



# St. Michael Messenger

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## God's Heart, Hands and Voices in the World

In June, the people of God at St. Michael will have the opportunity to be God's heart, hands and voices in the world in exciting ways. Please remember all of these ministries in your prayers as we seek to proclaim the good news of God's love and presence.

From June 5 to 7, Lori Anne Kirk, Jody Smiley and I will be attending the Virginia Synod Assembly. The Assembly conducts the business of the Synod, but it is also an opportunity to learn more about the ways our Synod is making Christ known around the state and the world.

From June 14 to 20, Kris and I will be taking five of our youth to Confirmation Camp at Camp Lutherock in Newland, North Carolina. We will spend the week learning about what it means to live out our faith with youth from Bluffton, South Carolina, West Columbia, South Carolina and Taylorsville, North Carolina.

From June 21 to 24, everyone is invited to Vacation Bible School at St. Michael. This year's theme is Crocodile Dock. Through games, crafts, music and stories, youth and adults will learn more about how we can let God's love shine through.

From June 28 to July 3, a group of nine people will be heading to Welch, West Virginia for St. Michael's Summer Mission Trip. By sharing our time and talents, we will help provide concrete help for people in need.

It will be a busy month to be sure, but a wonderful opportunity to be God's heart, hands and voices in the world.

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.

## 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 Sheila McCartan and the youth of Cindy Dowdy's Sunday School class for creating the Bible bags for young children to use during worship services; Anna Rossomando, Alice Schneider and Sandy Birch for creating bouquets from our altar flowers and delivering them to Good Samaritan Hospice each week; all the women and young ladies who participated in the Celebrating Bold Women worship service on May 10, including Jody Smiley, Nancy Franz and Lori Anne Kirk who delivered the sermon; Jennie Hodge for coordinating packing the food for Micah's Backpack and Judy Clemens, Nancy Franz, Bill Gahnz, and Dianne Krallman for shopping for Micah's Backpack; Charlene Harris, Linda Elliott and Shirley Linkous for helping with the newsletter mailing.

### Because of your gifts

Your generous gifts in May supported supplies for Youth Nights, VBS materials, our benevolence to the Virginia Synod, donations to MCEAP, Lutheran Campus Ministry, Christian Children's Fund, our facilities, and salaries for our ministry staff.

The **Justice and Mercy Fund** continues to assist our neighbors in the community and the world. In May, we provided assistance for **14** families: nine with electric bills, three with rent, one with a water bill, and one with a tank of gas. 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.

### Welcome Eric Young, Choral Director

St. Michael is pleased to welcome Eric Young as our new Choral Director. Eric will lead various choirs for adults and children. In addition to directing choirs, Eric's musical talents include flute, saxophone, recorder, bell chimes and the clarinet. A graduate of Radford University, Eric has taught in the Montgomery County School system for five years. As a music teacher, he directs the children's choirs at Prices Fork, Auburn, and Christiansburg Elementary Schools. He resides in Christiansburg with his two dogs, one cat and two chinchillas, and enjoys hiking and tennis when he's not making beautiful music. Welcome, Eric, to the St. Michael family.



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*June Servants*

	<b>June 7</b>	<b>June 14</b>	<b>June 21</b>	<b>June 28</b>
<i><b>Acolytes</b></i>	Sarah Crowder	Seth Brewer	Matthew Pasier	Andrew Bales
<i><b>Altar Care</b></i>	Pasier family			
<i><b>Comm. Assts.</b></i>			Tacey Apisa	
<i><b>Youth Servant</b></i>	Parker Wertz	Lexi Simmers	Bryce Apisa	Delanie Veit
<i><b>9 AM Worship Asst.</b></i>	Fred Spengler	Jen Daskal	Lori Anne Kirk	Matthew James
<i><b>Greeters – 9 AM 11 AM</b></i>	Angie/Shirley Linkous Ray and Carol Howell	Clifton and Fay Walters	Ben and Carol Crawford Tammy and Doug Veit	
<i><b>Lay Reader</b></i>	Dianne Krallman	Kris Wertz	Carrie Mayer	Jody Smiley
<i><b>Ushers</b></i>	Jeff Birch Ray Howell Ann and Dave Surface	Dickie Shepherd Randy Robinson James Pascoe Jay Nagle	Ben and Grace Simmers Roscoe Turman Philip Isenhour	Bob and Peggy Brown J.D. Robinson Hank Schneider

Weed patrol: week of June 5 – Barbara Corbett; week of June 20 – Nancy Franz  
 Mowing: 6/6 - Doug Smiley(front); 6/13 - William Allen (back); 6/20 - Matthew James/Jacob Dennis (front); 6/27 - Jay Nagle (back)  
 Rear Lot: 6/1,6/29-Tom Hodge; 6/8-Jeff Crowder; 6/15-Ron Brewer; 6/22-Dave Surface

## Women of the ELCA

**\$322.87! Our Thankoffering!** Thank you to everyone who saved their change in the little thank offering boxes last month. This special offering has been sent to the ELCA to support national and international projects to help women and children living in poverty. All of our pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters really added up.



