

St. Michael Lutheran Church

News & Events

November 16, 2018

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: November 20, Wilson Cook; November 21, Matt McRee; November 22, Liza Cook, Carl Hiller; November 23, Hans Schmidt; November 24, William Koch; November 25, Kathryn Rhyne, Rick Richardson. We rejoice that you are living and serving among us in faith and discipleship!

NO SUNDAY LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT ST. MICHAEL'S THIS SUNDAY. Our next Sunday lunch will be December 2nd and will be provided by the Matthews, Schultz, and Rhyne Families. A sign-up sheet for cooks is posted in the Gathering Area. Could you help us build up the Church in this way?

OUR CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETS SUNDAY IN THE GREEN ROOM AT 1:00 PM, to further our 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.

OUR THANKSGIVING WORSHIP WILL BE TUESDAY AT 7:00 PM! This service of Holy Communion is scheduled a day early because of the school holiday on Wednesday. While it is not a "joint service" with ARCUM churches, we have invited our neighbors and friends to join in worship with us. Plan now to come give thanks to God as we begin this holiday weekend, and bring a friend!

ST. MICHAEL'S RAISED \$637.69 FOR GREENVILLE'S CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS "TURKEY DRIVE"! Your generous contributions will help feed 800+ people this Thanksgiving! Pastor Alfred Johnson is so very grateful for your support! Help is needed delivering on Thanksgiving morning. Volunteers will meet at the playground in Shemwood Crossing (100 Shemwood Lane) at 10:00 AM and distribute all of the prepared meals. It usually takes 45 minutes – 1 hour. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Pastor Alfred at 864-349-7342. **WINTER COAT DRIVE** – Pastor Alfred is also collecting coats and hats of all sizes (new or gently used) – they will be distributed to those in need on December 15th. If you have any you would like to donate, please place them in the gray Tupperware bin in the former Terracycle (mail) room. Thank you!

"WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, the family of Jim McHale wishes to thank you for your cards, thoughts, and sweet memories of Jim that you shared with us. Each one was a blessing to us! Pops loved St. Michael and his church family. Especially to Connie, the weekly greeting cards that you sent for many years that would always brighten his day, we thank you! And to Dorsey, who visited every week, shared communion, and cared for Pops during those visits, we thank you! May God richly bless each of you!"

BACKPACK BUDDIES IS PACKING OVER 20 BAGS EACH WEEK! This makes a BIG difference for children at risk for hunger – and it makes a BIG "dent" in our supplies each week. We are grateful for your abundant generosity, and are already in need of ALL supplies; **We especially need both chocolate and white milk, pudding and meats.** This important ministry partners with local elementary schools to "Serve Christ in the World." Thank you!

SPIRIT MATTERS RESUMED MEETING AND GATHERED FIVE will meet again Tuesday, December 4, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Green Room. We are committed to continuing an evening meeting. We are open to scheduling a daytime meeting each month if there is sufficient interest. This group focuses on spiritual nurture in a group setting. All are welcome, even if you did not participate last year. Contact Maureen Nelson or Pastor Robert for more information.

THE ARCUM "PUMPKIN PATCH" HAD ITS STRONGEST YEAR EVER! Checks in the amount of \$1,868.54 EACH were delivered on Tuesday to the three local outreach ministries. Thank you for your support! Please thank Tonjia Groblewski and Dave Cook for coordinating this effort at St. Michael's!

WE ARE 2/3 OF THE WAY TO 95 PAIRS OF NEW SOCKS FOR 190 FEET! Our Lutheran Church Youth are working to gather these for Miracle Hill and Shepherd's Gate, as a tangible way to practice servant ministry, and to honor our Lutheran heritage of meaningful social ministry "Serving Christ in the World!" We thank you for your partnership in this outreach ministry!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, November 30 Chrismon Decorating Party
Saturday, December 8 Altar Guild Work Day
Sunday, December 9 Children's Christmas Program – one service at 10 am
Wednesday, December 12 Saints Alive Christmas Party
Friday, December 14 Congregational Christmas Party – Spaulding Farm
Sunday, December 23 One Service at 10 am

Christmas Eve Family Service will begin at 5:00 pm !!!

Christmas Eve Holy Communion will begin at 8:30 pm, with music at 8:15 pm
Sunday, December 30 Lessons and Carols at 10 am

A NURSERY MAKEOVER IS STILL PLANNED! If you are interested in helping, please contact any member of Council or Andrea Simpson at 718-791-2935.

WILD WOMEN - February 8-10, 2019. The weekend is almost full! If you have signed up, please send a check to the church office for \$223 by January 15th at the latest. 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? See Liza Cook (lizaanneballentine@gmail.com) for details and registration information!

