

St. Michael Lutheran Church

News & Events

August 31, 2018

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: September 3, Kimberly Buehler, Chip Fulmer; September 4, Ann Huffman, Jahna Reck; September 5, Howard Leonard; September 7, Taylor Smith; September 8, Danielle Bailey. 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. This schedule will continue through NEXT SUNDAY, September 9. Please note this is one week later than previously announced.

Dear St. Michael Lutheran Church,

As a new school year begins, we just wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude for supplying Greenbrier with the food backpacks for the 2017-2018 school year. Having them helped many of our families who would not have had food in their homes to eat. Please know we appreciate your help in making our students the best they can be!

Sincerely, Greenbrier Elementary Counselors

PLEASE HELP US CELEBRATE 30 YEARS OF PASTOR ROBERT AND DEBBIE'S MINISTRY AT ST. MICHAEL'S ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th. The Worship & Music Team has agreed to extend our Summer Worship Schedule of one service at 10:00 AM until September 9th so that we may all gather following worship for lunch, fellowship and celebration! If you are able to bring a dessert to share, please do. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Stacey Anders in the Church Office by September 1st.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW, September 3rd in observance of the Labor Day holiday. We will resume normal office hours on Tuesday. Thank you!

OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS REACH TO ENFOLD the family and friends of JANELLE KINSEY who entered the Church Triumphant last Sunday evening. Her funeral was held at St. Michael's on Friday morning. "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE!" says the Lord.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO COOK A YOUTH DINNER! 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.

SUNDAY LUNCHESES WILL BEGIN AGAIN IN OCTOBER! There IS a poster in the Gathering Area on which you can claim the Sunday you and your team can provide this meaningful ministry of building community at St. Michael's!

SAINTS ALIVE resumes our regular monthly luncheon gathering on Wednesday, September 26 at 12:15 p.m. Saints Alive will treat us to a variety of pizzas from Papa Johns and a green salad. Our theme is Oodles of Noodles for the Loaves & Fishes food rescue organization. We will be collecting items like spaghetti, spaghetti sauces/cheese sauces, egg noodles, and macaroni and cheese. Paulette Dunn, Executive Director, will be visiting us from Loaves & Fishes to give us a brief overview of the organization. She will be taking our food donations with her after our luncheon. It will be nice getting back together for fun and fellowship. Mark your calendar now!

LSC "LOVE ONE ANOTHER" Capital Campaign Results: Thank you St. Michael for your generous and loving support of the LSC capital campaign. Your support was literally over the top! Our congregational goal as determined by LSC was \$10,900. Our actual pledge and one-time gifts came in at \$30,530. These monies are in direct support of the three primary service areas of LSC: Guiding Young People Transitioning Out of Foster Care, Welcoming the Stranger, and Encouraging Individuals with Intellectual and /or Developmental Disabilities. Thank you for your commitments to serve Christ in the world through this opportunity. If you have not made a pledge/gift to LSC, it is not too late. please contact either David Cooke or Van Matthews for a Statement of Intent. This overwhelming response demonstrates powerfully the core commitment of SMLC to meaningful ministries of real human consequence! For this we give thanks to God!

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30! This is a special time of celebration for us. If you are ready to unite with us in mission and ministry, please contact Pastor Robert or any member of our Congregation Council. If you know someone who needs to be a member, please invite them!

THIS WEEK BACKPACK BUDDIES BEGINS GEARING UP FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR. This important ministry provides weekend food for children at risk for hunger. We partner with local elementary schools. Please consider how you can help this year. Many people deeply appreciate your support for "Serving Christ in the World" in this special way!

NURSERY: We are giving the nursery a makeover! If there is anyone with Thrivent Action Team dollars, who would like to use them to remodel the nursery, please see or contact Andrea Simpson at 718-791-2935.

MANY HANDS LIGHTEN THE LOAD! We are looking for volunteers to help with cleanup following our 30th Anniversary celebration for Pastor Robert. If you can help, please let Keith Howard or Stacey Anders know. Thanks so much!

