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### *August Servants*

	<b>August 3</b>	<b>August 10</b>	<b>August 17</b>	<b>August 24</b>	<b>August 31</b>
<i>Accolytes</i>	Daniel Crowder Sarah Crowder	Isaac Nagle	Kelsey Trimble Scott McGuigan	Abby Penner	Sarah Crowder
<i>Altar Care</i>	Jennie Hodge and Jody Smiley				
<i>Comm. Assts.</i>	Jane Lane		Isaac Nagle		
<i>Coffee Hour</i>		Potluck		Birch/Crowder	
<i>Greeters</i>	Jay and Becci Nagle				
<i>Lay Readers</i>	Doug Veit	John Krallman	Isaac Nagle	Jenny Akers	Jennie Hodge
<i>Nursery Assts.</i>	Karen Brown Jada Brown	Sandie Worley Sarah Worley	Sandy Birch Chelsea Naughton	Amy Woods Steve Woods	Jane Lane Jacob Woods
<i>Ushers</i>	Ray Howell Philip Isenhour Sam Akers Cindy Lang	Josh Mouras Steve Mouras Don Linkous Randy Robinson	Mickey McGuigan Scott McGuigan Hank Schneider Dickie Shepherd	Jeff Birch Sandy Birch Jay Nagle Isaac Nagle	Burn Gross Betty Gross Gary Worley Brian Simmers



Pastor Mitchell is on vacation as this newsletter is being prepared, so the editor is running an "Ask Lily" column in her absence.

**Dear Lily,**

**What does Pastor Mitchell do on vacation and on her day off?**

**-Friend of Leisure**

Dear Friend,

This year, Linda (it's much easier to bark that instead of Pastor Mitchell) is going to the Outer Banks to visit her mother and search for beach glass. Linda loves the ocean; she says it is one place where she really feels the majesty and wonder of God and God's creation. When she takes a break from beach walking and glass-collecting, she'll be reading the new Harry Potter book under a beach umbrella. Of course, I'm going, too, so she'll have to walk me a lot and take me down to the sound so I can run and splash in the smelly water and look for dead fish.

On her day off (Mondays), Linda usually likes to catch up on projects she's started. Right now, she's knitting a prayer shawl, painting a table, and refinishing a bookshelf (but not at the same time). She tries to do her chores when she has an evening free, so she can rest and be creative on her day off. She also spends extra time with me then and tends to give me more treats, so I look forward to her day off as much as she does.

Linda and I hope you're making time for rest this summer. It's part of God's plan for us that we take time for refreshment and reflection on a regular basis. I know I do it every day!

Lily

Pastor's Office hours: Tuesday-Friday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Church Office Phone Number: (540) 951-8951 Pastor Mitchell's Home Phone Number: (540) 552-2532
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## Mission Statement

**The Long-Range Planning Committee submits the following proposed mission statement for congregational adoption at the March 23 congregational meeting:**

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**nvide others into Christ's community,  
**S**erve God in our daily lives, and  
**T**ell the story of God's love for all.

**The members of the Long-Range Planning Committee welcome your comments and suggestions. The members are Jeff Birch, Bob Brown, Judy Clemens, Cindy Dowdy, Betty Gross, Kevin Krallman, Julia Landes, Hank Schneider, Tim Smiley, Amy Woods, and Pastor Mitchell.**

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The Virginia Synod, ELCA presents

**ANOTHER DAY**  
**An Event for Senior Adults and**  
**Retirees**  
**October 21-23, 2003**  
**Sheraton Hotel-Richmond West**  
**Richmond VA**

In our senior and retirement years God

has given us *Another Day*; a time of refreshment, reflection, and renewal as God's children. Through lively song, drama, worship, large and small group sessions, and fellowship, *Another Day* will be a time and place to rejoice in the wisdom and faith seniors share with the Church.

For information or a registration brochure, contact:

Another Day  
Virginia Synod, ELCA

P.O. Drawer 70  
Salem VA 24153

## **New Directory**

Like the new St. Michael directory? Be sure to thank Carol Crawford, Jennie Hodge, and Lori Sheppard for all their hard work in putting the directory together and distributing it to our members. Directories are available in the fellowship hall. Good job!