WE SHARE THE JOY OF SEAN & DANA HALTIWANGER STRUB, whose marriage was solemnized yesterday at the Westin Poinsett. May God bless them in the union they have made in God's Name, that they may find delight in each other and grow in holy love until their life's end!

OUR CONSECRATION SUNDAY RESPONSE CONTINUES AS FAMILIES continue making financial commitments to our mission and ministry together in 2019. As of Thursday, we have received 73 estimate of Giving cards totaling \$294,030 pledged for St. Michael's in 2019. 33 of these giving units were moved to increase their commitment over last year. 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. Thank you for your commitment!

DONATIONS ARE BEING RECEIVED FOR GIFT CARDS presented as a Christmas gift to the GAIHN families currently living in the **Kay Mellom Hospitality House and our Basement Shelter**. Please make checks payable to St. Michael Lutheran Church, and designate GAIHN Christmas Gift. Please do not hand gifts directly to our faithful Social Ministry leaders. This will help our bookkeeping and stewardship be more efficient and effective. Thank you!

THE MERRIT FAMILY LIVING IN THE KAY MELLOM HOSPITALITY HOUSE writes: "St. Michael's Church - Thanks so much !! With love and many thanks, The Merritt Family, Charles, Julie, Jordan and Trevor"

THE SAINTS ALIVE CHRISTMAS PARTY will be Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 12:15 at the City Range Grill, The Gallery Shopping Center, 615 Hayward Rd., Greenville, 29607. Each of us will order from the full lunch menu and separate checks will be provided to everyone for their meal. Saints Alive will furnish light dessert options for your enjoyment. If you choose to order larger desserts or drinks, they will be added to your bill. We welcome anyone from St. Michael to join us for our Christmas gathering. There will be several people driving from St. Michael after Bible Study, so if anyone doesn't want to drive to City Range, they will be welcome to ride with one of them. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

CHRISMON TREE DECORATING WILL BE November 30 at 6:00pm. We will start in the fellowship hall with supper and a craft. After enjoying a pizza supper and making the animals for the nativity sets, the children, of all ages, will go to the worship space to place the Chrismons on the trees that adorn the worship space for the Advent and Christmas seasons. All are welcome to come and participate in this St. Michael tradition. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to the Church Office by November 26th. There will also be hot chocolate and cookies to be enjoyed by all.

PASTOR TED'S GOLD TOURNAMENT ORGANIZERS WRITE: "Thank you for your support toward the Pastor Ted's Golf Tournament. With your help, we raised \$3,000 for food boxes to assist local families. As you may know, this is the 36th year for this effort. We are already planning for next year and hope to do even more. Best Wishes form the Pastor Ted's Tournament Committee."

OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS REACH TO ENFOLD Penny Adsit at the death of her mother, Sonjia Adsit, on November 9. Her funeral will be at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2535 Jefferson Road, Athens, GA, at 3:00 pm on Saturday, December 1. "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE!" says the Lord.

YOUTH MINISTRY

CRAWL Youth Group (Birth - 3 YEARS & Parents)

Meeting Sunday at 10:00 AM in the Nursery

Young Youth (K4 – 5th Grade)

Meeting Sunday at 4:00 PM

All Youth Dinner: 6:00 PM

LCY (6th – 12th Grade)

Meeting at 6:30 PM

Servant Ministry Projects Together

Giving the Gift of Encouragement

²gathering & preparing 95 PAIRS of new warm socks²

Y'ALL: Young Adults Living Lutheran

Join us again November 28th as we continue studying 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.

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

A "FAITH 5" VERSE

⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines.
This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

Mark 12:38-40

Monday, November 19

12- Step Group 7:30 pm

Tuesday, November 20

Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:30 am

Thanksgiving Service 7:00 pm

Pregnancy/Infant Loss Support Grp 7:00 pm

Survivors of Suicide Support Group 7:00 pm

AA 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 21

Bible Study 10:30 am

Y-ALL 6:00 pm

NO New Creation Worship

Chapel Choir 6:30 pm

Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 22 – Thanksgiving Day!

No Breakfast Together

Friday, November 23

Saturday, November 24

Sunday, November 25 – Christ the King Sunday

Holy Communion 8:30 am

Children's Choir (Rehearsal) 9:45 am

CRAWL 10:00 am

Faith Formation 10:00 am

Holy Communion 11:00 am

NO Young Youth

No All Youth Dinner

NO LCY

Lessons for November 25, 2018

Christ the King

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalms 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37