THE SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR OUR FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY CO-ORDINATOR is pleased to share that after much prayerful consideration and discernment, Evan Fitzsimmons has accepted our offer to serve the people of St. Michael. Evan will be joining us on October 14th in a full-time position, as approved by the congregation council. We are grateful for the faithful and persistent work of the committee members – Emily Bugay, Liza Anne Cook, Carolyn Schultz, Kendra Thornton, Cynthia Trout, Matt Wofford, David Cooke and Pastor Robert. There is a letter on the Round Table with more information – if you have not already, please pick one up and begin meeting Evan!.

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. Pastor Robert and Debbie, Tonjia, Cindy Huffman, Linda Pennington, and Mike & Camerone are planning to attend. Go to 50Forwardlife.org to learn more about the weekend. If you may be interested in joining the group, please contact Pastor Robert.

JOANN AND HOWARD LEONARD have placed an additional bench in the Columbarium in memory of their son Stephen Leonard. The Leonard Family is appreciative of all who donated to Stephen’s Memorial Fund.

WE ARE COLLECTING knit hats, scarves, and gloves for a missionary delivery to the Ukraine through our ARCUM association. There is a collection container in the "special projects" area of the Gathering Area near the water fountain and Sacristy. Donations are due by September 9th in order to be delivered to the missionary making the trip.

GOD’S MASTERPIECE

Sunday Morning Faith Formation

Launches Sunday, September 16, Between Services

Opportunities for CRAWL, K 3-5, G 1-2, G 3-5, Middle & High School
in addition to our four adult groups!

Teachers have been secured for all and will be recognized on 9/9!

Refreshments will be served upstairs & downstairs!

We will work together to build an illustration of

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PLAN NOW TO PARTICIPATE

OUR LIFE IS GOD’S GIFT TO US! OUR STEWARDSHIP OF OUR LIFE – our careful and faithful management of the life God gives us – is OUR GIFT TO GOD! Stewardship reaches far higher than merely money; it is far wider than what we do on Sunday morning; it is a far deeper spiritual issue than most of us most of the time realize. Yet because of the nature of TIME and MONEY, the quickest assessment of our spiritual values can be found by looking at our own calendar and checkbook or balance sheet. STEWARDSHIP IS EVERYTHING WE DO AFTER WE SAY “I BELIEVE!”

OUR WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP is looking at some of the prophetic visions in Ezekiel before beginning a longer study of Jeremiah. This week we will look at Ezekiel 33 and 34, exploring visions often used by the Church. 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 in the Nursery

Young Youth (K4 – 5th Grade) & LCY (6th – 12th Grade)

DO NOT (Dough Not) FEAR !!!

FULL FALL PROGRAMMING for LCY BEGINS

NEXT Sunday, September 9 !!!

We will spend the month exploring together

how fear works and how God helps . . .

And YES - we will eat doughnuts!

Young Youth **Meets September 9, 16, and 30 at 4 pm!**

Y'ALL: Young Adults Living Lutheran

Join us again on September 5th as we continue reading and discussing chapter 7 of The Story.

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.

September 13 at the home of Audrey & Jeremy Dertien!

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

A "FAITH 5" VERSE

"Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

Mark 7:14-15

Monday, September 3

Office Closed – Labor Day

12- Step Group 7:30 pm

Tuesday, September 4

Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:30 am

AA 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 5

Bible Study 10:30 am

Y-ALL 6:00 pm

New Creation Worship 6:00 pm

Chapel Choir 6:30 pm

Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 6

Breakfast Together 8:30 am

Nursing Mothers' Support Group 12:00 pm

AA 7:00 pm

Al-Anon 8:00 pm

Friday, September 7

Saturday, September 8

Sunday, September 9

CRAWL 9:00am

Faith Formation 9:00 am

ONE Worship Service 10:00 am

30th Anniversary Celebration 11:30 am

Young Youth 4:00 pm

All Youth Supper 6:00 pm

LCY 6:30 pm

Lessons for September 9, 2018
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalms 146

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

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!*

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