

St. Michael Lutheran Church

News & Events

November 2, 2018

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: November 5, Rick Brookey, Corey Gibbs; November 7, Charlie Jones; November 8, Colin Williams; November 9, Delaney Jackson, Terence Reck; November 10, Angie Adams, Karis Kinsey; November 11, Caroline Boulware. We rejoice that you are living and serving among us in faith and discipleship!

THIS SUNDAY IS ALL SAINTS SUNDAY! We hear the echo of Easter in the darkening days of approaching winter, and we join together to bear witness to our living hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ! We remember with thanksgiving our beloved saints, and claim again in public worship the hope that is ours in Christ!

NO SUNDAY LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT ST. MICHAEL'S THIS SUNDAY. Our next Sunday lunch will be November 11th and will be provided by the Trout, Forrester, and Hobbs Families.

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.

OUR BROTHER IN CHRIST, JIM MCHALE entered the Church Triumphant the afternoon of October 25th at 12:20 PM. US Marine Corps Veteran, Beloved Husband, Grandfather, devoted Husband to "his Trudy," steadfast servant in the social ministries of this congregation for 25 years -- they are now together again around God's Throne of Grace. His funeral was held here at St. Michael's on Friday. Our sympathy and prayers reach to enfold his family and friends. "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE!" says the Lord.

THE UPSTATE MEN'S CHOIR WILL BE celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day, Sunday, November 11th, 7:00 PM at Cannon Center in Greer. Proceeds will go to Upstate Warrior Solution. Tickets are available at the door (cash & check only). Veterans (\$8), General Admission (\$10). This group provided the program at our Saints Alive gathering last week.

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

THE MUSIC MINISTRY AT ST. MICHAEL is happy to welcome back the Greenville Chapter of The American Guild of Organists. Our local chapter has chosen St. Michael as the host site for their first members recital of their new year. Every member involved spoke of our almost perfect installation for the space and the wonderful acoustics of our sanctuary as the primary reason they are returning. This recital will feature well known hymns with congregational participation. The meeting is open to all and we would love to have a large representation from our congregation. The meeting is this Monday, November 5 at 7:00pm. Hope to see you all there!

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE YOUTH AND PARENTS and extended family for attending Trunk or Treat last Sunday evening. A special thanks to Christie and Dorsey Finn for cooking supper! Thank you to those who decorated their cars and gave out candy which makes for a festive and fun evening! ~ LCY

THE NOVEMBER SAINTS ALIVE meeting will be Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 12:15 pm in the Social Hall. This is our annual Thanksgiving turkey dinner. The turkey will be provided by Saints Alive. A signup sheet for side dishes and desserts will be in the Gathering area kiosk. Please mark your calendars now and plan to enjoy this special dinner with your St. Michael family.

THE ARCUM PUMPKIN PATCH EXCEEDED \$15,000 IN SALES just this week! This is a significant increase over 2017 and means even more funding for the local agencies we support. ***Thank you each and all for your hard work!***

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!"

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.

SPIRIT MATTERS WILL BEGIN MEETING AGAIN on November 8. That's THIS Thursday! We will gather from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Green Room. This group focuses on spiritual nurture in a group setting. 14 came to at least one meeting last year. All are welcome! Even if you did not come last year Please mark Thursday, November 8, and Tuesday, December 4 if you even think you may be interested. Contact Maureen Nelson or Pastor Robert if you even think you might be interested. Next meeting is Tuesday, December 4.

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.

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 be working 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 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. 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 at 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 is on the table in the Gathering Area!

TERRACYCLE DRIVE HAS NOW ENDED! *After many years of faithful effort to steward recyclable resources and return a small amount of income for our ministry programs, the **TERRA CYCLE** program at St. Michael's has now ended.* We are grateful to all of you who have participated over the years, and most especially to Denise Strub and Donna Weathers who have continued sorting, packing and shipping items as sufficient quantities were given. Please thank them personally for their faithful stewardship ministry in this largely unseen way! The Terra Cycle room will now be used for other ministries, and God will lead us to new beginnings in our stewardship of the environment.

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 72 estimate of Giving cards totaling \$288,530 pledged for St. Michael's in 2019. 32 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!

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).

GREENVILLE'S CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS will serve 800 meals Thanksgiving morning. Donations to purchase turkey breasts are needed. Volunteers are needed to help deliver the meals. See the insert today. Ten dollars for a turkey breast from Aldi will feed a whole family on Thanksgiving!

OUR WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP continues our 14 week study of Jeremiah. This week we will look at Chapter 30 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)

No Meeting Tonight

Youth Dinner: 6:00 PM

LCY (6th – 12th Grade)

Meeting at 6:30 PM

“MARTY PARTY” – MARTIN LUTHER

Activities & Projects

Will Focus Our November Sundays Together

Y'ALL: Young Adults Living Lutheran

Join us again November 7th 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.

Join us November 10th at Sierra Nevada Brewery

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

A "FAITH 5" VERSE

"Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

John 11:43-44

Monday, November 5

Staff Meeting	10:00 am
American Organists' Guild	7:00 pm
12- Step Group	7:30 pm

Tuesday, November 6

Prayer Shawl Ministry	10:30 am
AA	7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 7

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, November 8

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

Friday, November 9

Saturday, November 10

Sunday, November 11

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
Young Youth	4:00 pm
All Youth Dinner	6:00 pm
LCY	6:30 pm

Lessons for November 11, 2018 **Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

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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