

# St. Michael Lutheran Church

## News & Events

### July 27, 2018

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** August 1, Shelley Stover; August 4, Melanie Waites. We rejoice that you are living and serving among us in faith and discipleship!

**DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY?** We are looking to restart our youth and young adult committee to oversee the various activities of Young Youth, LCY, Thirsty Thursdays, and YALL. The first meeting will be on the 29th of July at 12pm. All who are interested are welcome.

**OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE CONTINUES WITH one Sunday service at 10:00 am** continuing through Labor Day weekend. *OUR SUMMER LEARNING MINISTRY "G-I-F-T"* will meet **Sunday in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 AM.** This inter-generational learning activity this morning will focus on *THE ONE THING* and is being led by Cyndi Celinskis. Please thank her for her ministry of faith formation.

**THE CHOIR IS ON VACATION** until September 9, and the Worship & Music team invites SMLC musicians of all ages to present special music during worship this summer -- any Sunday you choose -- through September 2. You can play or sing alone or form your own group. Familiar hymns, favorite anthems, or classical pieces presented during the offertory or during communion are a wonderful addition to our worship service. Choose a Sunday and let Charlie or Mary Lee Mowry know your plans.

**THE UNITED MINISTRIES' TRANSFORMATION WALK**, sponsored by Bon Secours Health System, is now including a 5k run! Join us for the 29<sup>th</sup> annual event on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Registration begins at 8am, with the event kicking off at 9. The Walk is FREE. The fee to run is \$25 for early bird registration (ends July 31<sup>st</sup>) and \$30 beginning on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Our new location – beginning at First Baptist Church, Greenville – will allow us to walk along the Swamp Rabbit Trail. We'll be featuring stories of the transformation of those who have come through United Ministries' doors. Please join us by signing up today at [www.united-ministries.org/transformation-walk/](http://www.united-ministries.org/transformation-walk/)

**IT IS OUR JOY AND PRIVILEGE AS THE CHURCH IN THIS PLACE** to administer the Sacrament of Holy Baptism to **AXEL THOMAS DE VOS**, infant son of Jessica and Soren de Vos. Jessica's sister and brother-in-law, Casey and Matthew Rall, are serving as Axel's Baptismal Sponsors. They are at home in Houston, TX, where their first child was born just seven weeks after Axel! The members of the "Thirsty Thursday" group will be serving as Congregational Representatives and will be presenting the Faith Chest. Devin & Kristi Kendrick will be representing this group. As God names and claims Axel, we remember that God has likewise named and claimed each one of us and we renew our commitment to "walk wet" in lives of faith and discipleship!

**WE ARE GETTING AN EARLY START. SUPPORT OUR YOUTH GATHERING GROUP HEADED TO MINNEAPOLIS** in June, 2021 by purchasing a \$5 Belk Charity Day Sale ticket from any youth this Sunday. Customers may use a \$5 off ticket in EACH DEPARTMENT on the day of the sale, **Saturday, August 25th**, so buy all you need! **See Andrea Simpson or a youth for tickets & info.**

**SAINTS ALIVE IS TAKING THEIR SUMMER SABBATICAL** and will not be meeting regularly this Summer. They plan to resume meeting in September. More information will be posted in late August. Contact Donna Scott-Hober for details.

**LIVE! LOVE! SERVE! LUTHERAN SERVICES CAROLINAS BELIEVES "Empowered by Christ, we walk together with all we serve!"** Our co-operative social ministry agency is an expression of all ELCA Lutherans in the two Carolinas. Lutheran Services engages in a variety of ministry programs in our own state, including Veterans Services, Therapeutic Foster Care for special needs children, Refugee Services offering safety and assistance to victims of human trafficking and political oppression, and Ten Residences for adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. Lutheran Services is also the lead agency for Lutheran Disaster Response in South Carolina and continues working with victims of the 2015 floods in Columbia. You can learn more about Kinard Manor (the home for homeless veterans) and LSC at [www.lscarolinas.net](http://www.lscarolinas.net).

**THE MANY CONFIRMATION CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS** have gone away as we look for a permanent place to hang them on the wall. They will return soon! We are grateful for all those who have worked on this project, and to Elaine Holland for coordinating! Please contact her if you would like to help. Thanks!

**OUR BACKPACK BUDDIES HAVE CONCLUDED PACKING FOR THE YEAR!** We still welcome donations, but will not begin packing bags until school begins again in the Fall. Your support of this effort really does make a difference in the lives of children at risk for hunger. We thank you! And we thank God for you!

**HOSPICE HOUSE NEEDS:** The Volunteer Room at the Hospice House is in need of individually wrapped sizes of these items - Snack Cakes & Cookies, Chips, Trail Mix and/or nuts, Granola - Breakfast/Protein Bars, Candy in any assortment including chocolate.

