

## Sharing Our Gifts: Time, Talents and Treasure

*We offer with joy and thanksgiving what He has first given us--our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of His gracious love.*

### Thank you to some “quiet” servants

To Linda Elliott and Janet Bryant for helping with the May newsletter mailing; Donita Moore for planting the Easter lilies at the church; Philip Isenhour for setting up the Time and Talent surveys on our website; Judy Clemens for arranging for food for families in special need; Brian Cook for helping with all the Lenten suppers.

### Because of your gifts

Your generous gifts in April supported our benevolence to the Virginia Synod, donations to the Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program, Lutheran Campus Ministry, Christian Children’s Fund, our facilities, salaries for our pastor, secretary, organist and custodian, Vacation Bible School materials, Kid’s Night pizzas, softball team registration, publicity (ads in local newspapers), and altar palms.

The **Justice and Mercy Fund** continues to assist our neighbors in the community and the world. In April , we helped with the rent for three families, contributed towards electric bills for three other families, and purchased Wal-Mart gift cards for use as needed. We encourage the congregation to continue their contributions to the fund and to refer friends and family to use the fund as you see need.

**Heartfelt thanks** to the Naughton family, Jeff Birch, Ross Kirk, Bob Brown, Ben Crawford, and Wanda and James Pascoe for giving so much help when we moved. We are indeed grateful to Pastor John who arranged the task with the Men’s Ministry Group.

Betty and Burn Gross



**Thank you** to the members of St. Michael who brought food and served after the funeral for John Price and who came to the funeral home and funeral service. A special thanks to Pastor John who gave such comfort to John’s family.

Leona Criner

## THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR GIFTS

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time or talents through St. Michael’s Time and Talent Survey. With your help ministry happens at St. Michael and throughout our community. Thank You!!

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA

### May 19 dinner meeting at Karen Brown's home

The Women of the ELCA will meet at Karen's home on Thursday, May 19 at 6 p.m. to share a light supper and enjoy a program by Kris Wertz. For directions to Karen's house, (3892 Price's Ford Rd) you can call Karen at 953-2420. Come and be a part of the fellowship, friendship, study and service.



### Annual Mother-Daughter-Sister Luncheon on May 1

All "daughters" of the congregation and their families and friends are invited to the annual "Mother-Daughter-Sister Luncheon" on Sunday, May 1 at noon. The "sisters in Christ" will be gathering for fine food (a salad potluck) and friendship. See you Sunday!

**Remember the Food Bank.** All kinds of cereals will be collected this month though any non-perishable food item is always welcome.



## MEN'S MINISTRY GROUP

The men's group will meet on Saturday, May 7 at 9 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship. Plan to attend the spring clean-up on May 21 too.

## HAPPY-GO-LUCKY

The Happy-Go-Lucky group will meet on May 12 at 11:30 a.m. Wanda Price will lead us in an old-fashioned "sing-along" and share some church humor with us. Singing in tune will **not** be required ☺. Join us for fine food, fellowship .... and lots of smiles.



## Softball Season begins

The team invites everyone out to the ballparks (Tom's Creek Field and Jaycee Park) on Monday nights for some exciting ball. Loud and supportive fans always help the team play better. The times and places are listed on the St. Michael May calendar.

## **2004 Annual Report and 2005 Church Directory Available**

The 2004 St. Michael Annual Report and the 2005 Church Phone Directory are available in the hallway leading to the Sanctuary and on the table near the coat rack. Inside you will find information on the ministry of the congregation and the latest list of phone numbers, home addresses and email addresses.

### **Please make the following corrections in the phone directory:**

Dianne and John Krallman    John and Kris Wertz  
phone number: 552-1668    address: **2013 Broken Oak Dr.**

## **WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS ON SUNDAY, MAY 29**

St. Michael will be welcoming new members on Sunday, May 29 at both services. If you are interested in joining the church, please speak with Pastor John by Sunday, May 22.

### **Congratulations to.....**

Mike Gunther who was honored by Big Brothers-Big Sisters as their 2004 Volunteer of the Year. Mike has been visiting his little brother once a week during the school year since February 2001, providing a positive role model and source of stability.

Jim Clemens and Dickie Shepherd who were recognized by Virginia Tech on April 12 for 35 years and 30 years of service respectively.

Chelsea Naughton who placed second in Auburn Elementary School's Character Essay Contest.

Lauren Robinson who's NRV Hoopsters AAU U-14 Girls Basketball team won the Christiansburg Spring Slam tournament. The team is coached by Randy Robinson.

Matt Woods who was second in the Virginia State wrestling championships.

Chris Dowdy who was featured in a News Messenger article about the importance of our Blacksburg police communications officers.

### **Others "in the news"....**

Peggy Brown and her local knitting group which sends projects around the world; Kaylie and Chelsea Naughton displaying their art projects at Auburn Elementary; Parker Wertz responding to questions about the Easter bunny; Olga Kirk presenting a monetary donation from members of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority to the Blacksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad; students in Kevin Harris' class who made furniture to raise money for the Bowyer family; Tim Smiley who was the winning pitcher in the BHS game against Franklin County.

