



St. Michael Lutheran Church
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June Servants

	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
<i>Accolytes</i>	Isaac Nagle Daniel Crowder	Daniel Crowder Sarah Crowder	Kelsey Trimble Abby Penner	Scott McGuigan	Sarah Crowder
<i>Altar Care</i>	Schneiders				
<i>Comm. Assts.</i>	Lori Sheppard	Hank Schneider	Dave Surface		
<i>Coffee Hour</i>				McGuigans	
<i>Greeters</i>	Leona Criner and Irene Ashley				
<i>Lay Readers</i>	Lori Sheppard	Hank Schneider	Dianne Krallman	Jay Nagle	Jenny Akers
<i>Nursery Assts.</i>	Leslie Simmers Brian Simmers	Sandie Worley Saray Worley	Kathy Albert Jada Brown	Becci Nagle Kelsey Trimble	Sharon Robinson Zach Woods
<i>Ushers</i>	Roscoe Turman Dave Surface Peggy Brown Bob Brown	Betty Gross Burn Gross Gary Worley Brian Simmers	Josh Mouras Steve Mouras Sam Akers Dickie Shepherd	Jeff Birch Sandy Birch Don Linkous Randy Robinson	Ray Howell Philip Isenhour Jay Nagle Isaac Nagle

June 1, 2003



*From the
Pastor* 

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:34-35

One of the privileges of being a pastor is being able to observe people at work as Jesus’ disciples. Such observations inspire me and convince me that the members of the body of Christ truly are Christ’s hands and voice in our community. Here are just a few ways in which I’ve seen St. Michael members serving as Jesus’ disciples during this past week.

On Friday, about 20 members joined hundreds of people walking (mostly in the rain) in the Relay for Life to raise funds for cancer research. Members of the team made a poster on which they wrote the names of St. Michael members and friends in whose honor and memory they walked. Team members lit luminaries – one for each name – and lined them up with thousands of others that filled the perimeter of the track at Christiansburg High School, then walked a silent “Tribute Lap” as a bagpiper played “Amazing Grace.”

After worship on Sunday, a member dropped by the house of another member she didn’t know well, but whom she sensed was troubled. This concerned member expressed her support and promised to pray for her sister in Christ.

St. Michael members prepared, transported, and served food for the McCauley family following Kenneth’s funeral. Their generosity enabled a grieving family to gather around a table to be fed with wonderful homemade food, to share their support for one another, and to be comforted by the presence of Christ.

One member stopped by the home of another who no longer can drive to bring her to worship. A hospitalized member spoke of the uplifting cards and telephone cards she has received from other St. Michael members. Sunday School teachers shared their love of God with their students on Sunday morning. As I was seated in my office, one very young student stopped by with a message, “Jesus loves you! Shout it out!”

Lutherans usually aren’t known for their shouting, but these glimpses of discipleship really are like shouts of hope in a hurting world. I know what I have seen in this past week is just a fraction of the many ways in which you are living out your call to be Christ’s disciples. I thank God for your faithfulness and for letting me see through you Christ’s love in action.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Mitchell

<p>Pastor’s Office hours: Tuesday-Friday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Church Office Phone Number: (540) 951-8951</p>
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Mission Statement

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

Care for all God's people in need,
Hear of God's love through Word and Sacrament,
Respond to God's grace with thankful hearts,
Invite others into Christ's community,
Serve God in our daily lives, and
Tell the story of God's love for all.





In Memoriam

Christian sympathy and prayer are extended to the family of Kenneth McCauley. Kenneth died on May 16; his funeral was held at St. Michael on May 19.

*Rest eternal grant him, O Lord,
And let light perpetual shine
upon him.*

Thank You

We want to thank all of our St. Michael's family for your prayers, your support and all your loving kindnesses during Kenneth's illness and during this difficult time for us. St. Michael's and all of you were very important to Kenneth. A special thanks goes to all of the ladies of the church that prepared the wonderful meal for the family. Christine McCauley, Darlene, Matthew and Ginger.



