

# St. Michael Lutheran Church

## News & Events

### March 2, 2018

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** March 6, Aaron Lesiak; March 8, Jessica Carter, Elizabeth Hobbs; March 9, Zoe Henderson, Gaines Henderson, Shay Koch, Greg Monn; March 10, Keith Howard. We rejoice that you are living and serving among us in faith and discipleship!

**ALL WORSHIPERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR LUNCH AFTER THE 11:00 AM SERVICE.** Sunday's lunch is being prepared by the Schultz and Rhyne families. Please thank them for their ministry of hospitality making possible this special time of fellowship for all. The cost for adults is \$5.00 and \$3.00 for children. Our worship visitors are always invited to eat at no cost. All are welcome! Please join us today.

**IT IS OUR JOY AND PRIVILEGE AS THE CHURCH IN THIS PLACE** to administer the Sacrament of Holy Baptism to **WILLOW MARIE TODD** infant daughter of Alex and Loren Todd and sister to Heather and Emory. Serving as Baptismal Sponsors are Hannah Daigle and Boyce Woolbright, while Sarah and Jeff Forrester and their sons are serving as Congregational Representatives and will present the Faith Chest. As God Sunday names and claims Willow, we remember God has likewise named and claimed us and we renew our commitment to "walk wet" each day in the covenant of our Baptism!

**THE ANNUAL LCY TALENT SHOW AND SILENT AUCTION ARE SUNDAY NIGHT!** Details are on the insert in Sunday's worship folder. Thank you for your enthusiastic support of our young adult Christians in their efforts to grow in grace and faith!

**LENTEN ANTHEM SERIES AT EACH SERVICE!** For the past several years our Chancel Choir has presented a thematic look at Music for the Lenten Season. This year the Chapel Choir joins 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!*

**GIVE THE GIFT OF CAMP AT LUTHERIDGE OR Lutherock TO A CHILD YOU LOVE!!!** Now is the time to register! Program descriptions are on the website at [www.novusway.org](http://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.

**IN FEBRUARY, THE YOUTH AND ADULTS** who will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston from June 27 to July 1 raised over \$1100 through donations and fundraisers. Thank you so much for your love and support!

**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.

**“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.

**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.

**BACKPACK BUDDIES CONTINUES PACKING 25 BAGS EACH WEEK!** At this time we are in need of white milk. All other supplies are also welcome. 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!!!

**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 [angelalouiseclark@hotmail.com](mailto:angelalouiseclark@hotmail.com).

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PLEASE REMEMBER TO** check your open mailboxes in the Terracycle Room for updates and information pertaining to your ministry area and responsibility.

**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.

**OUR "SOCK HOP" DONATION** was incredibly successful - 403 pairs of socks have been given to Miracle Hill Ministries - thanks to all who donated!

*Dear Friends, thank you so much for all of the socks for our women and children!! Socks are always something we need here, and your gift is greatly appreciated!* Gratefully, Minda Shelton (Miracle Hill Ministries)

**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. Register by **TODAY**, March 4. Please mail \$20.00 per person to Messiah Lutheran for your reservation. This is an educational and worship event, especially timely for the Lenten season.

**LUTHERIDGE SUNDAY COMING MAY 6, 2018!** Join your St. Michael family at our Lutheran Camp and Conference Center as we worship and fellowship!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS: Shipwrecked Rescue by Jesus,** June 18-22 from 9am-12pm. Contact Karen Street [karenkstreet@charter.net](mailto: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.**

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

**BMF MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY CONTINUES!** Look for details on the table in the Gathering Area. Gifts will be matched dollar for dollar!

**FORMER MEMBER VALERIE TOMAINI WILL BE VISITING GREENVILLE** on March 5. A gathering is planned in the side room at Corona's on Augusta beginning at 7:00pm. All are welcome! Sarah Gullick is coordinating. Valerie now lives in France with her husband. She played the lead in the stewardship musical "To The Castle" which we did here ten years ago. God creates new relationships which reach across time and distance to endure.

**TIME TO FILL THE EGGS, for THE EGG HUNT!** Look for the ziploc bags with plastic eggs in the gathering area. Please, take a bag (or 2) home, fill them and return them by 3/25! Thank you for helping to make our Annual Egg Hunt a huge success!

**SAINTS ALIVE WILL MEET WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>** at 12:45 in the Fellowship Hall, right after the Lenten Service. This will be a pot-luck meal. Our program will be Self Defense for Seniors put on by Suzanne Underwood, Director of the Mauldin Senior Center. Suzanne has been practicing and teaching self-defense to seniors since 2001. She will also have a special assistant for her program. Please mark your calendars and plan to be with your St. Michael family.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Join us Sunday at 9:45am

### YOUNG YOUTH (K4 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

*No Meeting*

### LCY (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

*Meeting, 6-8pm*

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

We have about \$15,000 still to raise for the ELCA Youth Gathering trip to Houston in June. We will be sending 15 youth and 5 adults on this faith formation journey.

**Thank you for your support!**

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## **Y'ALL: Young Adults Living Lutheran**

***Join us Wednesday, March 7 as we begin our Lenten study.***

*Dinner and Childcare provided weekly!!!*

See Heather Hester 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, March 8th, Location TBA**

See Emily Bugay or check out our page on **FACEBOOK** for info.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### **A "FAITH 5" VERSE**

"The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

*John 2:18-19*

#### Monday, March 5

12- Step Group 7:30 pm

#### Tuesday, March 6

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** 10:30 am  
AA 7:00 pm

#### Wednesday, March 7

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, March 8

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

#### Friday, March 9

#### Saturday, March 10

#### Sunday, March 11 – Girl Scout Sunday

**Worship Service** 8:30 am  
**Faith Formation** 9:45 am  
**Children's Choir** 9:45 am  
**Worship Service** 11:00 am  
**Sunday Lunch – Girl Scouts** 12:00pm  
**No Young Youth**  
**Youth Dinner** 6:00 pm  
**LCY** 6:30 pm

### Lessons for March 11, 2018

#### **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

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