

St. Michael Lutheran Church  
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### *May Servants*

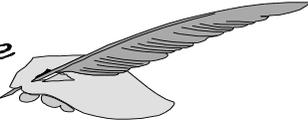
	<b>May 4</b>	<b>May 11</b>	<b>May 18</b>	<b>May 25</b>
<i>Accolytes</i>	Kelsey Trimble Abby Penner	Scott McGuigan	Kelsey Trimble Isaac Nagle	Sarah Crowder
<i>Altar Care</i>	The Worley Family			
<i>Comm. Assts.</i>	Jody Smiley		Randy Robinson	
<i>Coffee Hour</i>		Tom and Jennie Hodge		Betty and Burn Gross
<i>Greeters</i>	Bob and Peggy Brown			
<i>Lay Readers</i>	Jody Smiley	Isaac Nagle	Randy Robinson	Dianne Krallman
<i>Nursery Assts.</i>	David Burke Teresa Sebastian	Laura Hall Chelsea Naughton	Cindy Lang Zach Woods	Jane Lane Isaac Nagle
<i>Ushers</i>	Roscoe Turman Dave Surface Bob Brown Peggy Brown	Richard Robinson Lauren Robinson Ray Howell Philip Isenhour	Josh Mouras Steve Mouras Don Linkous Roscoe Turman	Jay Nagle Isaac Nagle Jeff Birch Sandy Birch



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*From the  
Pastor* 

***Alleluia! Christ is risen!***

Every Sunday during the season of Easter, we open our worship with this bold resurrection proclamation. Do you ever wonder what this truth means in a world filled with suffering and sorrow? The presiding bishop of the ELCA, Mark Hanson, offers a powerful explanation in his Easter address to the Church:

“Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” (Mark 16:3). The question which troubled the tiny band of mourners that first Easter morning weighs heavily today. The power of death is terribly real in acts of terror and threats of war, in the devastations of sickness and hunger, in tragedies both surprising and all too familiar. The deadly power of sin – dividing us from each other and from God – is plainly evident in our world, our lives, and even the church.

Who will roll away the stone for us? The amazing news of Easter is that the unmoveable has been moved already. Christ is risen! God has raised him up! The power of the grave has proven no match for the power of grace. Sin’s thick walls cannot restrain the free flight of the Spirit. Breathing the fresh, open air of Easter morning makes life both joyful and more serious. For the love which rolled back the stone has set us free for love. We are propelled into the world for the sake of every neighbor, for the healing of the nations.

The stone is rolled back! The risen Christ is out ahead of us, leading us to life. “This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.” (Ps. 118:23)

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

***He is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

In Christ,  
Pastor Mitchell

Pastor’s Office hours: Tuesday-Friday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Church Office Phone Number: (540) 951-8951
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## DON'T FORGET THE FOOD BANK

Don't forget to support the Montgomery County Food Bank. Our Shopping Cart needs to be filled with packaged and canned foods. St. Michael has been an important contributor to this much appreciated and very worthy program.

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## WELCA

The Mother Daughter salad luncheon will be held after church on Sunday, May 4. We invite all the women of the church to join us. Please bring your mother, grandmother, daughter or a friend. Sandy Birch will do a program on friendship. Bring a salad to share. Bread, drinks and dessert are provided.

May Meeting – Thursday, May 15 at 7pm at the home of Alice Schneider

Love Offering - We will have boxes available at church in May for our annual "Love Offering". We will bring them to the altar the first communion Sunday in June.

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## St. Michael Directory Committee

### Wanted: Current contact information for Member Directory

Current member contact information (address, phone#, e-mail, etc.) will be collected on May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup>. Please look at the printed list on the bulletin board on the narthex. If your current information is different from what is printed, please

write in your changes. Changes need to be complete by May 11<sup>th</sup>.

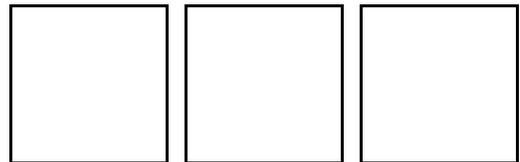
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## A Special Thanks

I wish to express my gratitude to Linda Mitchell for the Memorial Service for my sister Virginia Jordan and thanks to all the St. Michael members who provided food for the visitation after the service.