DON'T FORGET THE FOOD BANK

Please remember to include some items for the Montgomery County food bank when you fill your cart at the grocery store. There are many families in our area who are in need of food for their table. The food bank is very grateful for our regular contributions.

Appreciation Day - June 22

On Sunday, June 22, we will recognize our committee members and teachers (Sunday School and Vacation Bible School). We invite all to participate in this recognition -- both the appreciated....and the appreciators.





Music Notes

1. Anyone who would like to sing the Cantor parts during the summer is invited to an organizational practice on Wednesday, June 11 at 6:45 p.m. If you are interested in being a Cantor for the summer, please come and bring your calendars along with your best ideas and voices.
2. Do you have a special song or hymn you would like to share with our congregation during the summer? It could be something for the entire congregation to sing or something you would like to sing or play yourself or with a few friends. If so, please let Donita know.
381-0444 domoore1@vt.edu

Justice and Mercy Fund

In May, we made one payment of \$175 for an overdue electric bill. The mother has been ill and unable to work, while the father has been getting fairly steady temporary work through Manpower. We hope our one-time gift will help them get their finances in order.

We are grateful for all donations to the Justice and Mercy Fund and referrals for the fund. Please use the special LOVE envelopes in the pew.

United Lutheran Appeal

Our thanks to our members who have contributed to the United Lutheran Appeal (ULA) to provide funding for a number of special programs of the Virginia Synod such as Family Home Services. Envelopes for your ULA gifts are still available in the pews.

History Scholar

Congratulations to Jamison Shabanowitz, whose team placed first in the Junior Division Group Documentary at Virginia History Day, April 26, in Williamsburg. The team's documentary, "For You, the War Is Over", told the story of American prisoners of war during World War II. Jamison and his team will travel to the national competition, June 15 – 19, in College Park, Maryland. Good luck!



RELAY FOR LIFE

A team from St. Michael recently walked in the *American Cancer Society Relay for Life Walkathon*. This was our first experience and we found this to be very spiritually fulfilling. The event began when a group of cancer survivors led the first lap around the track at Christiansburg High School. After the survivors lap, then the walking from the teams began. The atmosphere was very festive with decorated camp sites, live music, and balloons. Later in the evening, luminaria were lit, each with the name of a cancer survivor or someone who has died of cancer. All participants walked around the track as “Amazing Grace” was played on the bag pipes. Our team continued to walk through the cool, rainy night. It was a relief to see other team members return in the morning with coffee, pies, cakes, and breakfast burritos. Activities continued through the morning. There was a children’s lap where kids and their parents walked with purple balloons. The “No Walk” lap where participants jump roped, jogged, skipped, or hopped was amusing to watch. Even though we left the event tired and slightly water logged, members of our team are already brainstorming ideas for the event next year. More information to come on next year’s walk in February, 2004.

We Walked

IN MEMORY OF:

Paul Allen
Buddy Applegate
Madge Corbett
Pearl Dickerson
Judy Eilers
Steve Eye
Jimmy Henderson
Bill Lane
Mama B.
Courtney Schwertz
Earlyn Weeks Shelburne
Freny Udvadia
Jo Weddle
Jack Dawkins
Maxine Lamart
Clara Brown
Albert Hamblin
Harry Olinger

IN HONOR OF:

Anne Holland Baker
Janet Bryant
Carol Crawford
Barbara Hoge
Thelma Hylton
Hank Schneider
Anne Surface
Toby Salisbury
Carol Linkous



St. Michael Scholarship Awarded

In 1996, a fund was established at St. Michael Lutheran Church by members of the Gallimore family of the New River Valley to honor forebearers Festus, Ora, and Ekron Gallimore and to assist deserving individuals with the costs of post-secondary education. The scholarship is awarded to a deserving member of St. Michael Lutheran Church, a member of another Lutheran Church in Montgomery County who seeks financial assistance in pursuance of post-secondary education; or an individual who is affiliated with a Montgomery County Lutheran Church and is planning to attend a Lutheran Seminary. This year, through the gracious donation of a second matching scholarship by an anonymous donor, two deserving individuals were selected.

