

St. Michael Lutheran Church

News & Events

March 29, 2019

HAPPENING SUNDAY The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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
Sunday Lunch	12:15 pm
No Young Youth	
Youth Dinner	6:00 pm
LCY	6:30 pm

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: April 1, Mimi Hallman, Nancy Key; April 3, Jessica Castor, Luci Floyd; April 5, Bonnie Cook, Allyn Hickey, Hutch Koch, Faye Moss; April 6 Adrian Babilinski, Rebecca Hedrick; April 7, Krystian Babilinski, Rivers Carter. We rejoice that you are living and serving among us in faith and discipleship!

THE EGGS FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT are in the Gathering Area ready to be filled! Please take a bag or two and return them filled with candy! Please return by April 7. And join us for the Egg Hunt itself!

ALL WORSHIPPERS ARE INVITED TO SUNDAY LUNCH THIS SUNDAY following the second service. Please come downstairs and join us in the Fellowship Hall. The cost for adults is \$5.00 and \$3.00 for children. Our Worship Visitors are always welcome to eat at no cost. This important time of table fellowship strengthens our community for Serving Christ in the World. We are grateful to Melinda Matthews and her family for their meal ministry. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

SUNDAY LUNCH IS BEING SERVED AT ST. MICHAEL'S THIS SUNDAY by the Matthews Family. We have meal ministers committed for April 7. We still have an open date for April 14. Please see Cynthia Trout if you are interested in becoming a partner in this ongoing ministry of hospitality.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR – A LENTEN JOURNEY WITH JESUS is using classic images of scenes from the life of Jesus to focus faith forming conversation across generations each Wednesday evening during Lent. We gather in the Fellowship Hall for teaching and conversation which begins at 6:00 pm. A simple supper is served from 5:30 until 6:30 pm. We want you to be able to enjoy food, fellowship, and faith formation all at the same time! The evening concludes with a short service of Holy Communion in the worship space from 7:00 until 7:30 pm. Childcare will be provided from 6:00 until 7:30 pm. We intend for ministry activities to overlap. This adds depth and richness to our life together.

A THIRTY MINUTE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION BEGINS AT 12:15 PM each Wednesday during Lent. This spoken service offers an opportunity to be centered in the center of the work week as we seek to grow in faith and discipleship through our Lenten journey. Homilies reflect on Journeys with Jesus, using the OT readings from the previous Sunday. All are invited!

LUTHERIDGE SUNDAY IS COMING! PLAN NOW TO JOIN US ON MAY 5, at our camp and conference center. We will gather for lunch and worship, fellowship and free time. Mark your calendars now!

YOU ARE THERE! YOU ARE THERE IN EVERY PLACE ST. MICHAEL'S many meaningful ministries are impacting and changing and blessing lives! Because of the power of money, money does enable us to do things together we could never do alone. Because of the exchangeability of money, we ourselves get to be present in places and with people where we could never go ourselves. YOU ARE THERE forming the faith of new parents in CRAWL, providing a significant place of belonging through Y'ALL and Thirsty Thursday and Saints Alive, offering healing and hope through NAMI and 12-Step and Survivors of Suicide groups. Thank you!

YOUR GIFTS OF TIME & TALENT MAKE MINISTRY HAPPEN! Organized lists and written commitments make planning and scheduling easier. It's not a foolproof process, but it is an important one. The link to the online form was emailed and is on our Facebook page. Paper copies are available in the Gathering Area. Our Youth and Young Youth are encouraged to participate. It's a good faith formation talk. Please help us help each other accomplish God's mission for St. Michael's!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Faith Alive Confirmation at Lutheridge	April 5, 6, 7
Easter Egg Hunt at St. Michael	April 14
EASTER DAY	April 21
Oyster Roast at Tom Harriz' Home	April 27
LCY at Lutheridge	May 3-5
Lutheridge Sunday Worship/Picnic	May 5
SC Synod Assembly Spartanburg	May 30 through June 1
LUTHER ROAD with "Church Without Walls"	June 10 through 14
SMLC Vacation Bible School	June 24 through 28

FIFTEEN WOMEN "YOUNG TO SAGE" JOINED TOGETHER FOR THE NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY! The new faith formation opportunity will gather again on Monday, April 8th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. The group meets in the LCY room and focuses each month on the Seasons of Life. The April focus will be on the Season of GRIEF. There is a different theme each month. There is no book reading required and no commitment to attend every month. Just come as you can. Please note that childcare is not provided. Please contact Kendra Thornton or Liza Anne Cook if you have any questions.

BACKPACK BUDDIES NEEDS MEATS AND WHITE MILK ESPECIALLY! These items were especially low when we packed last week. Boxed white milk is hard to find; if you locate a store that carries it, please let us know. Meat products that do not need to be cooked or refrigerated are also important in meeting the needs we address. **WE ARE NOW PACKING 26 BAGS EACH WEEK!** These are given through local elementary schools to children at risk for hunger to carry them through the weekend. Your contributions make a **BIG DIFFERENCE!** Many join in gratitude for this way of "Serving Christ in the World!"

