

St. Michael Messenger

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You are cordially invited to the

**Dedication for the
St. Michael Lutheran Church
Classroom Addition**

on

Sunday, August 9 at 10:00 a.m

A potluck brunch will begin at 10 a.m. with the dedication service at 10:30 a.m. led by Rev. James Mauney, Bishop of the Virginia Synod.

Please come and be a part of the celebration and fellowship.

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 God has first given us--our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of God's gracious love.

Thank you to some "quiet" servants

To Alice Schneider for hosting the Ladies Luau and serving as our chef, along with Sandy Birch, and to Jody and Doug Smiley for our "trip to the big island"; Judy Wunderlich and Alice Schneider for representing our WELCA unit at the annual convention in Roanoke; the Caring and Sharing team for setting up our "Second Sunday" summer brunch; all our lawn mowers and weed pullers this summer; Jennie Hodge for handling all our recyclables; everyone who contributed childrens books (including five big boxes from the Hodge family) for the Roanoke Rescue Mission; Cindy and Chris Dowdy for hosting a youth pool party; and the team who went on the July mission trip.

Because of your gifts

Your generous gifts in July provided funds for our new piano, our benevolence to the Virginia Synod, donations to MCEAP, Lutheran Campus Ministry, Christian Children's Fund, our facilities, and salaries for our ministerial staff.

The **Justice and Mercy Fund** contributed to electric bills for five families, rent assistance for three families and a water bill for a ninth family. We encourage the congregation to continue their contributions and to refer friends and family to use the fund as you see need.

Bob Brown and Joyce Coupey share their special talents

Bob recently built a new storage closet in the Fellowship Hall and new shelving in the front hallway closet. Joyce has sewn a number of beautiful chasubles (elaborate vestments or stoles) which Pastor John wears on holy days of celebration such as Pentecost and Christmas. Thank you for sharing your special talents with the St. Michael family.



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August Servants

	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
<i>Acolytes</i>	Seth Brewer	Sarah Crowder	Matthew Pasier	Alex Moehling	Corson Wertz
<i>Altar Care</i>	Juanita Simpson and Pat Smith				
<i>11 AM Comm. Asst</i>	Dianne Krallman		Randy Robinson		
<i>Youth Servant</i>	Jessica Brown	Delanie Veit	Lexi Simmers	Sarah Moehling	Matt Sharpe
<i>9 AM Worship Asst</i>	Keith Gay	Anna Rossomando	Lori Anne Kirk	Emily/Katie Garst Amy Dandro	Jen Daskal
<i>Greeters – 9 AM 11 AM</i>	Worleys Dianne Krallman and Sandy Birch	William Allen and Henderson Linkous	Charlene Harris and JD Robinson family		
<i>11 AM Lay Reader</i>	Doug Smiley	Lorin Crowder	Katie Katz	Becca Perez	Ben Kelly
<i>Ushers</i>	Dickie Shepherd Ray Howell Cindy Lang David Surface	Jeff Birch Randy Robinson James Pascoe J.D. Robinson	Ben and Grace Simmers Roscoe Turman Don Linkous	Bob and Peggy Brown Burn Gross Hank Schneider	Isenhour Hillis J. Kelly Birch

Weed control: Week of 8/8 – Jeff Birch; 8/22 – Ron Brewer

Mowing schedule: Doug Smiley – front on 8/1; William Allen – back on 8/8; Matthew James/Jacob Dennis – front on 8/15; Jay Nagle – back on 8/22; Doug Smiley – front on 8/29 Rear lot: Jeff Crowder – 8/3; Ron Brewer – 8/10; Dave Surface – 8/17; Tom Hodge – 8/24; Jeff Crowder – 8/31

Women of the ELCA

Remember the Food Bank: August is “boxes of macaroni and cheese” month, though any kind of non-perishable food is always welcome.

Remember the Women’s Resource Center: In August, we will continue our donations of baby items: baby food and diapers.



The ladies at the Ladies Luau on July 15.

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



**OKs
on the Go!**

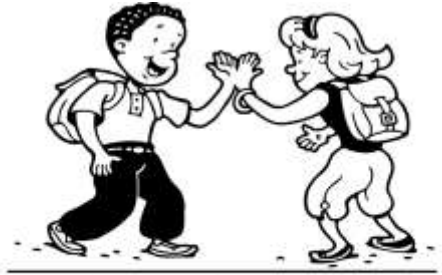
On Sunday, August 9, some OKs are traveling to the Wohlfahrt Theater to “rock and roll” at the Golden Oldies show. The next adventure is to the Fort Chiswell Animal Park on Friday, September 18. The cost of the trip is \$16 and the deadline for registration is September 11. Contact Sandy Birch (951-3455 or birch@vt.edu) for more information about our Montgomery Parks and Recreation trips. A group of OKs are pictured above at a Claytor Lake picnic following a tour of the Volvo truck plant.



St. Michael will also sponsor a **trip to the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater on Sunday, December 6, for the annual Christmas show, “Christmas in New York”**. The cost will be \$36 for adults and \$24 for children for the show and four-course lunch and we’ve already reserved the best seats in the house. There are a few seats remaining, so if you want to reserve a place, contact Sandy Birch soon. Payment will not be due until October.