The annual Virginia Synodical Women's Organization (VSWO) convention will be held at Roanoke College on July 17-19. The theme of the convention is "Gathered at the Wellspring, Washed by the Word". If you are interested in attending, additional information and registration forms are available on the hallway bulletin board. You can also talk with Jody Smiley, VSWO state president, or Alice Schneider, New River Conference chair as well. Donations of new or gently used **children's books for the Roanoke Rescue Mission** will be collected at the conference and we welcome contributions from the congregation in June and July.



**Over 40 sisters** attended the annual Sisters in Christ luncheon in May as we shared baskets full of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Thank you to everyone who brought a delicious salad to share. **Thank you to all the sisters who participated in Celebrating Bold Women** at the worship services on Sunday, May 10: Fay Walters, Amy Woods, Becky Halvorson, Olivia and Jennie Hodge, Judith Wolfe, Alice Schneider, Sandy Birch, Jody Smiley, Lori Anne Kirk, Nancy Franz, Sheila McCartan, Camden Brewer, Judy Wunderlich, Tacey Apisa, Jennie Kelly, Anna Rossomando, Dianne Krallman, Joanne Pascoe, Ann Surface, and Vikki Andri.

**Remember the Food Bank:** June is "kid-friendly food" month – bring fruit or pudding cups, small cans of pasta, cookies, etc., though any kind of non-perishable food is always welcome.

**Remember the Women's Resource Center:** In June, we'll collect baby food.

**Remember:** we are all Sisters in Christ, members of the Women of the ELCA, serving together with love.

### Update on Our Seminary Partner – Kristy Buyok

Over the past three years, our Sunday School offerings have helped support the seminary education of Kristy Buyok who has prepared for ministry at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina. Kristy graduated on May 15 and is currently in the process of interviewing for a call.

## O.K.s (Older Kids) on the Go



On May 13, six members traveled to the D-Day Memorial in Bedford on a beautiful, sunny day. Our next trip is to the Volvo truck plant in Dublin on Wednesday, June 24, to “see how it’s made.” The cost of the trip is \$10 and **the registration deadline is June 17.** After the plant tour, we’ll enjoy a picnic lunch at the Birch’s Claytor Lake cabin. The bus departs from Gables Shopping Center at 10:00 a.m. and returns by 3:00 p.m. If you would just like to join us for the picnic, contact Sandy for directions to the cabin.



Registration forms and a “travel brochure” for the trips planned for this year are available on the bulletin board. Contact Sandy Birch (951-3455 or [birch@vt.edu](mailto:birch@vt.edu)) for more information.

## Congratulations to ....

**Jan Helge Bohn**, associate professor of mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering at Virginia Tech, who received the 2009 Alumni Award for Excellence in International Education. Jan Helge was also honored as District Scout Leader of the Year at the recent Boy Scouts of America (BSA) District Banquet for his leadership as scout master of Troop 158 which meets at St. Michael. He recently completed Wood Badge, the top training for adults in the BSA, and his Parent/Guardian Guide created for the badge is being considered for distribution to other BSA troops in the country.

**Kriz Wertz**, who recently accepted a position as counselor at Prices Fork Elementary School.

**Lindsay Robinson**, who recently accepted a position as a third grade teacher at Kipps Elementary School.

**Carol Bland**, who was accepted into the PhD program in Specialized Education Services at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. Carol will be moving to Greensboro in July to begin her studies on ways of transitioning pre-schoolers with disabilities into inclusive kindergarten.

**Charlie and Frances Edge**, who will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on June 11. Charlie and Frances recently moved to Blacksburg and have been worshipping with us.



Vacation Bible School for Youth and Adults

## **Crocodile Dock**

The fun begins on Sunday, June 21 and continues through Thursday, June 25. Each night will begin with a light supper at 6:00 p.m. and end at 8:15 p.m.

If you or your children are planning to attend, please sign up on the *Welcome* form in the bulletin or email the church at: [hope@stmlc.us](mailto:hope@stmlc.us), so we can make sure we have enough food and materials. Thanks!