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## **Got a Favorite Hymn?**

Sunday, August 17, will be Favorite Hymn Sunday. All the hymns will come from member favorites (from LBW or WOV) which have been submitted to Doug Smiley or Pastor Mitchell. If we receive a lot of requests, we'll do another Favorite Hymn Sunday soon.

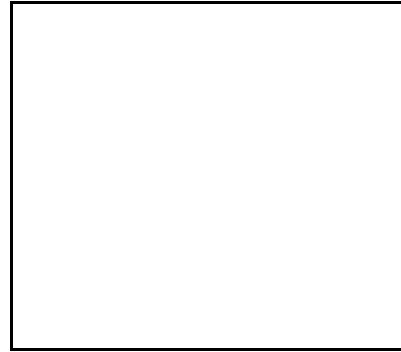
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## **Good Neighbors**

A big thanks to WalMart Store #1292 in Christiansburg for their gift of \$300.00 through their Good Neighbor Program. The gift is designated for our Justice and

Mercy Fund. THANK YOU!

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## **Holy Baptism**

We rejoice to have received the newest member of St. Michael, Delanie Rose Veit, by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Delanie was born April 13, 2003 and reborn of water and the Word on Sunday, July 13. Delanie is the daughter of Doug and Tammy Veit and the granddaughter of Bob and Peggy Brown. Welcome, Delanie, to all that is ours in Christ!

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## **New Arrival**

We welcome MaKayla Louise Dowdy to our St. Michael family. MaKayla was

born on Monday, July 21 (also her mother's birthday) and weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. Her proud parents are Cindy and

Chris Dowdy and the joyful grandparents are Jim and Judy Clemens.

**Contest ---Contest---Contest---Contest---Contest---Contest**

St. Michael's Long-Range Planning Committee is sponsoring a contest to see who can come up with the most creative and attractive presentation of our new Mission Statement.

We'd like an easy-to-read design which can be used on a banner, on posters, and on bookmarks.

You can enter today!!! Here's how:

1. Look for the mission statement in this newsletter.
2. Create a design that conveys the mission clearly.
3. Create variations that could be used on a banner to be hung in the sanctuary, on posters throughout the church, and on bookmarks to be distributed to members and friends.
4. Give your designs to any member of the Long-Range Planning Committee\* by August 31.

The Long-Range Planning Committee will narrow the entries down to several finalists, then the congregation will select the winner. The winner will receive his or her choice of a leather-bound, personalized Lutheran Book of Worship or Bible and the thanks of all the St. Michael family!

Enter early!! Enter often!!

\*Jeff Birch, Judy Clemens, Cindy Dowdy, Betty Gross, Kevin Krallman, Julia Landes, Hank Schneider, Tim Smiley, Amy Woods, and Pastor Mitchell.

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**Appreciation Day – August 24**

On Sunday, August 24, we will recognize our Sunday servants (ushers, altar care and nursery volunteers, etc.). We invite

all to participate in this recognition -- both the appreciated....and the appreciators (not sure that's a word -- but you know what we mean).



