

St. Michael Lutheran Church

News & Events

March 23, 2018

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: March 26, Wade Buehler, Larken Hanna; March 28, Amber Buehler, John Neff; March 29, Olivia Ellis, Ralph Mellom, Tyler Miller, Diane Smith; March 20, Haley Webster; March 31, Keith Allen, Debra Seymore; April 1, Mimi Hallman, Nancy Key. We rejoice that you are living and serving among us in faith and discipleship!

SUNDAY LUNCH HAS CONCLUDED FOR THE SPRING. We express our deepest thanks to each and all who help us offer this meaningful ministry! We plan to resume in October, and look forward to many participating!

THE LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION ANNUAL EASTER BREAKFAST will be served next Sunday, April 1, in the Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:45 am. Menu items include Eggs Frittata, bacon, sausage, grits, hot biscuits, fresh fruit, assorted cold cereals, OJ, milk and hot coffee. Everyone invited; free will offering graciously accepted. *Our THANKS to all of you! AMEN for Lutheran Men!*

WE SHARE IN THE JOY OF JESSICA AND SOREN DEVOS at the birth of their son, **Axel Thomas DeVos**, on Saturday, March 17, at 6:52 pm, weighing in at 7lbs. 9oz, and 20-1/2 inches long. Mom and baby are doing well. We give thanks to God for this gracious gift of new life!

MAUNDY THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION begins at 7:00 pm this Thursday. This service of forgiveness and reconciliation celebrates Christ's new covenant, and begins the Three Days in which our salvation is accomplished. The altar will be stripped at the conclusion of the service. There is no benediction. The Three Days are one whole! ***Here the truth of Easter begins.*** *Join us for worship.*

THE GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY AND THE PASSION FROM JOHN'S GOSPEL will focus our Good Friday worship this year. The service will include congregational hymns, but will not utilize a choral Tenebrae featuring the choir. This intentional time of adoration and prayer around the Cross continues the liturgy begun on Thursday, and bridges to the liturgy celebrating the festival of the Resurrection. Plan now to worship with us, and invite a friend.

THE ARCUM PALM SUNDAY PARADE WILL NOT take place this year due to a number of complicating factors. We hope we will be able to make this happen again next year.

NEW CREATION WILL RESUME THE WEDNESDAY AFTER EASTER! Join us on Wednesday, April 4th at 6:00 PM, for this service which is informal, conversational, eucharistic, and child friendly.

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

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH GATHERING group with their fundraiser at Mutts. It was a very successful event. The Mutt's staff complimented our youth on how hard working they were, and how wonderful it was that so many church members came out to support our youth. It was one of their busiest Monday nights recently. Just in tips alone the youth made \$338.68. Mutts will send us a check for the fundraiser portion of their sales that night.

WE CONTINUE SEEKING THROUGH SPIRIT MATTERS TO PROVIDE intentional spiritual nurture in a group setting with shared leadership. We are working together to discern meeting times and frequency which will best serve the largest number of those interested. If you would like to learn more about this effort to experience community in a way that both gives and receives at the same time all the time, please contact Maureen Nelson or Pastor Robert. We welcome all who are seeking spiritual nourishment and faith-filled encouragement.

BACKPACK BUDDIES CONTINUES PACKING 25 BAGS EACH WEEK! At this time we are in need of *meats, white milk, juice, pasta and fruit*. All other items on our list are always appreciated. Your continuing support makes a real difference in the lives of children in poverty. 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.

A THIRTY MINUTE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION BEGINS AT 12:15 PM each Wednesday during Lent, *including Holy Week*. 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.

There is no Wednesday evening worship service at SMLC this week!

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 *Psalms 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!*

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***.

BMF MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY CONTINUES! WE ARE OVER HALF WAY THERE!! Look for details on the table in the Gathering Area. Gifts will be matched dollar for dollar! Envelopes are in the Pew Pockets or side table in the Gathering Area.

THE ALTAR GUILD WORKDAY will be next Saturday, March 31st at 9:30 AM. Please join us in preparing your Church for Easter.

BOTH THE KAY MELLOM HOSPITALITY HOUSE AND THE DOWNSTAIRS APARTMENT are in need of bath towels and wash cloths, kitchen linens and twin bed spreads/coverlets. There is a container in the Gathering Area for your donations. Thank you from Social Ministry!

WE ARE WORKING TO FRAME AND DISPLAY A PHOTO OF EACH Confirmation Class in the history of St. Michael's. We are currently working on the years from 1990 through 2010. If you have a "whole class" photograph from one of those years – or any year! – and would be willing to loan it to us to scan into our computer, please contact Pastor Robert or Penny Adsit. (We have the year 2000.) The framed photographs will "live" in the hallway outside the nursery and choir room. Thank you for your help in making this visual celebration!

THERE'S STILL TIME TO FILL OUT YOUR 2018 TIME & TALENT FORMS! You can find a link 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!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion	March 25, 8:30 & 11:00 am
Wednesday Spoken Holy Communion	March 28, 12:15 pm
Maundy Thursday Holy Communion	March 29, 7:00 pm
The Good Friday Liturgy/Reading of the Passion	March 30, 7:00 pm
The Festival of the Resurrection	April 1, 8:30 & 11:00 am
<i>Easter Breakfast Between Services</i>	
<i>Flowering of the Cross</i>	

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Join us Sunday at 9:45am

YOUNG YOUTH (K4 – 5th Grade) & LCY (

NO Young Youth or LCY Today

Everyone is invited to...

** Join us SUNDAY for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt
LCY please arrive at 3pm
Young Youth please arrive at 3:45pm **

We have about \$10,000 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!

Fundraiser opportunities

Friday Family Fun Night

Friday, April 13th 7:00-9:30-LCY is hosting a Family Fun Night for their Saint Michael's family. Pizza dinner, children's activities, and outside movie, Ferdinand. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Cost is \$4.00 for dinner and movie per person. We will also have a 50/50 raffle drawing that night-\$5.00 tickets. All money raised will go towards the Youth Gathering. Please let Karen Street know if you plan to attend by April 12th at ka-renkstreet@charter.net to plan for food accordingly.

LCY: April 13th late night movie after the fundraiser at the church till 11:30.

Rent-A-Youth: ongoing!

Y'ALL: Young Adults Living Lutheran

We will NOT meet March 28.

Please stay tuned for our next meeting date.

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, April 12th, Location TBA

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

A "FAITH 5" VERSE

"Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Mark 15:39

Monday, March 26

12- Step Group 7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 27

AA 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 28

Bible Study 10:30 am

Lenten Service w/Communion 12:15 pm

Y'ALL 6:00 pm

NO Evening Worship Service

Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 29 – MAUNDY THURSDAY

Breakfast Together 8:30 am

Nursing Mothers' Support Group 12:00 pm

AA 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion 7:00 pm

Al-Anon 8:00 pm

Friday, March 30 – GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday Liturgy/Reading of the Passion

7:00 pm

Saturday, March 31

Sunday, April 1 – EASTER – Flowering of the Cross

Festival of the Resurrection

Worship Service 8:30 am

LMM Easter Breakfast 9:45 am – 10:45 am

Worship Service 11:00 am

Lessons for April 1, 2018

The Festival of the Resurrection

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark 16:1-8