## Youth Night Covered Dish Picnic on June 7

All youth from kindergarten to fifth grade and their parents are invited to the Youth Night: End of the Year Picnic at the home of Chris and Cindy Dowdy on Sunday, June 7 at 5 p.m. Bring a dish to share and come celebrate the end of a wonderful year of Youth Night.

## **Thank You Sunday School Teachers!**

Thank you to all the teachers and leaders who have helped make this an exciting year. From the pre-school class to the adults, the story of God's love and presence in our lives has been proclaimed.

## Summer Sunday School: Songs of Faithfulness

During the summer, St. Michael's regular Sunday School takes a break. This summer at 9:50 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Pastor John will teach a series of short classes for adults on "Songs of Faithfulness". Come and learn how these hymns relate to our lives of faithfulness. Child care will be provided.

June 21 and 28	"Praise and Thanksgiving" and "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"
July 26	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
August 16 and 23	"How Firm a Foundation" and "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

## Power in the Spirit is July 9-11 at Roanoke College

It's back to the Bible for ELCA Lutherans. The keynote speaker and Bible study leader at this year's Power in the Spirit gathering will be Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell, an internationally known theologian and Lutheran Bible scholar. More information about the gathering, which includes a number of exciting workshops, is posted on the hallway bulletin board.

**“Second Sunday” Summer Brunch on June 14 at 10:00 AM**  
**Honoring our 2009 Graduates**

You are invited to be a part of St. Michael’s “Second Sunday” Summer Brunch on Sunday, June 14 at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring a dish to share and come enjoy brunch at St. Michael. In addition to enjoying the food and fellowship, we will be recognizing our 2009 high school and college graduates.



**Classroom Addition Dedication Planning Meeting on June 3**

Everyone who is interested in helping to plan the dedication for the new Classroom Addition is invited to a planning meeting on Wednesday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please talk to Randy Robinson.

**Take me out to the ballgame....**



The team invites everyone out to the Jaycee Park softball field on Monday nights for some exciting ball. Loud and supportive fans always help the team play better. The team record is 4-0. Yay!

June 1 vs. First Wesleyan at 7:15 p.m.

June 8 vs. BJCC/LDS at 9:15 p.m.

June 15 vs. Harvest Baptist at 9:15 p.m.

June 29 vs. Grace Covenant at 6:15 p.m.



## Feeding the Flock

Need a gift for a June wedding or birthday? Or a tried and delicious new recipe to add to your summer meals? Purchase a copy of the St. Michael cookbook, *FEEDING THE FLOCK*, and also provide help for those in need. Every dollar from the sale of the cookbook (\$12) is used by the Justice and Mercy Fund to assist someone unable to meet a bill or provide food for their family.

Contact Sandy Birch, Betty Gross, or Carol Crawford to purchase a copy of the cookbook. Your help is also needed in promoting the sale of the cookbook; if you would like to take copies to your workplace, your club meetings, etc., let us know.

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### A Sample Recipe from *FEEDING THE FLOCK COOKBOOK*

#### OLD-FASHIONED POTATO SALAD – by Betty Gross, Cookbook Chair

8 lg. red skinned potatoes	1 Tbs. sugar
6 to 8 hard-cooked eggs, chopped	¼ to ½ cup sweet pickle relish
6 to 8 ribs celery, chopped	1 to 1-1/2 cup mayonnaise
1 sm. onion	Salt and pepper to taste

Boil potatoes in water to cover until tender. Drain and cool. Peel and cut into bite-sized cubes. Add celery and mix until well blended. Add sugar to relish and let stand until sugar is dissolved. Add to potatoes along with eggs. Add mayonnaise and mix well. Add more mayonnaise until you get the consistency you desire. Season. Chill at least 1 to 2 hours to blend flavors. **If a mild mayonnaise is used (such as Hellmann's or Kraft), add the juice of a small lemon. If a southern recipe mayonnaise is used (JFG or Duke's), no lemon juice is needed.**

### WIN \$300 – Clash of the Church Ladies Cooking Contest

The Downtown Merchants of Blacksburg will be hosting the second annual Summer Solstice Celebration on June 20 and they have extended an invitation to St. Michael to join in the festivities. The celebration **will have a “Coney Island” atmosphere with a sandy beach, steel pans, midway games and a fun filled cooking competition called the *Clash of the Church Ladies*.** Best Food Beach Scene and Best Food Green Scene are the two fun categories for this contest. Grand Prize will be \$300 donated in the winner's name to the charity of her choice. Want to participate? Contact Carol Crawford at 961-5733 or by e-mail ([ben.crawford@vt.edu](mailto:ben.crawford@vt.edu)).