

St. Michael Lutheran Church

News & Events

January 25, 2019

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: January 30, Karen Carnes; February 1, Adam Miles, Lois Vick.. We rejoice that you are living and serving among us in faith and discipleship!

ALL WORSHIPERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR LUNCH AFTER THE 11:00 AM SERVICE. SUNDAY'S LUNCH is prepared by Dave & Bonnie Cook, Donna Scott-Hober, Marge Maybee & Marie Castagnaro. Please thank them for their ministry of hospitality to build up Christ's Church here in this place. The cost for adults is \$5.00 and \$3.00 for children. Our worship visitors are always invited to eat at no cost. All are welcome! Please join us!

THE EPIPHANY SEASON IS GOD'S "SHOW & TELL" through which God continues showing us and telling us "**Who Jesus Is**" and inviting us to deepen our understanding of *who Jesus is for us*. Today we focus on the epiphany – the "God Sighting" – of Jesus' proclaiming His agenda as He reads the words of Isaiah in his home synagogue at Nazareth. God Sightings often come in the most unexpected times and places, through the most unexpected people

THE WORLD-CLASS ST. OLAF COLLEGE CHOIR WILL BE IN CONCERT NEXT SATURDAY, February 2, at 7:30 pm First Presbyterian Church, 200 W. Washington Street in Greenville. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$10 for students. Call 1-800-363-5487 or visit <http://www.stolaf.edu/tickets> to purchase tickets.

THE ELCA YOUTH MINISTRY EXTRAVAGANZA IS THIS WEEKEND in Jacksonville, FL. Our Minister of Faith Formation Evan Fitzsimmons was invited by Lutheridge to attend and participate at their expense. This annual event is a gathering of youth ministry leaders from across the ELCA and provides renewal, education, connection and inspiration. We celebrate that Evan is esteemed regionally such that he received this invitation. He will return to Greenville on Monday. You may learn more at www.elcaymnet.org.

THE LCY VARIETY SHOW AND CHILI COOK-OFF ARE TONIGHT! Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM. There will be a game show format, with several rounds of "To Tell The Truth" and "Table Trivia." Ronney Dixon and Cynthia Trout will be the "House Band." Some of our youth will present. Who knows what other surprises the Holy Spirit may have in store?! Evan has worked very hard to put this program together, and to anoint faithful leaders. Thank you for your enthusiastic support of our young adult Christians in their efforts to grow in grace and faith!

ALTAR GUILD IS IN NEED of several additional members. This is a meaningful ministry that helps prepare the worship space each Sunday. If you have any questions regarding the responsibilities of the altar guild members, would like to become involved, please see Hannelore Schuetterle or Mary Lee Mowry.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER	March 5
ASH WEDNESDAY	March 6
Faith Alive Confirmation at Lutheridge	April 5, 6, 7
EASTER DAY	April 21
Lutheridge Sunday Worship/Picnic	May 5
LUTHER ROAD with "Church Without Walls"	June 10 through 14
SMLC Vacation Bible School	June 24 through 28

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS: In order to help improve the flow of worship and make more efficient use of time during worship, the Worship and Music Team is asking that all news items and announcements be placed in the weekly news blast and on the blue sheet. Any items that need to be shared with the congregation need to be sent to the church office by Thursday afternoon in order to be included in that week's news blast and Sunday blue sheet. Pastor will not be making announcements at the beginning of worship with the exception of updates on the well-being of members of the congregation.

ALL 2018 ANNUAL REPORTS ARE NOW DUE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE! Please be diligent in celebrating the ministries we have accomplished effectively, and in challenging us to the ministries we have yet to engage.

BACKPACK BUDDIES IS NOW PACKING 24 BAGS EACH WEEK! This is an increase of two from December. Your contributions to this ministry make a BIG difference for children at risk for hunger in this community. We are grateful for your abundant generosity and can always use all supplies. ***We are currently in need of white milk, breakfast items, pasta, snacks, and juice.*** This ministry partners with local elementary schools to "Serve Christ in the World."

NURSERY UPDATE: The wheels are in motion for our nursery makeover. Please stop by to see our current space that has been designated for our Little Lutherans. We are so excited to make it over! A board has been set up in the Gathering Area with items that are needed. We are asking for a monetary contribution towards our purchases. You can designate "Nursery Makeover" on your check or envelope. Gift cards are also welcome. There will also be a sign up sheet if you are interested in volunteering your time. With help from our village, the Little Lutherans will love their new space! We thank Diane Locotosh for gifting her Thrivent "Love One Another" funds as seed money for this effort.

