

St. Michael Lutheran Church

News & Events

February 16, 2018

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: February 20, Jamie Karlik; February 22, Blake Castor, Marian Kimball; February 23, Heather Awtry, Parker Echols, Holland Echols; February 24, Doug Montjoy; February 25, Grant Stover. We rejoice that you are living and serving among us in faith and discipleship!

THERE IS NO SUNDAY LUNCH THIS SUNDAY. Our next Sunday lunch will be held on Sunday, March 4th, unless a group volunteers for this ministry next Sunday.

FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS OUR Chancel Choir has presented a thematic look at Music for the Lenten Season. This year the Chapel Choir will be joining us in this five-week tradition. The Chancel Choir will be presenting a series of anthems based on the Agnus Dei/Lamb of God portion of the Liturgy. "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the earth, have mercy upon us." "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the earth, grant us thy peace." Our Chapel Choir will be offering different settings of Psalm 51 (Create in Me), David's great psalm of repentance and forgiveness. "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." We are grateful for those who deepen our Lenten journey through their gifts and ministry of music!

"CHRIST THE SAVIOR – A LENTEN ENCOUNTER THROUGH ART" will be the focus of our Wednesday evening Lenten worship gatherings this year. A simple supper will be offered in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30 to 6:20 pm. We will gather in the worship space at 6:30 pm. Our conversation together will focus on the themes of the altarpiece in Martin Luther's church in Wittenberg. Wrapped in Scripture, prayer and song, we will be encountered by Christ the Savior. This service will replace *NEW CREATION*, which will resume on April 4.

OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS REACH TO ENFOLD CAROL KELSEY and her family at the death of her husband Jim early on Thursday morning after a seven-year battle with Alzheimer's Disease. There are no funeral arrangements at the present time. We will communicate them when they are made. "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE!" says the Lord.

IT'S TIME TO FILL OUT OUR 2018 TIME & TALENT FORMS! A link to the online form was emailed this week and can also be found on our website at www.stmichaelelca.org. You may complete the form online or if you would prefer to fill out a paper copy, they are available in the Gathering Area. Please place paper copies in the offering plate. Our Youth are also encouraged to fill out a form. We are grateful for all that you do for St. Michael's!

NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR CAMP AT LUTHERIDGE AND LUTHEROCK. Program descriptions are on the website at www.novusway.org, There is a significant discount for registrations completed before mid-March. Give a child you love a week of living and learning and growing in Christian community!!! Scholarship assistance is always available.

NEW LOOK FOR THE COLUMBARIUM AND MEMORIAL CENTER: A second bundle of Niches was installed on Wednesday, January 31. There are only 5 single Niches remaining in B section. The new bundle was ordered about four months ago and arrived at St. Michael on January 25. The new section of Niches will be Section C. Now is an excellent time to make a selection. There are 64 niches in the new bundle. The price of a Niche is \$1500 per unit.

MEMORIAL WALL: Panel 1 of the Memorial Wall section in the Columbarium and Memorial Center is full. Panel 2 will be ordered in the next several weeks. Should you have family members or past members of St. Michael you would like to add to the wall, now is an excellent time to let us know. A name on the Memorial Wall is \$300. Please contact trustees: Grethe Bunes, Howard Leonard or Tommy Clarke with any questions.

SPIRIT MATTERS will meet again on Thursday, March 8, at 7:00 pm in the Green Room. This new group seeks to provide spiritual nurture in a group setting with shared leadership. We are an OPEN group. Please contact Maureen Nelson or Pastor Robert, or plan to join us on March 8. 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.

HELP MAKE HISTORY AT SMLC: As you organize for the new year and plan your spring cleaning, please keep the church history room in mind. If you have photos or any other memorabilia from church projects, programs, or events that you don't want to keep, please consider submitting those items for the church history. Envelopes are available in the history room to organize your contributions. Please include as much information as possible about the event or project, the date, and the name of the group or the individuals in any photos. Howard Leonard and Mary Lee Mowry can answer questions.

BACKPACK BUDDIES CONTINUES PACKING 25 BAGS EACH WEEK! Your continuing support makes a real difference in the lives of children in poverty. All items on our list are always appreciated. We are very grateful for the support of the local Thrivent chapter this month. THANK YOU!!!

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS are available on the white table in the Educational Building Hallway by the Gathering Area.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH SEDER DINNER: Jews for Jesus presents Christ in the Passover Seder Dinner at Messiah Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 18th at 4:00 PM. Please mail \$20.00 per person to Messiah Lutheran for your reservation.