**WHAT IS FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP?** Faithful stewardship includes giving to God as "a discipline for spiritual growth." "We practice a degree of renunciation and self-denial in recognition of the spiritual principle that 'where your treasure is, there your heart will be also' (Matthew 6:21). When we do this, we discover that such giving becomes a bond that brings us closer to God and helps us to become the sort of people we most want to be." Excerpts are from the book "Giving to God" by Mark Allan Powell. (2006)

**SABBATH – FINDING REST, RENEWAL & DELIGHT IN OUR BUSY LIVES** is a book worth reading if you would like to explore how to deepen your prayer life and broaden your experience of God's Presence. Wayne Muller is the author. Bantam Books is the publisher. You may also be interested in Thomas Keating's "Method of Centering Prayer, which teaches a simple method of being attentive to God. You can read more at [www.contemplativeoutreach.org/centeringprayer](http://www.contemplativeoutreach.org/centeringprayer).

**50 FORWARD LIVING WELL – Simple Enough WILL BE AT LUTHERIDGE** October 19-21, 2018. This event is part of the "**50 FORWARD**" initiative at Lutheridge. "**50 FORWARD**" is a faith-based learning community of active adults created through program offerings geared to the late career/early retirement stage of life. This LIVING WELL event is an annual conference for "**50 FORWARD**" focusing on a topic of specific interest. Go to [50Forwardlife.org](http://50Forwardlife.org) to learn more details about the weekend. There is a significant discount for groups of five or more. If you may be interested, please contact Pastor Robert.

**GREENVILLE CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS** is collecting bookbags along with school supplies to help local children! Church Without Walls helps support five local housing projects. Backpacks for all ages are welcomed. If you are able, please include school supplies such as pencils, pens, markers, glue sticks, rulers, and notebook paper. If you would like to donate, please put your donations in the box in the Terracycle room. Pastor Alfred Johnson from GCWW will be collecting these items from St. Michael's on Monday, August 6th. Thank you so much for your support!

**THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS** make it possible for Thrivent members to support causes they care about. Each member can apply for seed money of \$250 each six months for a one-time volunteer project, fundraiser, service project or educational event. ***What ministry are you passionate about? How could you grow that ministry with this "seed money"???***

**FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY COORDINATOR:** UPDATE! Interviews are underway! The recruitment committee has been working diligently in the search for our new coordinator. We have had several interviews and are feeling hopeful that our needs will be provided for soon. If you have any questions about this position or process, please reach out to one of the committee members (Emily Bugay, Carolyn Schultz, Kendra Thornton, Cynthia Trout, Liza Cook, Matt Wofford, David Cooke, or Pastor Robert). Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit's guidance will lead us to the right candidate.

### **A PRAYER FOR THE GREEN GROWING CHURCH**

*O Lord, Your Church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a church where people grow in faith and serve You, if I am open to such growth and service. Therefore, with Your help, O Lord, we shall dedicate ourselves to the task of being all the things You want Your Church to be. AMEN*

**OUR WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP** is currently studying Philip-  
pians. Wednesday's study will be chapter 3:12-21. All are welcome to join us at  
10:30 am in the "Green Room" for fellowship and faith-nurturing conversation.  
***There is always room at the table! Come and bring a friend!***

### YOUTH MINISTRY

CRAWL Youth Group (Birth - 3 YEARS & Parents)

Meeting Sunday at 9:00 AM

Young Youth (K4 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

No Meeting Sunday

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

No Meeting Sunday

***Thank you very much for your generous support for our ELCA Youth Gathering fundraisers!***

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

**Join us again on August 1st**

*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.

**We will begin meeting again in August – please stay tuned!**

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

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

"Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted."

John 6:11

#### Monday, July 30

12- Step Group 7:30 pm

#### Tuesday, July 31

AA 7:00 pm

#### Wednesday, August 1

Bible Study 10:30 am

Y-ALL 6:00 pm

New Creation Worship 6:00 pm

#### Thursday, August 2

Breakfast Together 8:30 am

Nursing Mothers' Support Group 12:00 pm

AA 7:00 pm

Al-Anon 8:00 pm

#### Friday, August 3

#### Saturday, August 4

#### Sunday, August 5

**CRAWL 9:00am**

**GIFT Faith Formation 9:00 am**

**ONE Worship Service 10:00 am**

### Lessons for August 5, 2018

#### **The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalms 78:23-29

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

**NOTE:** *If you wish to have a copy of the Worship Service for your enjoyment, please let the church office know and we will make a copy for you. We have only ONE master copy each Sunday. Thank You!*