LUTHERAN MEN'S VALENTINE DINNER: Please join us on Thursday, February 7th at The Open Hearth, 2801 Wade Hampton Blvd, Taylors, SC 29687. There is a sign-up sheet on the table outside the Gathering Area. Please email Randy Freeman with questions (ranfreem@aol.com).

KATHY RICHARDSON CONTINUES HER RECOVERY AT JAY & KATY'S home in North Augusta. The family was able finally to share Christmas gifts and celebrate Rebecca's birthday. Please continue to lift them in prayers for healing and strength, and that Kathy's lab numbers will improve. She and Rick continue to express deep gratitude for your notes and cards. They are a source of great encouragement. You will bless them as you send them mail to the home of their son and his wife, 5050 Fieldcrest Drive, North Augusta, SC 29841.

SPIRIT MATTERS *gathers monthly on Thursday evenings.* Our gathering last week was a rich time of exploring together the practice of the presence of God in daily life. Upcoming dates are as follows: February 21; March 21; April 11; May 9; May 30. This group focuses on spiritual nurture in a group setting, "beholding the One who beholds us in love." Contact Maureen Nelson or Pastor Robert for more information. Newcomers are most welcome!

WHERE HAVE ALL THE FLOWERS GONE? The **2019 Flower Chart** is available on the blue kiosk in the Gathering Area. There is an abundance of available spots for Sunday flowers. Please prayerfully consider signing for one of these open Sundays. We have an arrangement with Embassy Flowers to provide flowers for the worship space. Through Embassy Flowers, the cost for both floral arrangements is \$110. Several families are welcome and encouraged to sign up together for flowers on an open Sunday and share the cost. Although we have an arrangement with Embassy Flowers, you are not obliged to use Embassy Flowers, and can make other arrangements of your own. If you do not wish to use Embassy Flowers, please let Stacey Anders know so she can contact them.

NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR CAMP AT LUTHERIDGE AND LUTHEROCK. Program descriptions are on the website at www.novusway.org. There is a significant discount for registrations completed before mid-March. Give a child you love a week of living and learning and growing in Christian community!!! Scholarship assistance is always available.

NURTURING THE BAPTISMAL JOURNEY is one of our *core missions* here at St. Michael's. There are **3 QUALITIES** of a disciple: **AUTHENTIC, AVAILABLE, and AFFIRMING.** There are **4 KEYS** for daily living: ***Caring Conversations; Devotional Practice; Rituals & Traditions; and Loving Service.*** There are **5 PRINCIPLES for passing on faith:** 1) Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships—often in our own homes; 2) The Church is a living partnership between the ministry of the congregation and the ministry of the home; 3) Where Christ is present in faith, the home is Church, too; 4) Faith is caught more than it is taught; 5) If we want Christian children and youth, we need Christian adults and parents.

How can we help you nurture the Baptismal journey in your family?

How can you help us nurture the Baptismal journey in our St. Michael's family?

YOUTH MINISTRY

CRAWL Youth Group (Birth - 3 YEARS & Parents)

Meeting Sunday

Young Youth (K4 – 5th Grade)

No Meeting Sunday

LCY (6th – 12th Grade)

Join us TODAY from 6:00 – 8:00 PM for the Variety Show and Chili Cook-Off!

Feb. 1st – LCY Lock-In from 6:00 PM – 8:00 AM

Y'ALL: Young Adults Living Lutheran

Join us January 30TH at St. Michael in the Green Room, 6:00 - 8:00.

We will share a meal as well as our faith together. For the month of January, we are focused on starting a new year with get-to-know you activities and faith talks

All are welcome!

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*

Join us again February 28th!

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

"Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Luke 4:21

Monday, January 28

12- Step Group 7:30 pm

Tuesday, January 29

AA 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 30

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, January 31

Breakfast Together 8:30 am

Nursing Mothers' Support Group 12:00 pm

AA 7:00 pm

Al-Anon 8:00 pm

Friday, February 1

LCY Lock-In Begins 6:00 pm

Saturday, February 2

LCY Lock-In Ends 8:00 am

Sunday, February 3

Holy Communion Service 8:30 am

Children's Choir 9:45 am

CRAWL 10:00 am

Faith Formation 10:00 am

Holy Communion Service 11:00 am

Sunday Lunch 12:15 pm

NO Young Youth

NO LCY

Lessons for February 3 , 2019

The Fourth Sunday after The Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30