

# St. Michael Lutheran Church

## News & Events

March 30, 2018

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** April 3, Jessica Castor, Luci Floyd; April 5, Bonnie Cook, Allyn Hickey, Hutch Koch, Faye Moss; April 6, Adrian Babilinski, Rebecca Hedrick; April 7, Krystian Babilinski, Rivers Carter; April 8, Will Carnes. We rejoice that you are living and serving among us in faith and discipleship!

**ALL WORSHIPPERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US** in the Fellowship Hall following the 8:30 service Sunday morning and prior to the 11:00 service for fellowship and breakfast served in celebration of Easter. We express our warmest thanks and appreciation to our Lutheran Men for their loving labor to prepare and serve this meal for all of us! Come and enjoy! *And please thank them personally!*

**AS YOU FLOWER THE CROSS SUNDAY MORNING WITH YOUR OWN GIFTS** you boldly and beautifully proclaim the truth of the Easter Gospel to all who pass by – God has transformed the instrument of death into the gateway to life! *“The strife is o’er, the battle done; now is the Victor’s triumph won! Now be the song of praise begun! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!”*

**WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO OUR MUSIC MINISTERS** for their extra work throughout this Lent and Holy Week, and for their leadership in glorifying God through music at our two festival Easter worship services this morning. *“Those who sing pray twice!”* All of us join in thanking all of you for your commitment and for your dedication! You help all the rest of us *“Pray Twice!”*

**OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS REACH TO ENFOLD** Somers Farmer at the death of her grandfather George J. Maky, Jr. on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. A memorial service will be held tomorrow at First Baptist of Lexington. *“I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE!”* says the Lord.

**YOUR EASTER LILIES MAY BE TAKEN HOME after** the 11:00 am service Sunday for you to enjoy at home and plant in your garden. Those remaining will be watered once during the week, and re-arranged before next Sunday. Thanks!

**NEW CREATION WILL RESUME THIS WEDNESDAY!** Join us on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, for this service which is informal, conversational, Eucharistic, and child friendly.

**THRIVENT COMMUNITY ACTION TEAMS MAKE IT EASY** for THRIVENT members to support and fund causes they care about! Each Thrivent member may apply for a \$250.00 grant twice each year to provide seed money for a service effort, fund raiser, or educational event. Please go to the web site [www.thrivent.com/actionteam](http://www.thrivent.com/actionteam) or contact the Finns for more information.

**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. In total we earned \$838.68!!

**WE CONTINUE SEEKING THROUGH SPIRIT MATTERS TO PROVIDE** intentional spiritual nurture in a group setting with shared leadership. We will meet April 5<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. 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](mailto:angelalouiseclark@hotmail.com).

**THE APRIL SAINTS ALIVE MEETING** will be a luncheon in the Social Hall beginning at 12:15 on Wednesday, April 25. Mr. Van Broad, Community Development Director in Mauldin, will return to St. Michael's to serenade to us. His music was enjoyed by all in 2017. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us for fun, food, and fellowship with your St. Michael family.

**WE THANK EACH AND ALL WHO HAVE WORKED TO MAKE OUR LENTEN JOURNEY** this year so meaningful. Your support and participation in our extra worship and learning efforts are deeply appreciated. We cannot make this journey alone. As we journey together, we are formed again into the Easter Community, the Church "Serving Christ in the World." May God bless us and our ministry in this ending now become a new beginning!

**OUR SERVANT MINISTRY OF TRANSITIONAL HOUSING** in partnership with GAIHN/ United Ministries continues in quiet and steadfast ways. The Risen Christ still goes before us to Galilee -- to the places we live and work -- leading us forward into new life. As we follow Him, we will see Him there. We are grateful to the members of our congregation whose efforts continue to make this ministry happen.

**THE SEVEN WEEKS OF THE EASTER CELEBRATION** -- a week of weeks -- fit this year neatly into the time before Summer vacation. What gifts of time and talent can you give in new ways to make meaningful ministry happen in this season of new beginnings? Ministry is always accomplished by people who know that God can and will use their ordinariness to accomplish extraordinary things! We ARE God's Easter People! How can we as St. Michael Lutheran Church show that to the world God so loves?

**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*.

**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.

**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](http://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!

# YOUTH MINISTRY

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

No Meeting Sunday

## YOUNG YOUTH (K4 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) & LCY ( **NO Young Youth or LCY Today**

**\*\*Happy Easter\*\***

**Enjoy time with your families!!**

**Please join LCY again next week, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**  
**Young Youth will not meet until April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

We have about \$9,000 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](mailto: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!**

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

**Join us again April 4th.**

*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*

"But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here."

Mark 16:6

#### Monday, April 2

12- Step Group 7:30 pm

#### Tuesday, April 3

Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:30 am

AA 7:00 pm

#### Wednesday, April 4

Bible Study 10:30 am

Y'ALL 6:00 pm

**New Creation Worship Service 6:00 pm**

Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

#### Thursday, April 5

Breakfast Together 8:30 am

Nursing Mothers' Support Group 12:00 pm

AA 7:00 pm

Al-Anon 8:00 pm

#### Friday, April 6

#### Saturday, April 7

#### Sunday, April 8

**Worship Service 8:30 am**

**CRAWL 9:45 am**

**Faith Formation 9:45 am**

**Worship Service 11:00 am**

**No Young Youth**

**LCY 6:00 pm**

#### Lessons for April 8, 2018

#### **Second Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1--2:2

John 20:19-31

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