Lindsay Robinson and Lori Anne Shepherd, members of St. Michael, are the recipients this year. Lindsay will begin her post-secondary studies at Virginia Tech this fall. Lori Anne is currently enrolled at New River Community College in Information Technology Systems and will continue her studies there. They are active, committed members of St. Michael. Lindsay and Lori are both involved in many school and community activities as well as having earned high academic accomplishments.

We congratulate these two deserving young women and wish them well as they continue their studies in their chosen careers.

WELCA

1. We will be distributing "Love Offering" boxes in June which will be collected by July 20. This year our Love Offering will help support the development of a Christian education program for MaaSae women in Tanzania. Our Love Offerings will help support an ELCA missionary, purchase supplies and other expenses for students. A \$250.00 donation can support a one year scholarship and help change the life of a young woman forever.
2. Neighbor to Neighbor- Lutheran Social Services & the Minnick Education Center would appreciate receiving all types of school supplies. A box will be located in the fellowship hall for collection by July 27 for convention. Suggestions include: loose leaf paper, loose leaf binders, highlighters, pens, pencils, school glue, scissors, crayons, construction paper, rulers, double pocket report covers.
3. Coming - A newly decorated nursery!

WELCA plans to work soon on redecorating the nursery. The crib and changing will be moved out to make more room for the children to play and participate in activities.

Does the crib or changing table belong to anybody at church?? or does anybody know of a family in need of a them?? Please let us know before we donate them to a charity. We would like to have some new play safe and fun toys and supplies for our nursery. If you would like to bring some, or contribute money for new toys or furnishings, please see Jody Smiley or Alice Schneider.

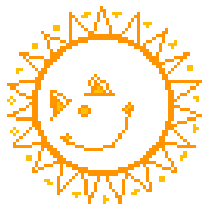
WELCA (cont'd)

4. Power in the Spirit - Please join us for dinner at Mac & Bob's, then the worship

service at Power in the Spirit at Roanoke College Thursday, July 10.

5. VA State Women's Organization Convention - August 1-3 at Roanoke College. The theme of this year's event is "We are Called to be Disciples". Jody Smiley and Anjanette Hodges of Christiansburg are co-chairs of the convention planning committee. Mark your calendars!!

**LET'S KNIT
OR CROCHET**



Come to Church **Saturday, June 14th from 10 to 12.** I'll bring the shawl I'm working on and some extra yarn for practice. If you have some big needles bring them (size 10 or 11) If you crochet, I found a pattern for you, but I don't crochet so can't help much with that!

I found both patterns on the internet. Here are both **knitting AND crocheting** patterns:

"This pattern gives a sample of how to make a knit or crocheted shawl. Your individual choices in yarn and needle/hook size will affect the finished size and thickness of the shawl, but there isn't one "right" way.

Because crochet uses more yarn than knit, a crochet shawl will be a bit smaller than a knit one made with the same number of yarn skeins. To make a larger one, start with a longer chain and use an additional skein.

SIZE

Average size approximately 24" x 60"

MATERIALS

- LION BRAND Homespun
3 skeins in color of your choice

Knit

- Size 10.5 (6.5 mm) through 15 (10 mm) knitting needles

Crochet

- Size N-13 (9 mm) or P-15 (10 mm) crochet hook

Knit Version

Cast on 63 stitches or any multiple of three, such as 54, 57, or 60.

First row Knit 3, purl 3 to the end of the row.

Repeated row Turn and knit the purl stitches and purl the knit stitches.

Crochet Version

Loosely chain about 43 stitches.

First row Half-double crochet in third chain from hook and in each chain across.

Repeated row Chain 2, turn. Half-double crochet in each half-double crochet across.

Both Versions

Work about 2 1/2 skeins in this pattern. Use the rest of the yarn for fringe, which can be from 3" to 9" long. Knot the ends of the fringes to keep the yarn from frizzing.

Homespun (Article #790) comes in 6 oz/185 yd skeins

Every effort has been made to have the knitting and crochet instructions accurate and

complete. We cannot be responsible for variance of individual knitters and crocheters, human errors, or typographical mistakes.

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