

# St. Michael Lutheran Church

## News & Events

### September 28, 2018

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** October 1, Janice Castor, Tom Harriz, Sue Lesiak; October 2, Dewey Forrester, Sarah Forrester, Marjorie Maybee, Kendra Thornton; October 6, Sam Fisher, Jenny Lord. We rejoice that you are living and serving among us in faith and discipleship!

**THE KAY MELLOM HOSPITALITY HOUSE WELCOMED A NEW FAMILY THIS FRIDAY.** Please welcome Charles & Julie Merritt along with their sons Trevor and Jordan.

**WE WELCOME PASTOR DAN KIRKPATRICK AS OUR PREACHER AND PRESIDER** this Sunday morning! Dan and Sherryan and their son Eli have been members of St. Michael's since 2012. He is an ELCA Pastor and is the Manager of the Spiritual Care Department at Bon Secours St. Francis Hospitals. Sherryan teaches Kindergarten at Blythe Academy, and Eli is a sophomore at Clemson University. Please personally thank Dan for his labor to speak God's Word TO and FOR us!

**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.

**FAYE MOSS HAS A NEW ADDRESS:** 214 E. Curtis Street; Simpsonville, SC 29681. Room #210. Please make a note of it in your address book and/or directory.

**WE WILL RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS NEXT 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!

**SUNDAY WE WILL HAVE A TEMPLE TALK** by Ronney Dixon. Please thank him for his leadership.

**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 see the information available in the Gathering Area and join in praying for Evan and for our congregation that God will bless, direct and use our life and ministry together.

**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.

**THE OCTOBER SAINTS ALIVE** monthly pot luck lunch will be Wednesday, October 24th at 12:15 p.m. Our guests will be the 55+ Upstate Men's Choir (20 men) led by Mr. Loren Pinkerman. It would be appreciated if everyone would bring extra food for this large group. We will be collecting gently used women's purses and shoes for the residents at Miracle Hill's Shepherd's Gate facility. Looking forward to seeing everyone in October.

**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. 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.

**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](http://50Forwardlife.org)** to learn more about the weekend. Please contact Pastor Robert with questions.

**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.

**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???

**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.

**NEW CREATION** continues gathering each Wednesday at 6:00 pm. This is an informal and interactive opportunity to center in Word and Sacrament in the middle of the week. We believe God is using us to bless the congregation and the community, and we invite you to join us whenever you are able.

**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.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT GREENVILLE'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS:** Tuesday, October 9 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM at the Augusta Road Library (100 Lydia Street). Hear from community leaders involved with addressing Greenville's need for affordable housing and learn how you can be involved in plans and solutions.

**CHURCH BASKETBALL IS ON THE WAY!** Is your child interested in playing basketball with church friends? If you are interested in playing, please sign up by October 12<sup>th</sup> at this link <https://goo.gl/forms/iakSEqHY8Rr3jhyH2>

**THE MUSIC MINISTRY AT ST. MICHAEL** has been honored to be one of eight Greenville churches to be asked to take part in the Furman University Intern Program for Young Composers. This program partners a Furman student majoring in composition with choirs in the area to be a part of the choir for a semester; learning how a volunteer choir works, their strengths and weaknesses, and likes and dislikes. The result will be an anthem written specifically for our choir. Our Intern is Blake Buehler. Blake is a freshman and is from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Please give Blake a warm St. Michael welcome when you see him.

**OUR WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP** is 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. 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 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

**Meets September 30 at 4 pm!**

**All Youth Dinner: 6:00 PM**

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

**Meeting Sunday at 6:30 PM**

***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 !!!*

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

*Join us again on October 3rd 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.

**October 11 at Moe’s BBQ/Liability Brewing  
(Stone Ave. Greenville)!**

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

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**A "FAITH 5" VERSE**

"Whoever is not against us is for us."

Mark 9:40

Monday, October 1

12- Step Group 7:30 pm

Tuesday, October 2

Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:30 am

AA 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 3

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, October 4

Breakfast Together 8:30 am

Nursing Mothers' Support Group 12:00 pm

AA 7:00 pm

Al-Anon 8:00 pm

Friday, October 5

Saturday, October 6

**WELCA Conference 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Sunday, October 7 – New Members?

**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**

**NO Young Youth**

**All Youth Supper 6:00 pm**

**LCY 6:30 pm**

**Lessons for October 7, 2018**  
**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 8

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

**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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