

St. Michael Lutheran Church

News & Events

September 21, 2018

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: September 24, Joe Moss, Siegfried Schuetterle; September 25, Fowler Moore, Emerson Moore; September 26, McCarley Moore; September 28, Daniel Howard, Mikaela Kozlowski; September 30, William Cely, Loren Todd. We rejoice that you are living and serving among us in faith and discipleship!

THIS YEAR'S CONSECRATION SUNDAY WILL BE THE FOCUS OF A BRIEF "TEMPLE TALK" at the beginning of each worship service Sunday. We are grateful to our Stewardship Team for their heartfelt and committed leadership!

SAINTS ALIVE WILL BE MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY, September 26th at 12:15 p.m. for our yearly pizza luncheon provided by Saints Alive. Looking forward to seeing everyone and remember to bring your food donation for Loaves & Fishes. Paulette Dunn will be taking our donations with her. See you Wednesday as we resume our schedule of monthly meetings.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR IS A VITAL PART OF CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION! All of learn more deeply and completely when we involve all of our senses. You are encouraged to have your child in the choir room at 9:45 am. Sunday morning Faith Formation teachers will meet them there at 10:00 am to go to classrooms.

THE PUMPKIN PATCH IS RETURNING! PUMPKINS ARRIVE OCTOBER 6TH! We need **VOLUNTEERS** to gather at 8:45 am at Redeemer Episcopal to unload the truck and to set the pumpkins up for sale. **VOLUNTEERS** are then needed to work at the Pumpkin Patch throughout the month. The link to sign up is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4facaf2aaa8-2018> There will also be a paper sign-up in the Gathering Area. You may use one or the other; you **do not** have to sign up in both places. We are responsible for covering certain days (**Tuesday the 9th; Friday the 19th; Tuesday the 23rd; and Monday the 29th**) in two hour shifts from 11 to 7, but we welcome your help on any day that is convenient for you. Tonjia Groblewski or Dave Cook will transfer the paper sign-ups to Sign Up Genius. Please see either of them if you have questions or need more information. *This joint ministry of ARCUM congregations – Augusta Road Churches United for Ministry – supports three local social service organizations: The Samaritan House, Pleasant Valley Connection, and Mother Teresa House.*

WE NEED A "LAUNCH TEAM" FOR OCTOBER 7, THE FIRST LUNCH! Who among us would be able to engage this ministry with joy and enthusiasm???

CHURCH BASKETBALL IS ON THE WAY! Is your child interested in playing basketball with church friends? St Michael's will begin registration very soon for this fall- winter season. Keep in touch for more details coming later this month.

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 angelalouise-clark@hotmail.com.

FAYE MOSS HAS MOVED INTO ASSISTED LIVING AT "THE SPRINGS" in Simpsonville. Her mailing address is 214 E. Curtis Street, Room #210, Simpsonville, SC 29681. *She welcomes your personal visits as well !!!*

BRUCE MCCARRELL HAS A NEW ADDRESS: 288 Old Mill Road #59; Mauldin, SC 29662. Please make a note of it in your address book and/or directory.

OUR ANNUAL "BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS" WILL BE SUNDAY, October 14, at 5:00 pm. We will gather in the area below the main parking lot. This will fit in and around and be supported by other programming that day.

THE SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR OUR FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY COORDINATOR is pleased to share that after much prayerful consideration and discernment, Evan Fitzsimmons has accepted our offer to serve the people of St. Michael. He will be with us on Sunday, October 14, and will begin work the following week. Please read the information in the Gathering Area and join in praying for Evan and SMLC that God will bless our life and ministry together.

THE KAY MELLOM HOSPITALITY HOUSE NOW WELCOMES A FAMILY displaced by Hurricane Florence. They will be with us for ten to twenty days as GAIHN partners with agencies statewide in the relief effort. We rejoice that SMLC is able to participate in this direct way, and now understand why the house has been vacant for the past month. God knew it would be needed. We are grateful to Chip Fulmer who continues as our liaison with GAIHN even as has been housing his own extended family from the Lowcountry.
God Is With Us!

BACKPACK BUDDIES IS NOW GEARING UP FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR! We want to be ready when we receive the names of children from our school counselors. Packing schedules will be distributed soon. This important ministry provides weekend food for children at risk for hunger. We partner with local elementary schools. ***Please see the insert in today's worship folder for more information and consider how you can help this year.*** Many people deeply appreciate your support for "Serving Christ in the World!"

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.

WE PLAN TO RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 7! 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!

THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA FOOTHILLS FALL CONFERENCE meeting will be held at Faith Lutheran Chapel, 729 W. Main Street, Pickens, SC 29671 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on **Saturday, October 6, 2018**. The guest speaker will be Julie Cheek, The Dream Center, Easley, SC. Lunch will be served. Please call Nancy Fulmer at 855-3212 if you would like to come. We need to RSVP by September 30th. Join us for fellowship and to learn more about what WELCA is doing in ministries of learning, fellowship, and service.

NEW OR GENTLY USED CHILDREN'S BOOKS ARE BEING COLLECTED for distribution to children whose parents purchase a pumpkin from the ARCUM Pumpkin Patch. This was begun last year through a single large gift. This year we would like to continue this important support of children's literacy. There is a large bin in the Gathering Area. Please see Tonjia for more information.

SUNDAY LUNCH IS A FAVORITE ACTIVITY that has been going on for four decades at St. Michael. A hot meal is served in the Fellowship Hall starting about 12:15 on most Sundays between October and the end of Lent. Those who partake have remarked that it is an excellent time of fellowship among families, friends, and visitors and the best deal in town for a good meal. Cost is only \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children, and worship visitors eat for free. You can eat and run or hang and talk, whatever suits you. A sign-up chart for cooks is posted in the Gathering Area. Some have committed to cook on the Time and Talent Sheet and just need to choose a week. Others can sign up with any group on any Sunday that fits your schedule. "Veterans" will be more than happy to have the help of "Newbies" if you want to be part of a team with experience. Or, "Newbies" may want to step up to the "plate" and create a new menu or use some tried and true ones in the cookbook beside the refrigerator. If we have no cooks for a Sunday, there will be no lunch served.

MY HEART IS TRULY FILLED WITH DEEP AND PROFOUND GRATITUDE for this congregation's joining on September 9 to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of our life and ministry together! It was both humbling and encouraging to look back across those years through the eyes of others, and I will draw strength from that for years to come. We are overwhelmed by the generosity of your gift to us of an intentional time away in a beautiful place for rest and renewal and God's gift of re-creation. Debbie joins me in saying **"THANK YOU!"** And we **THANK GOD** indeed for all of you! -- PASTOR ROBERT

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT AT THE PUMPKIN PATCH WILL BE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, beginning at 6:00pm. *The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* will be the feature film! Help is needed for sales, activities, crafts and food. Thank you for your enthusiastic support!

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CREDIT CARD PROCESSING related to the Pumpkin Patch will be held at COR Episcopal on September 29 at 10 am, and October 6 after the unloading of the pumpkins.

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, a faith-based learning community of active adults created through program offerings geared to the late career/early retirement stage of life. A group of seven from SMLC has already registered to attend. **Go to 50Forwardlife.org** to learn more about the weekend. Please contact Pastor Robert with questions.

OUR WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP has begun a 14 week study of Jeremiah. This prophetic book appears 19 times in the common lectionary, and is quoted often by Jesus and other NT writers. This week we are reading chapters five through seven and focusing on Chapter 7. 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 10:00 AM in the Nursery

Young Youth (K4 – 5th Grade)
Meets September 23 and 30 at 4 pm!

LCY (6th – 12th Grade)

DO NOT (DoughNut) FEAR !!!
FULL FALL PROGRAMMING for LCY
HAS BEGUN !!!

*We are spending the month exploring together
how FEAR works and how GOD helps . . .
Sunday We Stand On The Road We Built
Last Sunday & Begin Building Our New Road
WE WILL "FACE TIME" WITH EVAN !!!*

Y'ALL: Young Adults Living Lutheran

Join us again on September 26th as we continue reading and discussing chapter 10 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 27 at the home of Devin & Kristi Kendrick!

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

A "FAITH 5" VERSE

"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Mark 9:37

Monday, September 24

12- Step Group 7:30 pm

Tuesday, September 25

AA 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 26

Bible Study 10:30 am

SAINTS ALIVE Luncheon 12:15 pm

Y-ALL 6:00 pm

New Creation Worship 6:00 pm

Chapel Choir 6:30 pm

Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 27

Breakfast Together 8:30 am

Nursing Mothers' Support Group 12:00 pm

Thirsty Thursdays 6:00 pm

AA 7:00 pm

AI-Anon 8:00 pm

Friday, September 28

Saturday, September 29

Sunday, September 30

Holy Communion 8:30 am

Children's Choir 9:45 am

CRAWL 10:00 am

Faith Formation 10:00 am

Holy Communion 11:00 am

Young Youth 4:00 pm

All Youth Supper 6:00 pm

LCY 6:30 pm

Lessons for September 30, 2018

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalms 19:7-14

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

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. Thanks!