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The People of God at St. Michael: Telling the Story of God's Love at VBS



Thank you for your generous support of God's ministry at St. Michael!

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 Jody Smiley and Lori Anne Kirk for representing St. Michael at the Virginia Synod Assembly; everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School; Ron Brewer for repainting our front lawn sign; Dickie Shepherd and Jennie Hodge for spraying the weeds.

Because of your gifts

Your generous gifts in June provided materials and food for Vacation Bible School, office supplies, 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** assisted **nineteen** families; nine with electric bills, a water bill for one family, rent for five families, and gasoline for four families. We encourage the congregation to continue their contributions and to refer friends and family to use the fund as you see need.

Some thank you notes

*Dear Members and Friends of St. Michael,
Thank you for your kind donation of 60 pounds of tab tops to the Ronald McDonald House. These items help us in our day-to-day operation to provide a Home-Away-from-Home for families who have children in the hospital. We appreciate your help to us in this area of our work.*

Sincere thanks, Ronald McDonald House Staff

*Dear St. Michael family,
I just wanted to thank you again for the scholarship. It will go a long way toward helping me reach my educational goals. Thanks so much!*

Kelley Robinson

St. Michael Wish List

The Wish List consists of items which would enhance and strengthen ministries of the congregation. Gifts may be given for these items in thanksgiving for God’s goodness or in memory/honor of a loved one, friend or occasion. If you have an interest in contributing toward one of the following items or if you have an idea for something that could be added to the wish list, please contact Pastor John.

Folding tables for Micah’s Backpack (need 5) - \$70 each

Two library bookshelves - \$200 each

Additional shelving for Micah’s Backpack - \$50

Picture Frames for the Gallery of Gifts - \$30 each

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July Servants

	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25
Altar Care	Juanita Simpson and Pat Smith			
9 AM Service				
Greeters	Linda Elliott Sandra Hough	Cliff and Shelane Walters	Cliff and Shelane Walters	Steve and Amy Woods
Worship Asst.	Keith Gay	Judith Wolfe	Jennie and Olivia Hodge	Lori Anne Kirk
11 AM Service				
Acolyte	Corson Wertz	Parker Wertz	Sarah Crowder	Seth Brewer
Comm. Asst.	Kris Wertz		David Surface	
Greeters	Judy and Jim Clemens	Judy and Jim Clemens	Dianne and John Krallman	Dianne and John Krallman
Lay Reader	Jeff Birch	Jennie Kelly	Jody Smiley	M. McGuigan
Ushers	Dickie Shepherd Sandy Birch Braden Birch Brad Birch	R. Robinson James Pascoe Burn Gross Rick Mayer	Ben/Grace Simmers Don Linkous M. McGuigan	Philip Isenhour Ray Howell Dave/Ann Surface
Youth Servant	MaKayla Dowdy	Parker Wertz	Jessica Brown	Delanie Veit

Weeding team: July 10 –Jennie Hodge; July 24 – Mary Kate Law and Joe Young
Mowing: 7/3–William Allen (back); 7/10–James/Dennis (front); 7/17–Jay Nagle (back);
7/24-J.C. Martin (front); 7/31-William Allen (back)
Rear Lot: 7/5–Mike Berg; 7/12-Joe Young; 7/19-Jim Clemens; 7/26-Dave Surface

Women of the ELCA

The annual Virginia Synodical Women's Organization (VSWO) convention will be held at Roanoke College on July 16-18. The theme of the convention is "Washed and Forgiven: Called to Serve". If you are interested in attending, talk with Jody Smiley, VSWO state president, or Alice Schneider, New River Conference chair. Registration forms are available on the hallway bulletin board.



Donations of new children's books for the Roanoke Rescue Mission will be collected at the convention and we welcome contributions from the congregation in June and July.



On Wednesday, July 14 at 6 p.m., the Women of the ELCA (that's all the women in the church) and their families are invited to a picnic at the home of Fran and Dickie Shepherd in Newport. Please bring lawn chairs and a dish to share -- and come enjoy the fun and fellowship. Directions to the Shepherd home are on the hallway shelf.

