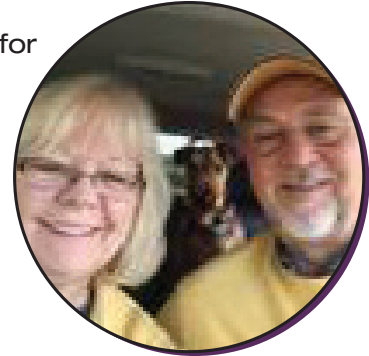


Transition Team

Joe Bonno

Preaching Team

I served on staff at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton, Michigan for 16 years as Lay Pastor. Prior to that I worked at DTE Energy for over 30 years. I was also part of a team that ministered Word and Sacrament to new churches in Grand Blanc and South Lyon. As of July 5 of this year, I retired from my position at St Michael, and with my wife Kathy and our dog Murphy, relocated to our new home in Petoskey, Michigan. We currently worship at Walloon Lake Community Church.



Matt Leavesley

Preaching Team



I came to know the Lord at the age of 18 when someone challenged me to read the Bible and find out what it said to me. During college studies at CMU, I got involved with a local Baptist church's youth group and served in various roles as a paid staff member and teacher from 2001-2008. My family and I moved back to Alpena in 2009, to help people know and follow Jesus. I currently work part-time at UPS and am serving as the bi-vocational pastor of First Baptist Church.

Brad Matuzak

Preaching Team



I have been ordained since 1993, serving as a youth pastor at Beaver Lake Community Church for seven years. Since that time I have been bi-vocational and currently work as the national sales manager for Panel Processing, Inc. For the past four years I have been an elder and lay pastor at Word of Life in Alpena, in addition to providing supply preaching at a number of area churches. I have been married for 23 years and enjoy my six children ranging in age from 3 to 22 years old.

Jerry Yarnell

Preaching Team

On Easter Sunday of 1969, I finally became aware of the living grace of the Lord Jesus. After my B.A. at Rutgers I went to the Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg and received a M.Div. degree in 1976. I served two years as associate pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Traverse City, Michigan. From there I pastored St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton, Michigan. In 1981 I received a D. Min. degree from LSTC. I served 33 years in Canton and retired in 2012. I now work part time as visitation pastor at Trinity Church in Plymouth, Michigan.



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Director of Faith Development – Senior High

I have a B.A. in Family Life Education from Spring Arbor University and work as a Foster Care Licensing Worker for Wellspring Lutheran Services. I have served as a Sunday School teacher and worked with the senior high youth for the past six years. I am devoted to youth and their families and look forward to continuing that work in a director role at RLCA.



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Director of Pastoral Care

Director of Faith Development – Junior High/Confirmation

Leader – Men's Thursday morning Bible study

I served as pastor of Zion Lutheran in St. Ignace, Michigan and Trinity Lutheran in Brevort, Michigan for five years. Until my recent retirement, I was pastor at Hope Lutheran Church in Hubbard Lake for 15 years. Prior to being ordained, I worked as a forester/firefighter with the State of Wisconsin. My hobbies include hunting, fishing, gardening and golf.



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Leader – Bible Study Tuesday afternoon small group

Leader – Bible Study – Feeding Kids Packing Teams NEW

Leader – Bible Study and Support – Prayer Chain NEW

Leader – Bible Study – Adults – Sunday mornings NEW

Recently I retired from banking and office administration. Through the years I have served as a four time delegate to a national church women's convention, past president and secretary of a church's women's organization, editor for synodical newsletters, choir member and Bible study leader. My hobbies include quilting and gardening.



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Director – Worship and Music

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Director – School of Music

I began playing in worship when I was 13 years old. After high school, I earned a bachelor's degree in music education from Western Michigan and a master's degree in teaching from Marygrove College. I was the general/choral music educator in Alcona Community Schools for 14 years. More recently I have enjoyed developing worship formats and engaging people's gifts in worship and ministry outreach.

