

# St. Michael Lutheran Church

## News & Events

### August 3, 2018

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** August 6, Carson Jones; August 7, Tyler Simpson, Tyndall Stringer; August 9, Anna Hallman; August 10, Ryan Monn, Jay Richardson; August 12, Matthew Wofford. We rejoice that you are living and serving among us in faith and discipleship!

**OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE CONTINUES WITH one Sunday service at 10:00 am.** *OUR SUMMER LEARNING MINISTRY "G-I-F-T" will meet Sunday in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 AM.*

**PLEASE HELP US CELEBRATE 30 YEARS OF PASTOR ROBERT AND DEBBIE'S MINISTRY AT ST. MICHAEL'S ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>.** *The Worship & Music Team has agreed to extend our Summer Worship Schedule of one service at 10:00 AM until September 9<sup>th</sup> so that we may all gather following worship for lunch, fellowship and celebration! Please stay tuned for more information!*

**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/)

**WEARING NAMETAGS IS A KEY COMPONENT OF SAFE HOSPITALITY!** We have embraced this with joy and enthusiasm and join in thanking each other. Please wear your nametag in the Gathering Area during fellowship after worship! This is the most important time of helping God BUILD COMMUNITY here at St. Michael's. Please do not remove your nametag until you are leaving. Please engage worship visitors and help us learn each other's names.

**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.

**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.**

**"LOVE ONE ANOTHER!" IS THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR LSC WE BEGAN** last Sunday. All gifts received will be used to develop specific ministries here in South Carolina. Gifts are to be received over the next three years. The suggested goal for St. Michael's is \$10,000. The commitment Sunday is August 26. Read the inserts. Listen to the speakers. Direct your questions to David Cooke or Van Matthews. Lutheran Services Carolinas is an expression of ELCA Lutherans in the two Carolinas, and engages in a variety of ministry programs in our own state. These include Veterans Services, Therapeutic Foster Care, Refugee Services, and ten residences for adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. LSC is also the lead agency for Lutheran Disaster Response in SC. **LIVE! LOVE! SERVE! LUTHERAN SERVICES CAROLINAS BELIEVES "Empowered by Christ, we walk together with all we serve!"**

**HOWARD AND LORRAINE MARTINIE'S NEW PHONE NUMBER IS:** (864) 214-1903. Please update your contacts. The number that was originally printed was incorrect.

**STEWARDSHIP ENCOMPASSES SO MUCH MORE THAN MONEY.** It is a way of life. It calls for integration between our faith and the way that we live our lives-we are a church that is energized by lively engagement in our faith and life. Stewardship is a mindset, a culture and a discipline that can never be contained in an annual three-week financial response. According to Clarence Stoughton, former president of Whittenburg University, stewardship is *everything* we do **after** we say "I Believe." It is the way in which we use all of the resources that God has entrusted to our care so that we can love God and our neighbor. Stewardship is about love. (excerpt from: *Stewards of God's Love*, ELCA Resource)

**SILENT COMPASSION – Finding God In Contemplation** is a short and very readable introduction to the work of Fr. Richard Rohr, a Franciscan priest and nationally known teacher of spiritual practices and their practical implications. You can obtain a copy at your local bookstore, or through franciscanmedia.org. Richard Rohr's daily devotions thoughts can be obtained through [www.cac.org](http://www.cac.org). If you like many of us find yourself overwhelmed and toxic from the anxieties of daily life, this book is a good place to begin carving for yourself an oasis.

**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.

**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** 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 **TOMORROW Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you so much for your support!

**BACKPACK BLESSING 2018 WILL BE SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, AT WORSHIP!** *Join us as we bless ALL those who are returning to school or work. Whether you are in daycare, elementary, middle or high school, college, graduate school, or returning to your daily job and would like to be blessed in your vocation, please bring your diaper bag, backpack or work bag and join us for a BLESSING SERVICE! You will receive a small token of blessing as a daily reminder of the support of your family of faith at St. Michael's! For more information, please speak with Pastor Robert.*

**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"???**

### **A PRAYER OF JULIAN OF NORWICH**

*In you, Father all-mighty, we have our preservation and our bliss. In you, Christ, we have our restoring and our saving. You are our mother, brother, and savior. In you, our Lord the Holy Spirit, is marvelous and plenteous grace. You are our clothing; for love our wrap us and embrace us. You are our maker, our lover, our keeper. Teach us to believe that by your grace all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well. Amen*

**OUR WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP** is currently studying Philip-  
pians. Wednesday we will be studying Philippians 4:10-23. We are beginning the  
conversation to discern our next focus. 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 8th**

*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**

"Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

John 6:35

#### Monday, August 6

12- Step Group 7:30 pm

#### Tuesday, August 7

Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:30 am

AA 7:00 pm

#### Wednesday, August 8

Bible Study 10:30 am

Y-ALL 6:00 pm

New Creation Worship 6:00 pm

#### Thursday, August 9

Breakfast Together 8:30 am

Nursing Mothers' Support Group 12:00 pm

AA 7:00 pm

Al-Anon 8:00 pm

#### Friday, August 10

#### Saturday, August 11

**Pat George's Daughter's Baby Shower 9:00 am**

#### Sunday, August 12

**CRAWL 9:00am**

**GIFT Faith Formation 9:00 am**

**ONE Worship Service 10:00 am**

### Lessons for August 12, 2018

#### **The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalms 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25--5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

**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!*