Sincerely,  
Jane Lane

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## Save Your Quarters

We have one more month to fill our Quarters jar for World Hunger. Please check your change purse, the junk drawer in the kitchen, and your pockets for all those extra quarters. Together we can make a difference. The quarters jar is in the church hallway on the shelf.

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## Notes from Education Committee

June 1 – Joint Sunday School – Ice Cream Social

Wed., May 7 and May 21, 6:00 – 7:30  
Youth Meetings, Preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> grade, pizza provided.

June 22 – 26, 6:00 – 8:00  
Vacation Bible School. Light meal provided

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Naughton, Sarah Crowder, Daniel Crowder, Tim Smiley, Sarah Worley, Lorin Crowder, Jody Smiley, Peggy Brown, and Pastor Mitchell.

### **Caring and Sharing**

The Caring and Sharing Committee will host a covered dish luncheon on the second Sundays in June, July, and August after the 11 a.m. service. Mark your calendars and join us and bring your favorite covered dish of picnic type food.

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### **Dishes**

A number of dishes have been left from potlucks and lunches. Please claim yours from the boxes in the hallway.

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### **Support our Youth**

Several members of our youth and their leaders are undertaking a worthwhile, yet demanding activity. This involves walking all night at the Relay for Life walkathon on May 16 – May 17 to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Please support them by making a contribution to the American Cancer Society or by volunteering to provide food for the event. If you would like to join the team, contact Lorin Crowder. Team Members: Chelsea

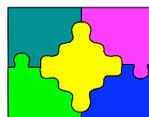
### **Bloodmobile**

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Good Friday Red Cross blood drive, held at St. Michael. Our donors, volunteers, cooks, and schedulers all combined to make a successful drive, with 33 pints of blood collected. The blood drive was sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and St. Michael, New Mt. Zion, Shiloh, Luther Memorial, and Our Savior Lutheran churches.

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# **Practice your knitting Skills on May 3rd**

May third will be our next get together. I'll bring some extra yarn, patterns etc. Please come by to knit or crochet with us! Our thanks to those who have donated yarn. The colors are beautiful and we can't wait to get started on the new shawls!!, If anyone else would like, we use 3 skeins of Lionbrand Homespun yarn - (that is enough for one shawl) Together we can put all the pieces together!!



## **Mission Statement of St. Michael Lutheran Church**

As a community of believers guided by the Holy Spirit, the mission of St. Michael Lutheran Church is to:

**C**are for all God's people in need,  
**H**ear of God's love through Word and Sacrament,  
**R**espond to God's grace with thankful hearts,  
**I**nvoke others into Christ's community,  
**S**erve God in our daily lives, and  
**T**ell the story of God's love for all.

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### **Justice and Mercy Fund**

We assisted three families in April:

A family in Prices Fork: \$100 gift certificate to Kroger and \$100 in travel funds to take one of their children for surgery in Charlottesville. One young mother who's winter electric bill had gotten out of hand (a very drafty rental home): \$100 towards her electric bill. A family who's father had recently lost his job (but starting a new one): \$70 for transportation and relocation to a temporary home, \$35 for medicine for the mother.

All of these families were assisted because members of St. Michael knew of their needs. If you know of "neighbors" at your work place, or in your childrens' schools, or another connection, please do not hesitate to talk with Pastor Mitchell or Sandy Birch about sharing our resources through the Justice and Mercy Fund. Your continued support of the fund is greatly appreciated and donations can be put in the LOVE envelopes found in the pews.

**Please help out the youth.**

**We will be Walking After  
Midnight to raise money for the  
*American Cancer Society.***

**All pledges or purchases of  
luminaria are welcome and  
GREATLY appreciated. Just  
hand in contributions to a team  
member.**

**Thanks, Chelsea Naughton, Sarah  
Crowder, Daniel Crowder, Tim  
Smiley, Sarah Worley, Lorin  
Crowder, Jody Smiley, Peggy  
Brown, and Pastor Mitchell**