

St. Michael Lutheran Church

News & Events

March 8, 2019

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: March 13, Tonjia Groblewski; March 14, Lee Bugay; March 15, Jason Strickler; March 17, Carol Cooke. We rejoice that you are living and serving among us in faith and discipleship!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR SUNDAY LUNCH prepared and served by the Finn, Cooke, and Hutchinson families in the Fellowship Hall following the second service. Please thank them for their ministry of hospitality to build up Christ's Church in this place. The cost for adults is \$5.00 and \$3.00 for children. Our Worship Visitors are always welcome to eat at no cost. All are welcome, please join us today. There are still Sundays in March and April available. Please see Cynthia Trout with any questions about this opportunity to serve.

OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES for food, fellowship, and faith-forming conversation with all ages will focus on CHRIST OUR SAVIOR – A LENTEN JOURNEY WITH JESUS. A simple supper will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Robert will lead cross-generational conversation from 6:00 until 6:45 pm engaging the event of Jesus the Christ through visual art. For any who desire, a simple service of Holy Communion will be offered 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. We begin this week!

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.

OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS REACH TO ENFOLD JERRY UMBERGER and his family at the death of his older brother Bob on Wednesday morning in Maryland. His funeral service will be held in Maryland on Monday. "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE!" says the Lord.

HOWARD AND LORRAINE MARTINIE HAVE DECIDED to move to Illinois to live near two of their children. They plan to be with us at worship today and again on March 17. Their new mailing address is available through the Church Office. We wish them "Farewell and Godspeed" and pray for them God's abundance in this new beginning!

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE on the table in the Gathering Area. Please thank Carol Cooke for her efforts to make this happen.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA (WELCA) FOOTHILLS SPRING CONFERENCE will be held here at St. Michael's on Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Our program will feature Greenville's Church Without Walls. Please RSVP to Nancy Fulmer at (864)855-3212 or fulmerb@yahoo.com by March 10, 2019.

IT'S TIME TO FILL OUT OUR 2019 TIME & TALENT FORMS! Links to the online form were emailed this week and can also be found on our Facebook page. If you would prefer to fill out a paper copy, they are available in the Gathering Area. Please place paper copies in the offering plate. Our Youth are also encouraged to fill out a form. We are grateful for all that you do for St. Michael's!

THE BERYL HILLER CIRCLE WILL MEET TUESDAY, March 12th at 10:00 am in the Green Room. Hannelore Schuetterle will host, while Lorraine Martine has the program.

THE JOHNSIE RICHARDSON CIRCLE WILL MEET TUESDAY, March 12th at 7:00 at the home of Hutch Koch. Sandi Nelsen has the program.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SPIRIT MATTERS	MARCH 21
FAITH ALIVE CONFIRMATION AT LUTHERIDGE	APRIL 5, 6, 7
EASTER DAY	APRIL 21
LCY AT LUTHERIDGE	MAY 3-5
LUTHERIDGE SUNDAY WORSHIP/PICNIC	MAY 5
SC SYNOD ASSEMBLY SPARTANBURG	MAY 30—JUNE 1
LUTHER ROAD WITH "CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS"	JUNE 10—14
SMLC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	JUNE 24—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.

SAINTS ALIVE WILL MEET *Wednesday, February 27* at 12:15 p.m. This will be a pot luck luncheon which always has a great selection of food. Our program will be Julie Gibson playing her keyboard instrument, the harpsichord. We look forward to seeing everyone, please mark your calendars for the 27th.

BACKPACK BUDDIES IS NOW PACKING 26 BAGS EACH WEEK! This is an increase of four 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 snacks, green beans, meats, white milk, juice and pasta. This ministry partners with local elementary schools to "Serve Christ in the World."

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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: THIS Monday, March 11th from 7-8 pm join the women of St. Michael in the LCY room for a new women's Bible study focused on the Seasons of Life. This week the focus will be on the season of HOPE. Each month will be a different theme - no book reading required and no commitment to every month, just come as you can. Please note that childcare is not provided. Contact Kendra Thornton or Liza Anne Cook if you have any questions.

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5TH ANNIVERSARY of PARROQUIA NUESTRO SALVADOR: Please join us at 2600 Wade Hampton Blvd. Greenville, SC, THIS SUNDAY as we celebrate five years proclaiming the good news to the Latino community in Greenville. Worship begins at 1:00 pm. There is a celebration meal following. Please RSVP to pastoralejandro@bellsouth.net.

SAINTS ALIVE will meet Wednesday, March 27 at 12:45 p.m. Please note this is Lenten season and there is a weekly service at 12:15 p.m. Our meal will be pot luck. Sylvia Dixon will be presenting a piano program, - "Do you know your hymns?" This presentation has a bit of a twist and should be very good. We look forward to seeing everyone, please mark your calendars for the 27th.

LUTHERIDGE SUNDAY IS COMING MAY 5, 2019! Join your St. Michael family at our Lutheran Camp and Conference Center as we worship and fellowship outside, and celebrate together God's holy work of new creation.

WE SHARE THE JOY OF SCOTT HILLER & COURTNEY WIENSLAW who will marry this weekend in Charleston, SC. May God bless them in the union they make in God's Name, that they may find delight in each other and grow in holy love until their life's end!

THE ARCUM CHURCHES MET WITH PASTOR ALFRED JOHNSON of the Greenville Church Without Walls on Thursday morning. Sarah Williams and Pastor Robert represented SMLC. Consensus was reached and tasks were assigned to move our faith communities into the larger conversation working towards the larger solution to the food desert which was already here before the announced closing of the S. Pleasantburg Bi-Lo store. Please be aware, stay tuned, and speak with Sarah and Pastor Robert for deeper understanding.

"HOUSING OUR NEIGHBORS" CONVOCATION AT AHBC MARCH 28! This Thursday evening gathering will provide opportunity to learn about the success of Augusta Heights Apartments development, and to learn from local experts about actions faith communities can take towards creating safe and secure housing. The event is from 6 to 8 m. It is free, but you must register. Go to justfaithgreenville.org to reserve your seat. SMLC needs to be involved in this conversation because of our strong history of transitional housing ministry.

LSC LOVE ONE ANOTHER CAMPAIGN HAS ENABLED THE HOST HOME program to begin in the Upstate! See www.lscarolinas.net/loveoneanother

**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

YOUTH MINISTRY
CRAWL Youth Group (Birth - 3 YEARS & Parents)
Meeting today in the Nursery

Young Youth: 4:00 – 6:00 PM
Meeting today

LCY: 6:30 – 8:00 PM
Meeting Tonight

Lutheridge Youth Retreat May 3 - 5

*The total cost is \$85 per kid. Looking forward to a weekend of fellowship, worship planning, and even an outing to Looking Glass Falls at Pisgah National Park!
Please see Evan Fitzsimmons to sign-up or hear more details.*

Y'ALL: Young Adults Living Lutheran

We will not be meeting during Lent. Please join us again April 24th.

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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 March 14th - hosted by Ric & Somers Farmer.

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