

St. Michael's Lutheran Church invites you to participate in our summer evening **Vacation Bible School**. This year's theme is "Splash Canyon: God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride!". This free and fun event is sure to be a great time where children learn about Jesus, make new friends, and show love to others! For all children ages 4-11. It will take place at St. Michael's Park, 310 Frio Street, in Winchester, Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00 pm. A meal and snack will be provided along with story-time, music, games, and crafts. There is no deadline to register, but we do ask that you register as soon as possible at through our website [www.stmichaelswinchester.org](http://www.stmichaelswinchester.org). If you prefer to register by phone, please call 979.242.3444. We hope that your child(ren) will participate, and we look forward to getting to meet you!

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**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** 2 Corinthians 8:3 – "For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will." St. Paul lifts up an example of faithful Christian generosity in the Epistle lesson today. Read those words again this week and ponder them. How is the Lord calling you to increase your generosity toward His work?

*This Week At Mt. Calvary:*

Sunday:	INDEPENDENCE DAY SERVICE Worship Service with Communion.....9:00 a.m. No Sunday School or Bible Classes.....
Monday:	Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance .....9:00 a.m. Men's Club Meeting (BBQ Pavilion)..... 6:30 p.m. Men's Club Fellowship (BBQ Pavilion) .....7:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	CHURCH OFFICE & PRESCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday:	Sunday Bulletin Deadline .....9:00 a.m.
Friday:	Bulletin Assembly (Multipurpose Room) .....12:15 p.m.
Sunday:	Worship Service .....9:00 a.m. No Sunday School or Bible Classes.....

**ABOUT THE COVER:** *We often find ourselves fearful about something in life. It would appear as though we awaken to a new fear every day. When facing a fear, we wonder how to cope with it and finally solve it. Jesus reminds us, "Do not fear, only believe." It is by faith in Jesus that we live each and every day of our lives on earth. With Jesus, we no longer live in fear, but in faith!*

**MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL**

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*Our Mission: "Committed to reaching out with the love of Jesus."*







And this be our motto: "In God is our trust!"  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

**POSTING OF THE COLORS**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray,

Heavenly Father, during His earthly ministry Your Son Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead. By the healing medicine of the Word and Sacraments pour into our hearts such love toward You that we may live eternally; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** .....Lamentations 3:22–33

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him; let him put his mouth in the dust—there may yet be hope; let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults. For the Lord will not cast off forever, but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.

**THE PSALMODY** ..... *from Psalm 143*  
*(The responses are sung to the tune of "Eternal Father, Strong to Save".)*

**P** Lord, hear my Prayer; and in Your faithfulness give ear to my supplications; answer me in Your righteousness.

**To You, o Lord, I lift my soul;  
I trust, You, God, to make me whole.**

**P** Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for no one living is righteous in Your sight.

**Lord, turn to me with saving grace  
And rescue me - hide not Your face!**

Sandra Ladewig (Junell Ladewig’s daughter-in-law); Charlotte Lucius (Deb Conway’s mother); Gladys Mach; Marvin Matthijetz (Linda Herbrich’s brother-in-law); Paul Mersiovsky; Pat Michael; Elsie Michalk; Marvin Miertschin; Wayne Miertschin; Ruby Mikulin (Paul Mikulin’s mother); David Newman; Joyce Newman; Beverly Oliver (friend of Elva Bohot); Robert Pavlik; Virginia Polasek; Mary Rauch (Mary Walker’s cousin); Mary Roitsch (Cheryl Roitsch’s sister-in-law); Joyce Schiwart; Glenn Schneider; Mary Lou Scoggins (Betty Pecora’s friend); Penny Sengler (BJ Ullrich’s daughter); Amy Starkey (Lee Herbrich’s friend); Ray Streger; William Trlica; Ruby Weatherton (Lisa Caridi’s cousin); Mike Wherry (Junell Ladewig’s son-in-law); Johanna Wooldridge (Judy Zuhn’s daughter); Thelma Zoch (Tami Pietsch’s mother).

**Also in Our Prayers Today** are the members, family and friends of members of our church who are on active duty in the Armed Forces of our country:

**Air Force:** Adam Dunk, Sergio Meneses.

**Marines:** Freddy Meek; Phil Noack; Aaron Theiss.

**Navy:** Jake Barosh.

**Silent prayer for situations and people not listed in the bulletin.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

**+THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION+**

**THE HYMN** ..... *"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"* ..... *LSB # 940 vs. 1 & 5*

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**PAX DOMINI**

*(Members and visitors are invited to record their attendance in the red folders at this time. If you are visiting with us today, please fill out a “Welcome” card from the front of the red attendance folder, and hand it to an usher.)*

*(As the offering is brought to the altar, the congregation sings the “Doxology”)*

**DOXOLOGY:**..... LSB #805

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**P** Let us pray . . . Merciful Father,

