

St. Michael Lutheran Church

News & Events

November 3, 2017

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: November 13, Katy Hallman, Hobby Outten; November 15, Emory Elaine Todd; November 16, Smitty Holland, Catherine Ruff; November 17, Wes Hunt, Scott McRee; November 18, Jeff Forrester. We rejoice that you are living and serving among us in faith and discipleship!

SUNDAY LUNCH is being provided by the Trout, Forrester, and Hobbs' families. **We thank them for their ministry of meal and fellowship. Cost of the meal is \$5.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for children. Visitors eat free.**

IT IS OUR JOY AND PRIVILEGE TO RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS THIS SUNDAY! Those joining and their new member sponsors are listed on the bulletin insert. Please take the time to meet them personally, to welcome them into our life and ministry together, and to learn how God led them to our faith community.

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19!!! As we mark **Consecration Sunday**, we will gather together for **ONE** worship service beginning at 10:00 am, and will gather together for a catered Sunday lunch meal in the Fellowship Hall immediately following. We seek to encourage each other in making a new commitment to living out our faith in words and deeds. We consecrate not only our **gifts** to God and God's Church, but we also consecrate **ourselves**, and we consecrate our **community** – each other – simply by participating. That's why we call it **CONSECRATION SUNDAY!** Please join us!

THE LUTHERAN MEN ARE SELLING Christmas ornaments celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. They are \$10 in the Gathering Area. Please see Sunday's insert for a photo and more information!

THE BERYL HILLER CIRCLE is meeting on Tuesday the 14th in the green room. Susan Huffman has the program and Dianne Carson is the hostess.

THE JOHNSIE RICHARDSON CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00 PM at the home of Debbie Hammersla. Sandi Nelsen has the program.

NOVEMBER SAINTS ALIVE GATHERING: The November Saints Alive meeting will be THIS Wednesday, **November 15, 2017 at 12:15** in the Social Hall. This is our annual Thanksgiving turkey dinner. The turkey, dressing and gravy will be provided by Saints Alive. A signup sheet for side dishes and desserts will be in the Gathering area. Please mark your calendars now and plan to enjoy with your St. Michael family. **SAINTS ALIVE MEMBERS:** *The signup sheet in the Gathering area still has some food openings. Thank you!*

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR, TIME TO START SHOPPING FOR CHRISTMAS! As you shop **PLEASE keep in mind** The "Santa's Secret Stuff Shop" at St. Michael. This adorable pop-up Christmas shop has one-of-a-kind, handmade gifts, and ALL proceeds support the youth/adults going to Houston, TX for the Youth Gathering in June of 2018! You can also shop at **smile.amazon.com**, choosing St. Michael Lutheran Church, and a percentage of your purchase (every time you shop there) supports our youth and their trip to Houston!

OUR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH WILL ENJOY A PROGRESSIVE "FRIENDSGIVING" DINNER this Sunday, November 12. We are so grateful to Dorsey and Christie Finn for hosting our youth!

SPIRIT MATTERS *will meet again on Thursday, December 14*, at 7 pm in the Green Room. This newly forming group focuses on spiritual nurture in a group setting with shared leadership. We are an OPEN group. If you are interested, please contact Maureen Nelson or Pastor Robert. SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT AND FAITH-FILLED ENCOURAGEMENT are hard to find in the world. Yet God calls some of us to give those gifts to each other.

WE ARE NOW BOOKING FOR 2018 FAMILY BEACH RETREAT JULY 15-22. Please sign up on the signup sheet in the Gathering Area. Please contact Cynthia Trout at 414-662 to reserve a room or with any questions.

CHRISMON DECORATING PARTY FRIDAY, December 1, AT 6:30 PM!!! Join your St. Michael family for an evening of faithful fun, seasonal learning, food and fellowship. Dinner will be provided. We need you to bring cookies or other sweets for dessert. We will eat at 6:30 pm, make our own Chrismon Ornaments and enjoy fellowship as we begin decorating the trees. Please RSVP to the church office no later than Wednesday, November 29. Thank you!

SIX OF OUR MEMBERS LED BY SMITTY HOLLAND ARE RETURNING from spending the last week working in Nichols, SC, doing renovation and construction ministry. We thank God for their service in the world, and for their safe return! Ask them to share with you their "God Sightings" during the week.

