 Harriet
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Quilter's Corner

As we celebrate Independence Day; let's also remember the freedom we have been given by our Savior as well. We continue to tie quilts and will meet on July 12 and 26 and August 9 and 23 at 9:30am. Thanks to all who have provided the sheets, tops and batts. What a blessing they are and will be for the finished quilts and those who will receive them. Contact Darlene Butler if you have questions or if you want to help out at 734-495-0313.



Author of Life, write your words on the hearts of all who gather here at St. Michael, that our lives may tell the story of your love for all the world.



Monday through Thursday, August 8 - 11 at 6:00-8:00pm!

Smell the fresh, warm bread; weave a basket of reeds; make clay pots... Can you hear the music echoing through the Marketplace? Engage all senses as you transport your church to a different time and a fresh experience—and walk with Jesus today!

Upcoming Events

High School Mission Trip

July 10-17

High School Youth Group

Throughout the summer *except* for July 14

Student Leadership Meetings

July 24 and August 28 at 2pm

Faith Statement Retreat (8th graders)

August 19, 7pm-August 20, 7am

Confirmation Sunday

September 25 at 11am

Summer Roller Skating!

Join us for roller skating this summer with other kids from St. Michael! Wednesday evenings all summer long from 6-8pm.



Skatin' Station
8611 Ronda Drive
Canton, MI 48187
Cost: \$8.00 plus skates

To participate or for information, text Linda Denzer at 734-787-6306.

Please keep Connor Boyer, the youth, and the chaperones in prayer while they are on their mission trip to Colorado July 10-17.



JULY/AUGUST 2022

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Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Jesus loves:



*Love must be
sincere.*

*Hate what is
evil;*

*cling to what is
good.*



Romans 12:9, NIV