### **Summer Parable**

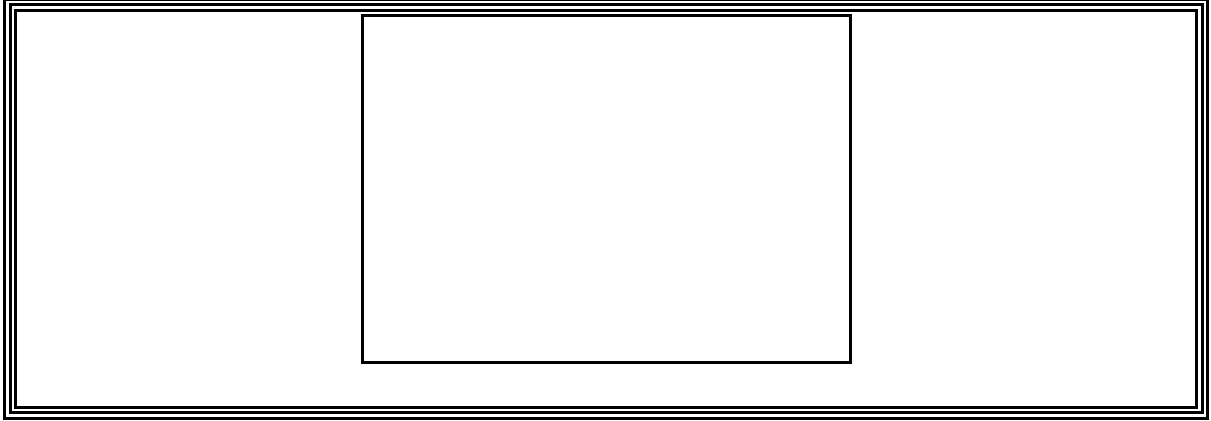
Now it came to pass that, as the time of vacation drew near, a certain member of the church began thinking of cool streams where fish were found; and his children thought of the sandy beaches by the sea; and his wife thought of the mountains. And this church member spoke and said: "Lo, the hot days come, and my work lies heavily upon me. Come, let us depart and go where the fish do bite, and where cool breezes bring refreshment, and where the land around us is beautiful."

"You speak words of wisdom," said his wife, "yet there are three, no four things we must do before we go."

"Three things I can think of, but not a fourth," said her husband – "that we ask our neighbor to minister to our flowers, that we arrange for our grass to be mowed and watered, that we have our mail forwarded; but no other thing comes to my mind."

"The fourth is like the other three, but greater than all," said his wife. "It is that you write a check and pay the church contribution, in order that the good name of the church may be preserved, that the heart of the treasurer may be glad, and that it may be well with you; for truly I say to you, we have more money now than we will have when we return."

And the husband replied, "Truly you are noble and wise among women." And he paid their pledge for the summer and the treasurer rejoiced greatly saying, "Truly, there are those who care for the good of the church." And it was so.



## *September Servants*

	<b>September 7</b>	<b>September 14</b>	<b>September 21</b>	<b>September 28</b>
<i>Acolytes</i>	Kelsey Trimble Isaac Nagle	Scott McGuigan	Daniel Crowder Sarah Crowder	Isaac Nagle
<i>Altar Care</i>	Marguerite Olinger and Peggy Price			
<i>Comm. Assts.</i>	Becci Nagle		Hank Schneider	
<i>Coffee Hour</i>		Potluck		Please sign up
<i>Greeters</i>	Burn and Betty Gross			
<i>Lay Readers</i>	Becci Nagle	Jeff Birch	Hank Schneider	Sandy Birch
<i>Nursery Assts.</i>	Teresa Sebastian Zach Woods	Laura Hall Kelsey Trimble	Cindy Lang Lauren Robinson	Kathy Albert Jada Brown
<i>Ushers</i>	Roscoe Turman Dave Surface Bob Brown Peggy Brown	Mickey McGuigan Scott McGuigan Cindy Lang Ray Howell	Betty Gross Burn Gross Jeff Blirch Sandy Birch	Hank Schneider Dickie Shepherd Ray Howell Roscoe Turman

### **Ladies Night Out**

Ladies, you are invited to have dinner at the Kabuki on August 21. We'll meet at the restaurant at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to join us and/or need a ride, please contact Alice Schneider (552-6995) or Sandy Birch (951-3455). Bring a friend or two. We've always had a good time at this annual event....fine fellowship and food.

### **St. Michael Softball Team Goes Undefeated in the Regular Season**

...but just missed winning the tournament championship in the final game. The 13-2 softball season was a real family affair with several combinations of brothers, fathers, a mother and sons. Seventeen players can celebrate a very successful record -- but more importantly, have memories of fine fellowship and good fun. Our thanks to the following players for representing us so well in the church softball league:  
Doug, Jody and Tim Smiley; Vic, Chris and Tony Sheppard; Billy and Shawn Brown;  
Steve and Matt Woods; Tim and Travis Turman; Hank Schneider, Dean Trimble, Randy Robinson, Kevin Krallman, and Jeff Birch.



Go team!