



Welcoming and loving our neighbor in response to God's love.

March 21, 2022

Dear Friend in Christ,

Jesus saved us both “**from**” and “**for**” and wants us to remember both prepositions. The greatest of these prepositions, is that we are saved **from** sin and death by Jesus’ great act of love. We are also saved **for** acts of service which God has prepared.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:8-10

During the last two years, the people of St. Michael’s have continued to minister to each other and our neighbors through over 40 different ministry efforts, including a significant increase in the number of online viewers of our worship services.

As St. Michael’s plans for the 2022-23 ministry year, you are encouraged to be in prayer for the following areas of emphasis:

- **Intergenerational Connections** – creating, within the life of the church, opportunities to introduce and integrate our people of all generations.
- **Equipping for Connections** – providing training and encouragement for members to equip them to mentor their children and/or others in the church or greater community.
- **New Connections** – reaching out to the greater community more actively.
- **Worship Connects** – adding a Worship Director to assist in connecting the congregation to our Lord in accessible worship.

Would you also be in prayer as to how you can be involved in these efforts? Consider your response to God’s leading for the ministries of St. Michael’s, with your gifts, skills, time, and finances. Enclosed is a list of all the ways people volunteer and serve through St. Michael’s.

We ask that you seek God’s guidance in planning your intended level of financial support for St Michael’s ministries and complete the enclosed “Dedication of Generosity” form.

- ***Please complete the form and drop it off in the box at the front desk or mail it to church, Attn: Tom Solberg.***
- We are currently creating our budget for our coming fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021. ***You may turn in your response now through Sunday, April 24th.***
- You can also fill out an online version at smlcb.org/dedication-form.

Your support of the Lord's ministry through SMLC is a critical piece in revealing the kingdom of God to our community.

Yours in Christ,

Pat Simmons & Ryan Alvey

Pastors