

St. Michael Lutheran Church

News & Events

April 5, 2019

HAPPENING SUNDAY The Fifth 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 8, Will Carnes, Callie Elizabeth Kendrick; April 9, Colin Thornton; April 10, Gail Bucholz; April 11, Madeleine Rhyne, Ellen Sughrue; April 12, Connie Umberger, April 13, Jackie Frederick, Linda Pennington; April 14, Deborah Schuetterle. We rejoice that you are living and serving among us in faith and discipleship!

OUR SISTER CATHERINE RUFF ENTERED THE CHURCH TRIUMPANT on Thursday evening, April 4. She would have turned 100 on October 10, 2019! Her funeral service will be held here at St. Michael's, but arrangements are not complete. We enfold her children and their extended families in our love and prayers. "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE!" says the Lord.

"YAKING WITH GOD" GROUP HIKE TOMORROW! 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)230-2845.

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 this Sunday, April 7. And join us for the Egg Hunt itself!

PR. ALFRED JOHNSON OF GREENVILLE CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS IS OUR GUEST THIS SUNDAY MORNING! He will speak during the announcements at the start of the second service. He will be in our Gathering Area to visit with you beginning about 10:20 am. (His own congregation worships from 8 until 9:30 am.) We have invited him to stay through the service and Sunday Lunch. Please encourage him yourself. Pastor Alfred is a retired US Army Paratrooper and former Greenville City Police Officer. He has a deep heart for saving children and families in the poorest neighborhoods of our community. He is partnering with us in the outreach ministry of LUTHER-ROAD this June.

ALL WORSHIPPERS ARE INVITED TO SUNDAY LUNCH SUNDAY following the second service. Please come downstairs and join us in the Fellowship Hall. Cost for adults is \$5.00 and \$3.00 for children. We still have an open date for April 14. Please see Cynthia Trout if you are interested. Our Worship Visitors are always welcome at no cost. This important time of table fellowship strengthens our community for Serving Christ in the World. We are grateful to the Forrester, Bishop and Trout families for their meal ministry Sunday. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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.

WE WILL ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST WEDNESDAY EVENING through the image of Thomas probing the wound in Christ's side. This is the final Wednesday evening Lenten opportunity. Supper is served from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Conversation goes from 6:00 until 6:45 pm. Holy Communion is offered at 7pm.

PALM SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK! 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.

OUR GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE WILL BE BUILT AROUND THE CHORAL TENEBRAE by Liebergen. This is one of several our choir has presented over the years. 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.

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!"

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.

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.

THE JOHNSIE RICHARDSON CIRCLE WILL MEET THIS TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH at 7:00 pm at the home of Linda Hunt; Sylvia Dixon has the program. All women of the congregation are welcome!

THE BERYL HILLER CIRCLE WILL MEET THIS TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH here at St. Michael's at 10:00 am. Linda Worley hosts; Melanie Waites has the program.

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 continue in Chapter Three. 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! Bring a friend

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!!!

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/zoomthroughthetree>
- 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.