

St. Michael Lutheran Church

News & Events

October 12, 2018

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: October 15, Ruth Howard; October 16, Susan Huffman; October 17, Russ Elmore; October 18, Cornelia Outten, Joseph Outten, Emma Street, Heddie West; October 19, Tommy Clarke, Kira Simpson, Samantha Walgate.. We rejoice that you are living and serving among us in faith and discipleship!

OUR ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AM THIS SUNDAY HONORS OUR deep desire to unite in support ***of*** and prayer ***for*** each other as ***together*** we consecrate our lives again to the service of our Lord Jesus Christ in and through His Church in this place. All worshippers today are invited and encouraged to proceed immediately downstairs for the Consecration Sunday Celebration Luncheon. ***There is no charge for the meal!***

LUTHERAN MEN WILL MEET this Sunday at 8:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for breakfast and fellowship.

WE EXTEND A WARM ST. MICHAEL'S WELCOME TO PASTOR ALEJANDRO MEJIA who is serving as our Guest Leader for this year's Consecration Sunday effort! Please greet him personally and welcome him to St. Michael's.

WITH JOY AND THANKSGIVING WE INTRODUCE EVAN FITZSIMMONS as our new ***FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR***. He will be with us for all activities this Sunday, and will spend next week orienting himself to our life and ministry. He will be installed at each service on October 28. Please greet him personally!

OUR REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMES NEXT WEEK!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HEDDIE! Please join in a celebration of Heddie West's 90th birthday on Sunday October 21 from 4:00 to 6:00 in the Green Room. No gifts please.

SUNDAY LUNCH NEXT WEEK OCTOBER 21 IS BEING PROVIDED BY THE HARRIZ FAMILY. We need Sunday Lunch ministers for October 28 and for November 4. The Trout/Forrester/Hobbs family is providing Sunday lunch November 11. Please use the sign-up chart in the Gathering Area. Your servant ministry builds community at St. Michael's in deep and strong ways.

OUR CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETS NEXT SUNDAY, October 21, at 1:00 pm to further its servant ministry of prayerfully discerning God's will for our life and ministry together. All are welcome to join us in the spirit of prayerful service.

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.

TRUNK OR TREAT IS COMING! DECORATE YOUR CAR! Be creative, have fun, enjoy fellowship, share the delight of young children, and maybe even eat too much candy! If you can decorate a car and give out candy, contact Nancy Adair.

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.

LUTHERAN SERVICES CAROLINAS HAS RECEIVE A \$200,000 GRANT from the ELCA to carry out its ministry of Disaster Response in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. LSC is the lead agency for Lutheran Disaster Response in the two Carolinas. This is the same agency whose SC ministry initiatives we are supporting through our gifts to the "*Love One Another*" campaign just concluded.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR HURRICANE RELIEF ALLOWS *the greatest flexibility* in meeting current needs. Donations through the SC Synod will be used for immediate needs throughout the Carolinas. Donations through Lutheran Disaster Response will go towards long-term recovery work. You may donate directly, or through SMLC, or text "Give" to 864-383-1482 selecting "Disaster."

BACKPACK BUDDIES IS IN GEAR FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR! We are already in need of ALL supplies; **We especially need both chocolate and white milk, pudding and meats.** Packing schedules have been distributed. 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!"

THE BELK CHARITY SALE is on Saturday, November 3rd from 6am-10am. The youth will be selling tickets for \$5 each until October 28th between services and after second service. Please see a youth or contact Andrea Simpson.

THE "BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS" WILL BE THIS SUNDAY AT 5:00 PM! We will gather in the grassy area below the main parking lot. All are welcome to come and participate in this very informal gathering. All animals are welcome. Together we celebrate the spirituality of Francis of Assisi, who understood that all creation and all creatures glorify God by their very nature. The feast day celebrating his life and ministry falls each year on October 4.

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.

CALLING ALL SMLC WOMEN! THERE HAS BEEN A DATE CHANGE! It is now **February 8-10, 2019.** Join us this year at Lutheridge for the annual Wild Women retreat. The retreat consists of women of all ages throughout the southeast gathering to join in fun activities, small group discussions, Bible study, and unique worship opportunities, all led by Pastor Mary Canniff-Kuhn. The theme this year is on life transitions: How do we move from one season to another without regret and fear? Where does Jesus offer joy at every stage? The cost is \$225 and includes lodging and meals. These weekends are very popular and fill up FAST! Register as soon as possible to secure your spot. We are not guaranteed any spots - when they are full, we cannot add more. Please contact Liza Cook with any questions (lizaanneballentine@gmail.com). Registration information can be found below and on a sheet on the table in the gathering area!

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 12th** 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 meet!

MADELEINE RHYNE, REID SCHULTZ, AND KAILEIGH WALLACE WILL AFFIRM THEIR BAPTISM though the Rite of Confirmation on Reformation Sunday, October 28 at the second service. They are currently meeting with their mentors to develop a life-long faith-nurturing relationship. Please lift them in prayer as they approach this milestone event in their faith journey.

NAME TAGS ARE A KEY COMPONENT to safe hospitality and also a wonderful to connect with other members. All members high school age and up should have a magnetic name tag. All those younger than high school should have a clip-on name tag. Please remember to wear your name tags, especially as Evan Fitzsimmons joins our church family and begins to get to know us. If you need a new name tag, please email Stacey Anders or Jessica Wofford (jessica_wofford@hotmail.com).

UPCOMING DATES: Friday, December 14th, St. Michael Christmas Party at Spaulding Farm Clubhouse (more details to follow); January 11-13, St. Michael Council Retreat at Lutheridge.

OUR WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP continues our 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. We will be in Chapters 18 and 19 of Jeremiah. 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)

Meets Sunday at 4:00 PM

All Youth Dinner: 6:00 PM

LCY (6th – 12th Grade)

Meeting Sunday at 6:30 PM

DO NOT (DoughNut) FEAR !!!

FULL FALL PROGRAMMING for LCY

HAS BEGUN !!!

**Welcome party for Evan with
games, food, fun and fellowship!!!**

Y'ALL: Young Adults Living Lutheran

***Join us again on October 17th as we continue reading and
discussing The Story.***

Dinner and Childcare provided weekly!!!

See Heather Hester for details and check out our **FACEBOOK** page.

v v v

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 25th at the home of Soren & Jessica de Vos

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

A "FAITH 5" VERSE

"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."
Mark 10:25

Monday, October 15

Doll Club	1:30 pm
12- Step Group	7:30 pm

Tuesday, October 16

Prayer Shawl Ministry	10:30 am
Pregnancy/Infant Loss Support Grp	7:00 pm
Survivors of Suicide Support Grp	7:00 pm
Worship & Music Team	6:30 pm
AA	7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 17

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 18

Breakfast Together	8:30 am
Nursing Mothers' Support Group	12:00 pm
AA	7:00 pm
Al-Anon	8:00 pm

Friday, October 19

Saturday, October 20

Girl Scout Event	8:00 am
-------------------------	----------------

Sunday, October 21

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 21, 2018 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 53:4-12
Psalm 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

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!

www.stmichaelca.org