

# St. Michael Lutheran Church

## News & Events

### October 19, 2018

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** October 22, Terri Keaney; October 23, Trey McKinney, Ella Wilson; October 24, Jessica Gibson; October 26, Sawyer Fleig, Annelaine Miller; October 27, Zack Daigle, Lauren Simpson. We rejoice that you are living and serving among us in faith and discipleship!

***SUNDAY LUNCH is being provided*** by Tom Harriz and his family. We are grateful to them for their support of this ministry. All worshippers are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for this meal and fellowship together. Cost for Adults is \$5.00, \$3.00 for children and visitors eat free. A sign-up sheet for cooks is posted in the Gathering Area. Could you help us build up the Church in this way?

**WE WELCOME PASTOR REBECCA LORD PHILLIPS** as our preacher and presider this Sunday morning, while Pastor Robert is at Lutheridge participating in the **50FORWARD** retreat this weekend. Please welcome her warmly!

**WHAT IS 50FORWARD? Faith-Based Learning For A Community Of Active Adults!** The name given by Novus Way to a collection of programming for active adults aged 50 and over. Go to [www.50forwardlife.org](http://www.50forwardlife.org) for more information. As the program grows, it will become an important component of adult faith formation for members of St. Michael's.

***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.

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

**OUR CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETS THIS SUNDAY IN THE GREEN ROOM 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 prayer.

**EVAN FITZSIMMONS WILL BE INSTALLED ON OCTOBER 28** at each of our two worship services. Plan now to be there! You may contact Evan through our website, or at [evanfitz.stmichaelelca@gmail.com](mailto:evanfitz.stmichaelelca@gmail.com).

**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.

**THIRTY PEOPLE AND THEIR BELOVED ANIMALS GATHERED SUNDAY** for the annual "Blessing of the Animals." Photographs are posted on our FB page, and on the kiosk in the Gathering Area. Thanks to all who helped and supported!

**THERE IS ONE YOUTH DINNER THIS FALL NO ONE HAS TAKEN.** The new list for 2019 will be up soon. We use "Sign-Up Genius" to register. Please contact Angela Bostick at [angelalouiseclark@hotmail.com](mailto:angelalouiseclark@hotmail.com) if you can help with this.

**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.

**SAINTS ALIVE** will be meeting this Wednesday, the 24th at 12:15 p.m. for our pot luck luncheon. We will be welcoming our guests, 55+ Up-state Men's Choir. Please remember to bring extra food as we will have about 45 people. Also, we are collecting women's purses and gently used shoes for Shepherds Gate. Thank you!

**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.** This important ministry provides week-end 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!"

**LORI OWINGS & DIANE LOCOTOSH WILL BE BAKING** for Kairos Prison Ministries the weekend of November 4. They request our prayers for all involved.

**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.

**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.

**ON CONSECRATION SUNDAY 60 GIVING UNITS COMPLETED** Estimate of Giving cards totaling \$267,450 pledged for St. Michael's in 2019. 30 of these giving units were moved to increase their commitment over last year. Last year 100 giving units made written commitments. Please continue to be together in prayer for each other and for our life and ministry together as we complete the process of consecrating ourselves to God's Plans for St. Michael's in 2019.

**IT'S OFFICIAL! THE TITLE OF OUR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM IS "CHRISTMAS IN OUR JAMMIES!"**. This means children will get to wear their PJ's to church on **Sunday, December 9**. We will begin work on the music **TODAY** at 9:45 in the choir room. Please join us!!!! Please see Sandi Nelsen with any questions. Pastor Robert says: *WE CANNOT HAVE A CHILDREN'S PROGRAM without CHILDREN! AND CHILDREN CANNOT DRIVE.*

**SUNDAY LUNCH COOKS ARE NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER 4 and 18!** Sunday Lunch at SMLC has been a long and beloved ministry. It truly builds community and celebrates our life together. *It is also a lot of work!* Ironically, as we have grown, it has become more challenging to gather teams to cook and serve. But if we can cover these two dates, we will be able to serve **SEVEN SUNDAYS** in a row. We have veterans who will work with newcomers. See Carolyn Schultz to be paired. Sign up on the chart in the Gathering Area.

**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](mailto:lizaanneballentine@gmail.com)). Registration information is on the table in the Gathering Area!

**OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS REACH TO ENFOLD** Alex and Loren Daigle Todd and their children at the death on Tuesday of Alex' grandmother, Freda Todd, in Charleston, SC. Her funeral will be Saturday in Shepherd By The Sea Lutheran Church, Garden City, SC. "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE!" says the Lord.

**OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS REACH TO ENFOLD** Julie Gibson and her family at the death of her aunt in Virginia last Sunday. Julie will be driving to Virginia later this weekend to attend the funeral service. "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE!" says the Lord.

**WE SHARE THE JOY OF VAN AND MELINDA MATTHEWS** and their family at the birth on Wednesday of their fifth grandchild, **GEORGIA MILLER BARTON** (8 lbs, 8 oz), to their daughter Erin and her husband Andrew. Emily and Lee Bugay are aunt and uncle. Thank GOD for His gracious gift of new life!

**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. Our intern is Blake Buehler, a freshman from Harrisburg, PA. Please greet his with a warm St. Michael's welcome!

**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](mailto:jessica_wofford@hotmail.com)).

***UPCOMING DATES: Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 Chapter 20 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 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**No Meeting Sunday**

**Join us October 28th for Trunk or Treat!**

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

**We will meet SUNDAY from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm.**

*We will head to Legacy Park for some outdoor fun-  
frisbee, soccer, volleyball, and more*

*We will then vote on dinner afterwards.*

**\*\*\*Please bring \$10.00 for supper.\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Please have your youth meet us at church at 5:00.\*\*\***

*Evan and the LCY advisors will drive the youth.*

*We will be back at church by 8 pm.*

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

**Join us again on October 24th as we continue reading and  
discussing *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 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**

*"For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."  
Mark 10:45*

Monday, October 22

12- Step Group 7:30 pm

Tuesday, October 23

Staff Meeting 10:00 am

AA 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 24

Bible Study 10:30 am

**Saints Alive Pot Luck 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, October 25

Breakfast Together 8:30 am

Nursing Mothers' Support Group 12:00 pm

Thirsty Thursday 7:00 pm

AA 7:00 pm

Al-Anon 8:00 pm

Friday, October 26

Saturday, October 27

Jo Fintel's Funeral 2:00 pm

Roanoke College Chapel, Salem, VA

Sunday, October 28 – Reformation/Confirmation

**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**

**LCY TRUNK OR TREAT Set Up 4:00 pm**

**Dinner & Games (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm**

**Costume Contest (Green Room) 6:45 pm**

**TRUNK OR TREAT (Parking Lot) 7:00 pm**

**Lessons for October 28, 2018**  
**Reformation/Confirmation Sunday**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

**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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