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## *May Servants*

	<b>May 1</b>	<b>May 8</b>	<b>May 15</b>	<b>May 22</b>	<b>May 29</b>
<i>Acolytes</i>	Dan Crowder	Sarah Crowder	Scott McGuigan	Kelsey Trimble	Sarah Crowder
<i>Altar Care</i>	Jane Lane and Betty Gross				
<i>Comm. Assts.</i>	Doug Smiley		Shannon Rigsbee	Mickey McGuigan	
<i>Fellowship Hour</i>	Luncheon		Grace Simmers	Carol Crawford	
<i>Greeters</i>	Kelsey and Dean Trimble				
<i>Lay Readers</i>	Steve Mouras	Dianne Krallman	Josh Mouras	Doug Veit	Fred Spengler
<i>Nursery Assts.</i>	Grace Simmers Abbi Penner	Linda Naughton C. Naughton	Leslie and Brian Simmers	Jane and Katie McGuigan	Jane Lane Leslie Bland
<i>Ushers</i>	Burn Gross Don Linkous Gary Worley Roscoe Turman	Ben Simmers Jeff Birch Mickey and Scott McGuigan	Bob and Peggy Brown Vickie and Steve Mouras	Dave and Ann Surface J.D. Robinson Hank Schneider	Naughtons Dickie Shepherd Sam Akers

**Save the dates: June 19-23. Join us at  
Vacation Bible School for Davey and Goliath's  
Circus Spectacular!**



The craft center for Vacation Bible School is looking for the following items:

- glass mayonnaise jars (or any other large size glass jar) with lids
- sheets of light colored sandpaper
- bricks

All donations can be left on the secretary's desk in the fellowship hall. Thank you.

**Sunday School Goes International**

The Sunday School Classes are using the *Open a World of Possibilities: Nicaragua hunger education curriculum* as we learn about the country and people of Nicaragua. We're learning a little Spanish, doing some crafts, and enjoying some Nicaraguan food. Youth and Adults are invited to join us in May. A special collection of "loose change" continues for the children of Nicaragua.



**KID'S NIGHT AT ST. MICHAEL  
WEDNESDAY, May 4 and 18**

All children in grades K-5 are invited to Kid's Night from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. ....dinner, crafts, music and more.



**GRADUATES RECEPTION ON SUNDAY, MAY 22**

Please join us for our Graduates Reception after the 11 a.m. service as we recognize our 2005 graduates: John Travis Krallman (Virginia Tech), Kevin Krallman, Matt Woods, Jarred Walters (Blacksburg High School), Paige Walters (Radford University).



## **SPRING WORKDAY ON SATURDAY, MAY 21**

Make plans to be a part of St. Michael's Spring Workday at 10 a.m. to clean-up and beautify the church grounds. Todd Walters from Lacie's Garden Center will be present to help with the day, so bring your gardening tools and help care for St. Michael's grounds and facility. For more information, please speak with Fran Shepherd.

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## ***SIMPLY GIVING PROVIDES A SIMPLE WAY TO GIVE***

As a service to Lutheran congregations, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has set up an automated giving program, called *Simply Giving*, that allows you to share your gifts with St. Michael without having to write a check. The program, which is offered free of charge, allows you to make a gift to St. Michael through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. You determine the frequency of your automatic gift – weekly, semi-monthly or monthly – the option is yours. To participate in *Simply Giving*, fill out one of the enrollment forms in the front hallway and send it to Thrivent. For more information about *Simply Giving*, please talk to Pastor John.

## **POWER IN THE SPIRIT 2005 – July 7-9**

*Power in the Spirit* is an inspirational conference for everyone who wishes to explore God's call to service through joyous worship, Bible study, keynote addresses, workshops and fellowship. In addition, congregational leaders – teachers, choir members, committee members, council members and others – will find *Power in the Spirit* especially nurturing as they consider their mission and ministry. This year's conference features, Rani Abdulmasih, Pastor and Mission developer for Abundant Life Arabic Lutheran Church in Dearborn, MI as the Keynote presenter and Rafael Malpica Padilla, Executive Director for the Division for Global Mission for the ELCA. Workshops topics range from "Faith and Arts" to "The Great COMMISSION Revisited and Reclaimed." The registration cost is \$105 if registering prior to June 15. More information and registration forms are available in the front hallway of the church.

## **UNITED LUTHERAN APPEAL ON MAY 1**

The United Lutheran Appeal to support the various institutions of the Virginia Synod including the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and Carolina Furnace Lutheran Camp and Retreat Center will take place on Sunday, May 1. Appeal envelopes will be available that day in the bulletin. Please consider making a gift to support the ministries of the helping institutions. For more information on the United Lutheran Appeal, look for brochures around the church or check out [www.vasynod.org/ula](http://www.vasynod.org/ula).





Our greeters, Wanda and James



The happy ushers, Sam and Roscoe

## Easter Memories



Pastor John blowing his horn during the children's sermon



Jane giving blood on Good Friday (with helpers, Sarah and Leslie)