Remember the Food Bank: July is canned fruits and vegetables month, though any kind of non-perishable food is always welcome.

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

"Second Sunday" Summer Brunch on July 11 at 10:00 a.m.

You are invited to be a part of St. Michael's "Second Sunday" Summer Brunch on Sunday, July 11 at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring a dish to share and come enjoy fine food and fellowship with the St. Michael family. We will begin our Christmas in July celebration by hearing about "untrimming the tree for Micah's Backpack".



Thank you for everyone who helped set up, organize the serving, and clean up after the first 2nd Sunday Brunch sponsored by the Women of the ELCA.

Dinner with Friends on Saturday, July 24



The Dinner with Friends group will be meeting for a potluck dinner at the Mayer home (4075 Morning Glory Dr., Radford) at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 24. Join your "20-30-40 -somethings" St. Michael family members for an evening of fun, fine food and fellowship. Child care will be provided at the church.

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



**O.K.s
on the Go!**

Pictured are eleven OKs who toured three of the Buffalo Mountain churches of the Blue Ridge Parkway in June. Our next trip is July 13 to the Claytor Lake Dam and lunch at the Birch cabin at Claytor Lake. The deadline for registration is July 6 and the cost is \$8. Registration forms and a “travel brochure” for the remaining trips are available on the hallway bulletin board. Contact Sandy Birch (951-3455 or birch@vt.edu) for more information.



Happy-Go-Lucky Luncheons continue through the summer

Save the **Second Tuesday** in July and August for fun, fellowship and a tasty catered luncheon. Our July luncheon will be at Claytor Lake at the Birch cabin. Those who want to come to lunch only can drive to the cabin (directions available) or catch a ride with others (make arrangements with Sandy). Those who want to come to lunch AND tour the Claytor Lake Dam should register with Montgomery County Parks and Recreation. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 13 Lunch at Claytor Lake (and an optional tour of Claytor Lake Dam)

Tuesday, August 10 The conclusion of our series on healthy bodies. We'll be so healthy and happy, we'll just glow.

The latest issue of *Home Sweet Home* news, a local monthly newsletter dedicated to helping seniors stay active and healthy, covers the topic, “Senior Accomplishments” – lots of timely information. The website which contains this issue and all back issues is www.home-sweet-home-news.com. Hardcopies are available on the hallway bulletin board and at Happy-Go-Lucky luncheons too.



Christmas in July

On Sunday, July 25, St. Michael will celebrate Christmas in July. Come and sing some of your favorite Christmas Carols and hear the story of Christ's birth unfold again. There is no tree to put up and no lights to hang..... just the celebration of Christ's birth and the joy of Christmas!

Untrim the Christmas Tree to Celebrate Christmas in July and Support Micah's Backpack

Girl Scout Troop 737 invites you to choose an ornament from the Untrim the Christmas Tree. Each ornament lists an item for the Micah's Backpack Pantry.

Please return the food by July 25 and place under the Untrim the Christmas Tree. After we celebrate Christmas in July, Troop 737 will stock the Micah's Backpack Pantry with your gifts. See Olivia or Jennie Hodge (953-2225) if you have questions.



Reservations for the Wohlfahrt Haus Theater Christmas Show

St. Michael will again sponsor a **trip to the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater on Sunday, December 5, for the annual Christmas show, "Christmas in the Mountains"**. The cost will be \$36 for the show and four-course lunch and we've already reserved the best seats in the house (\$24 for children).

Please make your reservation on the "Welcome to St. Michael" form in the church bulletin. We only have 22 tickets and will be carpooling to the event. If you have any questions, contact Sandy Birch. Payment will not be due until October.

School Supplies for Children in Need

In July and August, St. Michael will be collecting school supplies for children in need at Price's Fork, Kipps and Lafayette-Elliston Elementary Schools. All supplies will be welcome. The collection box is in the narthex. 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	



Vacation Bible School a Great Success

Thank you to all the teachers and helpers at Vacation Bible School. Over 60 youth and adults enjoyed learning about God's power for our lives. Go to the St. Michael website for lots of pictures of Vacation Bible School.