"YAKING WITH GOD" GROUP HIKE NEXT SATURDAY! Tom Harriz will be leading the hike on Saturday, April 6th. Please let him know if you will be joining him on this outing. He would also like to know if you want to hike A) repeating one or both of the Yellow Branch/Oconee Station Falls (Super Easy/~1 mile in and up close)(we hiked this last fall) or B) Raven Cliff Falls (also pretty easy but 2 miles in and still viewed from across the valley). Contact him at harriz@charter.net or (864)230-284

HAS YOUR FAITH BEEN FORMED THROUGH EXPERIENCES AT CAMP KINARD OR THE COASTAL RETREAT CENTER? Many of us have experienced those as holy and creating spaces over the years. They will continue providing holy spaces for God to change lives for years to come. As our SC Lutheran Retreat Centers celebrate their 47TH ANNIVERSARY this April, they are inviting us to make a gift of \$47 on Sunday April 7 (4/7) to support and strengthen their ongoing ministry. Your gifts so designated may be placed in the offering plate. Many of us have been blessed by these spaces over the years. Here is a tangible way to say "THANKS!" and to pay it forward.

OUR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS WILL BE AT LUTHERIDGE next weekend, April 5, 6, and 7, participating in one of several FAITH ALIVE events presented each year for confirmation students from across the supporting synods. Pastor Robert and Evan Fitzsimmons will accompany them. Pastor Robert will return at the end of Saturday so he can preach and preside here on Sunday. Evan will remain with our group. This is an effort to explore new options, as our Campconfirmation cluster has disbanded. Please pray for God's blessing upon this exciting time of faith formation at Lutheridge!

SAINTS ALIVE WILL MEET WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 at 12:15 p.m. for a pot luck meal. Mr. Van Broad (Community Development Director in Mauldin) is going to return to sing to us. This will be his third visit to Saints Alive and I know he will pick some wonderful music. So mark your calendars and plan to enjoy a delightful lunch and fellowship with your St. Michael family.

OYSTER ROAST! The family of St Michael is invited to enjoy an Oyster Roast at the home of Tom Harriz on Saturday April 27, 2019 beginning at 2pm. This is a casual event; come anytime throughout the afternoon/evening. Bring lawn chairs, and a side dish or desert to share. Oysters (raw, roasted or steamed), shrimp and freshly boiled Crayfish will be featured. There will likely be some Low Country Boil (shrimp, sausage, potatoes, corn on the cob), and an assortment of refreshments. Dress for the weather as this is usually an outdoor/picnic style event, but we can gather indoors if needed. RSVP to Harriz@Charter.net or 864-230-2845 so I can judge how much food to gather.

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 14, 2019 at 4:00pm

Please join us here at St. Michael's!

There will be CRAFTS, FOOD, ACTIVITIES and FUN for every age group.

Everyone is invited. You do not have to be a child or have a child to attend.
Friends are always welcome!

The hunt will begin PROMPTLY at 4pm. So, grab your Easter basket and don't miss the fun!

LUTHERROAD AT ST. MICHAEL

JUNE 10 – 14, 2019!!!

Lutheridge is bringing camp to us! We will have 1 Lutherroad Camp Area Director and 5 counselors. The age parameters are 6 years - 11 years old. (K - 5th Grade) This year, Lutherroad at St. Michael will be an Outreach Road. We are partnering with *Greenville Church Without Walls* who are searching for families in need to bring to our church for the week of June for this amazing experience. Our goal at **St. Michael** is to raise \$5,000 so that we can fully pay for 20 families in need from *Church without Walls* and reduce the cost to *St. Michael* families to 1/3 the price.

There are donation envelopes numbered 1-100 in the Gathering Area. To donate, simply take a numbered envelope and the number is the amount of money you place in it. You can donate cash or write a check for Lutherroad.

All proceeds go towards Lutherroad.

PLEASE sign up as soon as possible

(Once st. michael registration spots fill, the rest of the spots will be reserved for Greenville church without walls)

Registration forms are in the Gathering Area next to the Envelope Wall.

See Evan Fitzsimmons if you have any questions about Donating or Registration

Yaking With God Group Activities

Isaiah 55:12, Psalm 145:5, Joshua 1:9

- Saturday, April 6th – Easy Waterfall Hike
- May 4th - Bike Ride and lunch-Rain date May 18th
- Saturday, May 11th – Zoom Through the Zoo 5K and Kids Fun Run – Registration link - <https://runsignup.com/Race/SC/Greenville/zoomthroughthozoo>
- Thursday, May 23rd – Furman Outdoor Concert walk around the lake and picnic dinner
- June, July & August – Camping/Kayaking trip – 2 outings with overnight camping (optional)
- August – Whitewater Rafting Trip

All activities are for all ages. Everyone is a part of this group. You can choose which activities to participate in; you do not have to do all of them. More information will follow for each activity. Please contact Pat George with any questions. scpenquin528@bellsouth.net or call or text (864) 201-1684.

YOUTH MINISTRY

CRAWL Youth Group (Birth - 3 YEARS & Parents)

Meeting Sunday

Young Youth: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

No Meeting Sunday

Youth Dinner: 6:00 PM

LCY: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Meeting Sunday

Y'ALL: Young Adults Living Lutheran

We will not be meeting during Lent.

Join us again April 24th.

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 April 11th at the home of Devin & Kristi Kendrick

We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.
See Emily Bugay or check out our page on FACEBOOK for info.