MANY THANKS TO TONJIA GROBLEWSKI AND ALL OUR MANY PUMPKIN PATCH volunteers! The response of the community was overwhelming! We sold \$10,887.05 in pumpkins, which enables ARCUM to receive 35% of the proceeds. All of these funds are going to support the three local ministries! A special thank you to the volunteers at St. Michael, some of whom worked at the Pumpkin Patch on multiple occasions.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CHILDREN - AGES 4 AND UP! Join us every Sunday morning at 9:45 in the choir room for 15 minutes of song and games. At 10:00 you will be excused to go to your Sunday School class. We will begin working on the Christmas Program (**DECEMBER 10**) and, hopefully the choir can prepare some songs for church services. Looking forward to seeing and hearing you! *Faithfully, Sandi Nelsen*

IN HONOR OF 500 YEARS OF REFORMATION CELEBRATION, wear your Lutheran Pride! St. Michael's exclusive 500 year celebration T-shirts are available ONE MORE TIME! Choose "Reformation Red" or "St. Michael Blue," long or short sleeves. Long are \$20.00; short are \$15. Sizes available are Medium, Large, and Extra Large. Please see Jenny Lord ASAP to order.

"COMPASSIONATE COMPANIONS" MEETS AGAIN NOVEMBER 15 at 7 pm in the Blue Room as an extension of our congregation's grief support ministry. We seek to provide a sanctuary of human community in and through which we can move forward through the landscape of grief and mourning. This group is open to anyone at any time. Please help us extend the invitation.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 10 AM!!! Mark your calendars now! Mrs. Sandi Nelsen has begun gathering children and working hard on a wonderful musical offering. There will be one service this day, and the program will be part of the worship celebration!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: We will be carpooling Sunday, December 10, after our Congregational Meeting to our hospitalized and homebound members. A sign up sheet is in the Gathering Area.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES MEET THIS SATURDAY! Confirmation Level One and Level Two will meet together this Saturday, November 18. We gather at 9:00 am in the Green Room, and will eat lunch together at 12:30 pm so that you may leave by 1:00 pm. Please contact Pastor Robert if you have conflicts.

YOUTH MINISTRY

CRAWL Youth Group (Birth-2 or 3 YEARS & Parents)

SUNDAY, 9:45 am in the nursery

“Frolic Bible Stories”

Young Youth

No Young Youth Sunday

SAVE THE DATE FOR...

CLUB 345 Day Retreat, DEC. 2

PANCAKES & PAJAMAS CHRISTMAS PARTY, DEC. 17

All Youth Dinner: 6:00PM

LCY

SUNDAY, *Friendsgiving Progressive dinner, 3-8:00 pm*

SAVE THE DATE FOR...

HAND IN HAND SERVICE RETREAT, NOV. 17-19

PANCAKES & PAJAMAS CHRISTMAS PARTY, DEC. 17

Y'ALL: Young Adults Living Lutheran

Join us again November 15th

We will continue to talk about Rob Bell's book "What is the Bible?"

SAVE THE DATES FOR Y'ALL Thanksgiving: November 10 at The Todd's House & **Y'ALL Christmas Pajama/Tacky Sweater Party**: December 15 at Mike & Camerone's House.

Dinner and Childcare provided weekly!!!

See Pastor Elise for details and check out our **FACEBOOK** page.

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Thirsty Thursdays

COME. FELLOWSHIP. BE FED.

Do you consider yourself a "Young Adult"?

Are you looking for an intentional faith group & good friends?

Do you need a break from your regular weekly routine?

Do you want a place where you can stay connected to Jesus, have a support network within the church, & have meaningful conversation about faith & life in a casual social setting?

Then JOIN US for *Thirsty Thursdays*

We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH @ 6PM @ THE BUGAY'S

See Pastor Elise or check out our page on FACEBOOK for info.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

A "FAITH 5" VERSE

"Keep awake therefore,
for you know neither the day nor the hour."
Matthew 25:13

Monday, November 13

Pastor Elise's Day Off

12- Step Group 7:30 pm

Tuesday, November 14

Beryl Hiller Circle 10:00 am

Worship & Music Team 6:30 pm

Johnsie Richardson Circle 7:00 pm

AA 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 15

Bible Study 10:30 am

Saints Alive Thanksgiving Luncheon 12:15 pm

Y'ALL 6:00 pm

New Creation Service 6:00 pm

Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

Compassionate Companions 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 16

Breakfast Together 8:30 am

Nursing Mothers' Support Group 12:00 pm

AA 7:00 pm

Friday, November 17 – HAND TO HAND RETREAT

Pastor Robert's Day Off

LCY Retreat @ Coastal

Saturday, November 18 – HAND TO HAND

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Confirmation Class, Levels 1 & 2 9:00 am

Larkins Birthday Party 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 19 – Consecration Sunday

Sunday School 9:00 am

CRAWL 9:00 am

Children's Choir 9:00 am

ONE Worship Service 10:00 am

Celebration Luncheon 12:00 pm

Young Youth 4:00 pm

LCY Retreat @ Coastal return