**C** **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Stand*

*(The APOSTLES’ CREED is omitted.)*

#### **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*After each petition of the prayers:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

#### **REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Undergoing Cancer Treatment:** Sharon Belota; Rhonda Bond (Linda Poncik’s friend); Cari Brownlee (Joyce Dippel’s granddaughter); Karla Frigard (Donna Kappler’s cousin); Michelle Kiesling Henson (friend of Tami Pietsch and Lisa Caridi); Casey Hyman (Betty Pecora’s nephew); Barbara Kautz (Carol Ahlschlager’s friend); Amanda Knox; Amy Lochte; Lucas Lowe (Rev. & Karen Fitch’s nephew); Charlotte Lucius (Deb Conway’s mother); Vivian Matthews (Dorothy Witt’s friend); David Mueller (Lorena Mueller’s son); Robert Pavlik; Lara Janda Perez; Chris Rasche (Lisa Qualman’s sister); Helen Rotter (Dorothy Witt’s niece); Bubba Schneider; Lindsey Schouten (Lorri Sanchez’s cousin); Georgie Taylor (Lee Herbrich’s friend); Barbara Tieken (friend of several members); Dionie Tolman (Gladys Teinert’s friend); Nancy Vasut; Mary Walker; and Leroy Wittmann.

**Health and Other Concerns:** Gladys Ahlschlager; Rebecca Aleman; Robert Banda (Charles Hebert’s friend); Joyce Boening; Calvin Bohot; Elva Bohot; Victor Bohot; Elaine Bowen (Charles & Sylvia Hebert’s friend); Lewis Cypher, Jr. (Dorothy Witt’s nephew); Kay Dippel; Edna Ebner; Jennifer Freeman (Judy Zuhn’s daughter); Ron Fritsch (Joan Miertschin’s friend); Susan Fritsch (Charlene Harbers’ sister); Bobby & Karen Gray (friends of the Heberts); Kim Haskins; Sylvia Hebert; Frances Hentschel; Toni Hill (Beverly Newell’s sister-in-law); Shirley Hudson (Elsie Michalk’s friend); Wayne Koopmann; Lavine Kuhlmann (Leah Wolf’s mother); Junell Ladewig;

**P** I remember the days of old; I think about all Your deeds; I consider the works of Your hands.

**Let me recall Your steadfast love  
And seek salvation from above.**

**P** I stretch out my hands to You; like dry ground my soul is thirsty for You.

**To You, o Lord, I lift my soul;  
I trust, You, God, to make me whole.**

**P** O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me. Don’t hide Your face from me, or I shall be like those who go down to the pit.

**Lord, turn to me with saving grace  
And rescue me - hide not Your face!**

**P** Let me hear of Your loving kindness each morning, for I put my trust in You. Teach me the way I should go, for I lift up my soul to You.

**Let me recall Your steadfast love  
And seek salvation from above.**

**EPISTLE READING:** ..... 2 Corinthians 8:1–9, 13–15

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine.

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich...

I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**THE ALLELUIA VERSE**

*(Tune: "On What Has Now Been Sown")*

God in His righteousness sent Christ, who for us died  
And rose again, to bless all who are justified.  
Alleluia! Where grace abounds, God's praise resounds. Alleluia!

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** ..... Mark 5:21-43

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fifth chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea.

Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." And he went with him.

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" And he looked around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

*(after the reading)*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

**THE SERMON HYMN** ..... "*I Love America*" .....

*(Tune: "The Battle Hymn of the Republic")*

I love this great America, the land that God has blessed.  
Where the hope that stirs the hearts of men will never be suppressed.  
Through the flame of faith came forth a nation choice above the rest.  
This great America! Glory to the land of freedom.  
Glory to the land of freedom. Glory to the land of freedom.  
I love America!

I love this great America, the land of liberty  
For I know the price of freedom countless others paid for me.  
Do we hear their call to carry on and serve as valiantly.  
This great America! Glory to the land of freedom.  
Glory to the land of freedom. Glory to the land of freedom.  
I love America!

I love God's great America, all equal in His sight.  
May we be as one in spirit as we reach up for the right.  
And may we have humility to match our power and might.  
His great America! Glory to the land of freedom.  
Glory to the land of freedom. Glory to the land of freedom.  
I love America!

**THE SERMON:** ..... "*Freedom Fighters*" ..... Philippians 3:18-21a

**THE HYMN OF RESPONSE:** ..... "*God Bless Our Native Land*" ..... LSB #965

God bless our native land; Firm may it ever stand  
Through storm and night. When the wild tempests rave,  
Ruler of wind and wave, Do Thou our country save  
By Thy great might.

So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies,  
On whom we wait. Thou who art ever nigh,  
Guarding with watchful eye, To Thee aloud we cry:  
God save the state!

**THE OFFERTORY:** ..... "*Meditation on Pange Lingua*" ..... arr. by John Barr

**OFFERING**

2 Corinthians 8:3 - "*For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will.*"