

# St. Michael Lutheran Church

## News & Events

### April 12, 2019

#### HAPPENING SUNDAY Palm Sunday

Lutheran Men Meeting	7:30 am
<b><i>Procession of the Palms</i></b>	<b><i>Gathering Area</i></b>
Holy Communion	8:30 am
CRAWL	10:00 am
Faith Formation	10:00 am
<b><i>Procession of the Palms</i></b>	<b><i>Gathering Area</i></b>
Holy Communion	11:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt	4:00 pm

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** April 15, Paul Montjoy, Thomas Outten; April 16, Travis Self; April 17, Scott Hiller, Angelika Schmidt; April 21, Ryan Craven. We rejoice that you are living and serving among us in faith and discipleship!

**THE LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION** will meet this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30 am. All are welcome!

**WE WERE NOTIFIED THAT TOMORROW, SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH FROM 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM,** Duke Energy/Pike Electric will be replacing the power lines on the street in front of the church. Be aware that power will be on and off in the church during this time.

**PALM SUNDAY IS THIS SUNDAY! OUR WORSHIP WILL BEGIN** outside in the Gathering Area, and we will process together into the worship space during the gathering hymn. Those who are able are invited and encouraged to participate.

**SUNDAY LUNCH HAS CONCLUDED FOR THE SPRING.** We express our deepest thanks to each and all who help us offer this meaningful ministry! Your work deepens our community and strengthens our witness in the world – building up the Church! We will resume in October, and look forward to many participating!

**THE LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION ANNUAL EASTER BREAKFAST** will be served next Sunday, April 21, in the Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:45 am. Menu items include Eggs Frittata, bacon, sausage, grits, hot biscuits, fresh fruit, assorted cold cereals, OJ, milk and hot coffee. Everyone invited; free will offering graciously accepted. Our THANKS to all of you! AMEN for Lutheran Men!

**MAUNDY THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION** begins at 7:00 pm this Thursday. This service of forgiveness and reconciliation celebrates Christ's new covenant and begins the Three Days in which our salvation is accomplished. The altar will be stripped at the conclusion of the service. There is no benediction. The Three Days are one whole! Here the truth of Easter begins. Join us for worship.

**OUR GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE RETURNS TO A CHORAL TENEBRAE** to focus our contemplation on the passion and death of Jesus for us. This intentional time of adoration and prayer at The Cross continues the liturgy begun on Thursday, and bridges to the liturgy celebrating the festival of the Resurrection. We are grateful to our music ministers for their extra effort to bring this to us. The service begins at 7:00 pm here at St. Michael's. Plan now to come and invite a friend or family member to walk this part of Holy Week together with us.

**REMEMBER TO BRING FRESH FLOWERS TO DECORATE THE CROSS** Easter morning. The more flowers the more beautiful the Cross and the bolder our proclamation bearing witness to the world!

**THE ALTAR GUILD WORKDAY** will be next Saturday, April 20th at 9:30 AM. Please join us in preparing your Church for Easter.

### **EASTER EGG HUNT - THIS SUNDAY!!**

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!

### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion	April 14, 8:30 & 11:00 am
Wednesday Spoken Holy Communion	April 17, 12:15 pm
Maundy Thursday Holy Communion	April 18, 7:00 pm
Good Friday Choral Tenebrae	April 19, 7:00 pm
The Festival of the Resurrection	April 21, 8:30 & 11:00 am
Easter Breakfast Between Services	
Flowering of the Cross	

### **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 27 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!"

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**YOU RESPONDED FAITHFULLY AND STRONGLY** with "extra mile" giving in support of the 47TH ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE from SC Lutheran Retreat Centers to express thanksgiving for the holy spaces provided for all of us through Kinard Conference Center and the Coastal Retreat Center. Gifts of \$490.50 were received last Sunday! We will forward them this week. Board member Jenny Lord and Executive Director Dallas Shealy join in thanking St. Michael's!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!** OUR VBS team led by Karen Street is already working to prepare for this exciting time of cross-generational faith formation within our congregation and community. The dates are June 24 through 28 from 9 am until 12 noon. The theme "WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR" focuses on the story of the Good Samaritan and was developed by our own ELCA World Hunger organization.