Summer Sunday School Schedule

This summer, we will have Sunday School on the 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month beginning at 9:50 a.m. The class for youth will focus on each Sunday's Scripture reading. The class for adults will focus on understanding other religions and denominations. Here is the schedule for the Summer.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Adult Class Topic</u>	<u>Youth Class Topic</u>
July 18	Unitarians	Luke 10:38-42
July 25	Mainline Protestant Churches	Luke 2:1-16
August 15	Islam	Luke 1:46-55
August 22	Buddist	Luke 13:10-17



Meet Keely Jones, our new nursery attendant

Welcome to Keely Jones, who joined our church staff this June. Keely is a senior at Blacksburg High School and is a member of the BHS track team, specializing in the shot put. In the summer, she also works as a lifeguard.

Take me out to the ballgame....



The team invites everyone out to the Jaycee Park softball field for some exciting ball. The last game will be July 5 at 7:15 p.m. vs. BJCC-LDS. Any make-up games and the tournament will be announced in future church bulletins.

Welcome to the St. Michael family

Our newest members, Betty and Peter Kleimann, joined the St. Michael family on May 23. Betty, a Pennsylvania native, and Peter, who grew up in Portsmouth VA, moved to Blacksburg three years ago from Florida. Their family includes six children and seven grandchildren. Both enjoy crafts; Peter with car modeling and Betty with sewing and crocheting. Welcome!



Congratulations to....

Maggie Maloney, who recently accepted a position as the art teacher at Auburn and Christiansburg Elementary Schools.

Kelly and Robert Mullins on the birth of their first child, Charles McCall Mullins. "Charlie" was born on June 11 and joins his happy grandparents, Bill and Dottie McKinnon.

Barbara Corbett, who retired from Virginia Tech as the Publications Production Coordinator after 37 years of service.

Jim Clemens, Assistant Director of Physical Plant Operations, who retired from Virginia Tech after 42 years of service.

Lynn Hickok, who retired from Montgomery County Public Schools after 30 years of teaching. Lynn was most recently the physical education teacher at Margaret Beeks.

Several of our young people who were recognized at recent ceremonies: **Lexi Simmers** who received Draper-Aden Award for Good Citizenship (and other awards) and a \$50 savings bond; **Catie Walters** who received the Presidential Physical Fitness Award and Outstanding Academic Achievement Award; **Andrew Bales** who was on the all-A honor roll throughout elementary school. Andrew now advances to Giles County High School where he is already practicing with the high school marching band.

Micah's Backpack: By the Numbers June 2010

Here are the results of the ministry of Micah's Backpack from September 2009 to June 2010.

- 5 Blacksburg Area Elementary Schools and Head Start Preschool as Partners
- 73 Students Helped
- 463 Volunteer Hours Donated
- 1693 Backpacks Delivered
- 10,168 Meals Delivered
- 4003 Pounds of Donated Food
- 4220 Items of Donated Food

Thank You for your generous support of Micah's Backpack!

Micah's Backpack Introduces Rudy the Truck

Perhaps you may have noticed a tan truck hanging out in the St Michael parking lot. His name is Rudy and he outgrew his space in Tom and Jennie Hodge's driveway.

You may have thought to yourself, "what is he doing out there?" Rudy has a half ton capacity bed in the back. Helping to serve needy children in Blacksburg through Micah's Backpack beats hanging out at the Hodge's!

For example, Rudy makes monthly trips on a Thursday afternoon with other Micah's Backpack volunteers to visit the Southwest Virginia Second Harvest Foodbank. Sometimes he has gotten so excited about bringing back healthy food to share with the kids, that he overloads himself with food.

Also, Rudy has made lots of friends already with other Micah's Backpack volunteers. In fact, in the last week of April, he volunteered with other members of St Michael, Christ Episcopal, Blacksburg Presbyterian, the VT Fitness Club, Radford University, Virginia Tech, and Girl Scout Troop 737 to bring thousands of pounds of food to help these children.

If you are interested in meeting Rudy and/or joining him in his Micah's Backpack service, please see Pastor John or Jennie Hodge. Rudy would love to have help shopping locally, going up to Roanoke once a month, or packing and delivering Micah's Backpacks during the school year.