SAINTS ALIVE WILL MEET WEDNESDAY, February 28 at 12:45 in the Gathering hall, right after the Lenten Service. This will be a pot-luck meal. Our own Mr. Ed Hunt will be doing a "Name That Tune" program which is a new version of years past. We are also calling this our "Sock Hop" as we are collecting socks all through February to support the Miracle Hill shelters for the homeless. They need socks for men, women and children. This is a joint local mission effort by Sts. Alive and the St. Michael Social Ministry Team. Please mark your calendars and plan to be with your St. Michael family.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO COOK A YOUTH DINNER! There are many spots available. A "Sign-Up Genius" email was recently sent to parents and friends. We are not using the sign up board in the gathering area this year. If you would like to cook and didn't receive the sign-up email, please contact Angela Bostick at angelalouise-clark@hotmail.com.

A THIRTY MINUTE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION BEGINS AT 12:15 PM each Wednesday during Lent. This spoken service offers an opportunity to be centered in the center of the work week as we seek to grow in faith and discipleship through our Lenten journey. Reflections will focus on God's "Covenants of Grace" using the OT readings for the Sundays in Lent.

"SOCK HOP" UPDATE: Our second week of the sock drive has been great! Thank you and keep them coming! The second week we received 69 socks! 11 for men, 28 for women and 30 for children. The women's and children's socks were delivered to the Greenville Rescue Mission (operated by Miracle Hill Ministries) and they were very thankful. From Social Ministry and Saints Alive, we thank you!

WE BELIEVE EACH PERSON HAS GIFTS TO GIVE IN MINISTRY, and we seek always to help you discover and claim your ministry of loving service to God and God's Church. Under Jessica Wofford's leadership, our Time and Talent process is being revised and improved. Please help us help each other by participating, and by giving your constructive feedback to members of Council.

OUR CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETS AT 1:00 THIS AFTERNOON in the Green Room to carry out their ministry of servant leadership guiding us to accomplish God's will for St. Michael's this year. All who join us in the spirit of prayerful discernment are welcome to participate.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Remember to check your mailboxes in the Terracycle room for updates and information pertaining to your ministry area and responsibility.

LUTHERIDGE SUNDAY COMING MAY 6, 2018! Join your St. Michael family at our Lutheran Camp and Conference Center as we worship and fellowship outside, and celebrate together God's holy work of new creation!

THE JOHNSIE RICHARDSON CIRCLE IS MEETING THIS Tuesday, February 20th. We will meet at the home of Suzie Smith at 7:00 PM. Elaine Holland has the program.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS: Shipwrecked Rescue by Jesus, June 18-22 from 9am-12pm. Contact Karen Street karenkstreet@charter.net for any questions. LCY will be attending the National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX the end of June, so VBS has been scheduled ***a week earlier than usual***.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Join us Sunday at 9:45am

YOUNG YOUTH (K4 – 5th Grade)

Meeting 4:00 -6:00 pm

LCY (6th – 12th Grade)

Meeting, 6-8pm

*We have about \$15,000 to \$20,000 still to raise for the National Youth Gathering trip in Houston, TX!

Upcoming 2018 Youth Gathering Fundraisers for 15 Youth and 5 Adults; please save the dates!

***Silent Auction and Variety Show, Sunday, March 4 6pm.**

We have a few items, but we are asking for additional donations for the Silent Auction.

Please contact Nancy Adair.

***Rent-A-Kid: more details to come!**

Y'ALL: Young Adults Living Lutheran

Join us Wednesday, February 21 as we begin our Lenten study.

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.

Join us again Thursday, February 22nd, home of Rich & Katie Maxwell

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

A "FAITH 5" VERSE

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." *Mark 1:15*

Monday, February 19

12- Step Group 7:30 pm

Tuesday, February 20

Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:30 am
Pregnancy/Infant Loss Support 7:00 pm
Survivors of Suicide Support Grp 7:00 pm
Johnsie Richardson Circle 7:00 pm
AA 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 21

Bible Study 10:30 am
Lenten Service w/Communion 12:15 pm
Lenten Supper 5:30 to 6:20 pm
Lenten Evening Service 6:30 pm
Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 22

Breakfast Together 8:30 am
Nursing Mothers' Support Group 12:00 pm
AA 7:00 pm
Al-Anon 8:00 pm

Friday, February 23

Saturday, February 24

Confirmation Class, C 1&2 9:00 am
Girl Scouts 4:00 pm

Sunday, February 25

Worship Service 8:30 am
Faith Formation 9:45 am
Worship Service 11:00 am
No Sunday Lunch
NO Young Youth
LCY 6:00 pm

Lessons for February 25, 2018

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38