Backpack Blessing on August 16

With the school year preparing to start, St. Michael will have a Backpack Blessing as a part of worship on Sunday, August 16. All youth and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks or school bags to church for this time of prayer and blessing for the new school year. Consider inviting your friends or teachers you know to come and have their backpacks blessed as we ask for God's blessing for all teachers and students.



Backpack Blessing

Back to School Breakfast for the Teachers at Price's Fork Elementary



St. Michael will be providing a back to school breakfast for the teachers at Price's Fork on Wednesday, August 12. If you would be interested in helping, you can sign up on the "Welcome to St. Michael" form in the bulletin.

St. Michael at the Price's Fork Fair

St. Michael will have a booth at the Price's Fork Fair on Friday, August 14 and Saturday, August 15. The booth will offer free games and face painting for kids, free Bibles for families and provide an opportunity to share the ministry of St. Michael with the community. If you have the talent of face painting or would be interested in working the game at the booth, please sign up on the "Welcome to St. Michael" form in the bulletin or talk with Carol Crawford at 961-5733.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame on August 29

St. Michael is going to a Salem Avalanche Game on Saturday, August 29. The game begins at 6:07 p.m. Reserved Seat tickets are \$7 per person. Sign up on the "Welcome" form in the bulletin. The deadline for signing up is August 23.

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BALL GAME!

New Members Received on Sunday, August 30

St. Michael will be receiving new members at both services on Sunday, August 30. If you are interested in joining St. Michael, please speak with Pastor John for more information.

Congratulations to...

Zachary Nagle and Mary Price, who were married on June 27. Zach is the son of Jay and Becci Nagle.



Ben and Grace Simmers, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 11.

Jody Smiley, who was re-elected President of the Virginia Synodical Women's Organization (VSWO) at its annual convention at Roanoke College on July 25.

Katie Katz, who recently passed the licensing exam to become a Nurse Practitioner.

Scott McGuigan, who was voted "the most improved player" on the State Championship Blacksburg High School soccer team.



A St. Michael Family Pool Party and Potluck

The St. Michael family is invited to the home of Cindy and Chris Dowdy on Sunday, August 23, at 3 p.m. for a pool party and potluck supper. Plan to join the family for a fun fellowship time.

Bible Study on August 16 at the Wertz home

Come learn more about King David on Sunday, August 16 at 7 p.m. at the Wertz home. Directions to the Wertz home can be found on the shelf in the front hallway.

Summer Sunday School Schedule

During the summer, St. Michael's regular Sunday School takes a break. Beginning at 9:50 a.m. in the classroom addition, Pastor John will teach a series of short classes for adults on "Songs of Faithfulness". On August 16, we will discuss "How Firm a Foundation" and on August 23, we will discuss "Love Divine, All Love Excelling." Come and learn how these hymns relate to our lives of faith. Child care will be provided.

Daily Devotions Available Online

St. Michael has daily devotions available on our homepage. Click on the *Daily Toolbox* link in the calendar on the right side of the page for scripture readings and prayer thoughts.

School Supplies for Children in Need

St. Michael will be collecting school supplies for children in need at Price's Fork, Kipps and Lafayette-Elliston Elementary Schools. The deadline for donations is Sunday, August 16. The collection box is in the front hallway. Thank you.



Needed Items

Backpacks	Wide Rule Notebook Paper
Pencils	School Scissors
Glue Sticks	Pocket Folders with Prongs
Crayons	Colored Pencils
Anti-Bacterial Soap	Tissue
Black and White Composition Notebooks	
3-ring Binders	

Sunday School Returns September 13

Sunday School will begin again on Sunday, September 13 at 9:50 a.m. If you enjoy working with youth and would like to be a part of a teaching team for the fall, please sign up on the "Welcome" form in the bulletin, or talk to Pastor John.

Our thanks to our Sunday School teachers during this past year: K-2 – Cindy Dowdy, grades 3-5 – Sandy Birch, confirmation class (grades 6-8) – Kris Wertz and Jeanette Pasier, adult class – Pastor John. We also appreciate our substitute teachers: Lauren and Lindsay Robinson, Tammy Veit, Sheila McCarten, Jody Smiley, Dianne Krallman, Andrea Robinson, Jennie Hodge, Lori Anne Kirk and Keith Gay.

We are also grateful for the service and teaching provided by our Vacation Bible School staff: Maggie Maloney (arts and crafts), Joyce Coupey (storytelling), Sheila McCarten, Cindy Dowdy, and Tammy Veit (small group leaders), Kris Wertz (games), Dianne Krallman (opening), Eric Young (music), Pastor John (adult class), Jody Smiley (VBS coordinator) and all the assistants. Thank you also to our dedicated kitchen staff, Betty Gross, Fran Gallimore, Carol Crawford, Wanda Pascoe, and Anne Surface, for providing tasty meals each night.



Summer Mission Trip

On June 28, St. Michael sent a group of seven people to McDowell County, West Virginia on a Summer Mission Trip. The group spent the week installing flooring, refinishing walls and making general repairs. The pictures below give you a glimpse of the ministry the group was able to do.