**WE CONTINUE SEEKING THROUGH SPIRIT MATTERS TO PROVIDE** intentional spiritual nurture in a group setting. If you would like to learn more about this effort to experience community in a way that both gives and receives at the same time all the time, please contact Maureen Nelson or Pastor Robert. We welcome all who are seeking spiritual nourishment and faith-filled encouragement.

**YOUTH SUNDAY at LUTHERIDGE - MAY 5th.** Save the date and make plans to join your SMLC family at Lutheridge for lunch and worship led by our LCY. It's only three weeks away! The LMM grill chefs will serve hamburgers and hot dogs at noon. A head count is needed, so please sign up in the Gathering Area to reserve your spot and let us know if you can bring a side dish or dessert to share. LCY will lead our worship service at 1:00 p.m. The 8:30 a.m. worship service will take place at the church as usual on May 5.

**YAKING WITH GOD BIKE OUTING:** Saturday, May 4th we will have a bike outing and lunch. The ride will start near Swamp Rabbit Crossfit and we will ride toward Furman University. It is a level trail, no hills. We will turn around at Furman and then have lunch at El Thrifty next to Swamp Rabbit Crossfit. Start time is 10am. If you need a bike please let Pat George know. We have some available. All ages are welcome. If we need to turn around before we reach Furman we will. Contact Pat with any questions and to let her know you are going: call or text 864-201-1684 or email [scpenquin528@bellsouth.net](mailto:scpenquin528@bellsouth.net).

**MANY OF YOU ENGAGED PASTOR ALFRED JOHNSON LAST SUNDAY** when he visited and spoke to connect us more closely to his ministry through GREENVILLE CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS. We believe God is leading us to continue and strengthen this ministry partnership. Our partnership in outreach through Luther-Road this Summer is one example. It is time to register NOW! This Saturday Pr. Alfred will begin DOING TENT REVIVALS in some of the most hard-pressed housing projects in Greenville. How is God calling us to support this?

**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](mailto:Harriz@Charter.net) or 864-230-2845 so I can judge how much food to gather.

**PROPERTY PROBLEMS?** If you see any problems related with property here at St. Michael's – please notify the Church Office or Dorsey Finn at (908)577-7581.

**GREENVILLE CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS IS DOING TENT REVIVALS** in some of the most hard-pressed housing projects in Greenville. The revivals will start April 20th in Shemwood Crossing and continue through August. We feel that the gospel is what is needed to change people that's used to living in violence and fear. Thank you so much for everything. We are praying that we will receive the financial support from others that feel that we can change lives and communities through the preaching of the cross.

**OUR WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP** is now reading and learning through the Letter to the Ephesians. This week we will review the first three chapters. This first century Baptismal sermon speaks profound messages for all of us who are the 21st century Church. 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!

## LUTHERROAD AT ST. MICHAEL

**JUNE 10 – 14, 2019!!!**

We've raised almost \$2,000 for Luther-road from our envelopes. Our goal is \$5,000 to cover *Greenville Church Without Walls* free of charge! As these are families in need and we want to reach out within our community so that ALL may experience a fun week of camp of feeling better connected to God and each other. We are also knocking down the cost of St. Michael parents to 1/3 the original cost so that our families feel supported as well.

If you would like to sign your child up, the ages are 5 - 11 years old. Luther-road Registration Forms & Health Forms are on the information table outside of the gathering area. (Right outside "the blue room" in the choir hallway)

If you have any questions about signing a child for camp, volunteering, or giving money, contact Evan Fitzsimmons.

### **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/zoomthroughthetoo>
- 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](mailto:scpenquin528@bellsouth.net) or call or text (864) 201-1684.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

CRAWL Youth Group (Birth - 3 YEARS & Parents)

Meeting Sunday

Young Youth (K4 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) & LCY (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

## **NO Young Youth or LCY This Sunday**

Everyone is invited to...

**\*\* Join us THIS SUNDAY for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

LCY please arrive at 3pm

Young Youth please arrive at 4:00 pm **\*\***

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**Y'ALL: Young Adults Living Lutheran**

**We will not be meeting during Lent.**

**Join us again April 24<sup>th</sup>.**

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> - at the home of Dalton & Laura Langston**

We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

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