

St. Michael Lutheran Church

News & Events

September 7, 2018

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: September 12, Susan Grant; September 13, Brianna Webster; September 14, Maddie Bostick, Sylvia France. We rejoice that you are living and serving among us in faith and discipleship!

OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE CONTINUES TODAY WITH one Sunday service at 10:00 am. OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE WILL CHANGE NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th. We will return to two services each Sunday, beginning at 8:30 am and at 11:00 am. Please mark your calendars now!

THIS SUNDAY WE CELEBRATE 30 YEARS OF PASTOR ROBERT AND DEBBIE'S MINISTRY AT ST. MICHAEL. Luncheon will be served in the fellowship hall immediately following worship. During the meal, there will be a program of gratitude to celebrate Pastor Robert and Debbie's ministry among us. There will also be a donation basket available to help cover the cost of today's event. Thank you to everyone, from planning to clean-up, who helped to make this day such a joyful occasion!

WE ENFOLD IN LOVE AND PRAYER THE FAMILY OF JO FINTEL, who entered the Church Triumphant on Thursday, August 30, at the home of her daughter Barb and Greg Collins. Her funeral is planned for October in Roanoke, VA. "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE!" says the Lord.

WE SHARE THE JOY OF PAT GEORGE AT THE BIRTH ON WEDNESDAY of a granddaughter **CASSIDY ANN SUHR** to her daughter Kelly and her husband. We join with her and her family in thanking God for this gracious gift of new life!

THE JOHNSIE RICHARDSON CIRCLE meets this Tuesday, September 11, at 7:00 pm at the home of Linda Pennington. Nancy Fulmer has the program. All women of the congregation are invited to join us.

A FREE DEMENTIA WORKSHOP LED BY PIPPA SNOW WILL BE AT BSUMC this Tuesday, September 11, from 9 am until 5 pm. This educational workshop is sponsored by many community partners, who enable it to be offered at no cost. Lunch will be provided by Panera Bread. Pippa Snow is an international authority on dementia care who will focus her teaching on "*Helping Throughout the Journey of Dementia: The Right Care at the Right Time.*" Register on the Buncombe Street UMC website. You may contact Carol Kelsey to learn about the presenter.

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.

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.

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!

TWO WORSHIP SERVICES RETURN NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16!!! Whatever you do to remind yourself, now is the time to start reminding!

***STEWARDSHIP IS EVERYTHING WE DO
AFTER WE SAY
"I BELIEVE!"***

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!

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 consider how you can help this year. Many people deeply appreciate your support for "Serving Christ in the World!"

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 KEEP ST. MICHAEL'S CLEAN! Our hospitality is a core value of SMLC. We are blessed to be able to use our space to allow meetings from groups inside and outside the Church. If you have a gathering here, please take time after to clean up food, trash and any messes left behind. Help us be good hosts to each other and to the community we seek to serve.

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.

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. Read through the insert in Sunday's worship folder for important details.

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.

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 today, 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 now beginning 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 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

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 12th 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

"Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."
Mark 7:34

Monday, September 10

12- Step Group 7:30 pm

Tuesday, September 11

Beryl Hiller Circle 10:00 am

Worship & Music Team 6:30 pm

AA 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 12

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 13

Breakfast Together 8:30 am

Nursing Mothers' Support Group 12:00 pm

AA 7:00 pm

Al-Anon 8:00 pm

Friday, September 14

Saturday, September 15

Sunday, September 16

Holy Communion 8:30 am

CRAWL 9:45 am

Faith Formation Launching 10:00 am

Holy Communion 11:00 am

Young Youth *meets again on 9/23*

All Youth Supper 6:00 pm

LCY 6:30 pm

Lessons for September 16, 2018

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 116:1-9

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

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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