



# St. Michael Messenger

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## Easter Joy, Replacing the Roof, and A New Way to Give

### St. Michael's Mission Statement

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.

**Thank you** to everyone who helped make Holy Week and Easter such a wonderful celebration of God's generous love for us. With the help of wonderful musicians, ushers, readers and countless quiet servants, we were able to proclaim the joy of Jesus' resurrection to over 230 people on Easter Sunday. Thank you!

At the Congregational Meeting on March 13, we voted to **replace the roof on our sanctuary**. After 25 years of sheltering and protecting the ministries that happen here in this place, the roof on St. Michael's sanctuary has reached the end of its useful life. In addition, we voted to move forward with repair on the building's trim and siding. Thankfully there have been no major leaks or problems yet, but with each storm or windy day, a few more shingles are blown away. With your help, we can replace the roof, trim and siding now and prevent any major problems or disruptions in building usage in the future. With your help, we will be able to complete this project this summer. You can make a gift to help replace the roof and siding online at [www.stmclc/donations](http://www.stmclc/donations), by placing a gift in the offering plate or by text.

Yes, the last sentence said you can make a **gift by text**. You can now make a gift to support the ministries of St. Michael by sending a text to 540-737-8447 with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the "\$" before the Amount, a [Space], and the Abbreviation for the Fund you want to designate: for example: "\$25 Core" for a gift to the Core Ministry Fund or "\$10 U1R" to make a gift to the Under One Roof Fund to help replace the roof. More information on Text To Give can be found on the back of the April calendar.

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# Under One Roof



St. Michael is blessed to have a wonderful facility that hosts a wide range of ministries. Under one roof, we gather to worship God by lifting our voices in prayer and song. Under one roof, we gather to meet and to share in friendship and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Under one roof, we gather to use our gifts to make a difference in the lives of local students and senior adults.

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To complete this project, St. Michael needs your help. Your gift of:

- \$1000 - Replaces 250 sq feet of **Roofing**
- \$ 500 - Replaces 125 sq feet of **Roofing**
- \$ 200 - Replaces 20 feet of **Trim**
- \$ 100 - Replaces 25 sq feet of **Roofing** or 20 sq feet of **Siding**
- \$ 50 - Replaces 10 square feet of **Siding**
- \$ 10 - Replaces 1 foot of **Trim**

**Every gift makes a difference! Thank You!**

## You can make a gift

- By **Check**: Please note gift is for "Under One Roof"
- **Online** at: <http://www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org/donations/>
- By **Texting**: \$(Gift Amount) [space] U1R to 540.737.8447  
Example: \$100 U1R

## Text to Give



You can now make a gift to St. Michael with a quick text message! **Simply send a text to 540-737-8447** with the amount you would like to contribute. **Make sure to include** the "\$" before the **Amount**, a [Space], and the Abbreviation for the **Fund** you want to designate.

### Fund Name and Fund Abbreviation

Core Ministry: <b>Core</b>	Growing with Faith: <b>Growing</b>
Micah's Backpack: <b>MBP</b>	Justice and Mercy: <b>JM</b>
Micah's Soup for Seniors: <b>MSS</b>	Under One Roof: <b>U1R</b>

**Examples:** \$25 Core or \$10 MBP

Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a **link to register**. **Click on the link** and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your **registration is complete**, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email. For **future giving**, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give and the Fund, and it will process automatically!

## 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 John Kell, Judy Clemens, Lynn Hickock, Alice Schneider, Suzanne Gay, Betty Falta and Peggy Brown who provided delicious desserts for our Lenten meals; to Fran Shepherd, Alice Schneider, Wendy Goldsmith, Sandy Birch and Dianne Krallman who provided tasty soups for Maundy Thursday supper; to Kevin Long and his staff from the Cellar Restaurant who created six incredible meals for us during the Lenten Season; to everyone who read on Palm Sunday and Good Friday; to Lylah Shelor who served as our Lenten worship greeter; to Joyce Coupey for her beautiful bulletin covers; Betty Falta and Sandy Birch for folding the March newsletter; Lynda Kinzey and Sandy Birch for assembling the church directories; Wanda Pascoe for folding weekly bulletins and lots and lots of Easter bulletins; to Doug Smiley for ordering and delivering the Easter lilies; to Jackie Muir for taking Easter photos; and to Mac McCloud for repairing and reupholstering the choir chairs.

### Because of your gifts

Your generous gifts in March supported our softball registration, snow removal, postage, worker’s compensation insurance, lawn care equipment maintenance, restroom repairs, vacuum cleaner repair, church directory supplies, our benevolence to the Virginia Synod, donations to MCEAP, Lutheran Campus Ministry, our facilities, and salaries for our staff.

The **Justice and Mercy Fund** continues to assist our neighbors in the community and the world. In March, we assisted 18 families with funds towards 8 electric bills, 7 rent payments, one water bill, propane gas, and funeral expenses. 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.

### Sharing Our Time and Talents



Thousands of years ago, God called a young boy named Samuel. He answered, “Here I am Lord”. God continues to call God's servants, and like Samuel, we too can respond boldly by sharing our time and talents to be God’s heart, hands and voices at St. Michael, in the community, and in the world. Our annual Time and Talent Survey is an opportunity to respond to God’s call and proclaim, “Here I am Lord”. **Your completed survey responses will be joyfully received in April.** Just place them in the offering plates where we share other gifts. Copies of the survey are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

### A Thank You

Thank you for the comforting support (cards, flowers, visits and food) and prayers during Ann’s illness and her death. May God’s continued blessings be with each of you and St. Michael Lutheran Church. Again, many thanks! David Surface

## Micah's Backpack



During March, we reached the more than 40,000 meals milestone for this school year. We share 6 weekends meals and snacks with 275 students from low-resource families at 10 schools. This month we received the inaugural Outstanding Community Organization Award from Make-A-Mark (the coalition of designers and developers who crafted our new logos and website last year). Please message Jennie if you'd like more information on ways to help out [jennie@micahsbackpack.org](mailto:jennie@micahsbackpack.org)

During April, **Micah's Backpack will collect small jars of peanut butter.** Thank you for sharing 224 fruit chews in March!

## Micah's Garden

There are 12 raised beds available for this growing season. There will be summertime opportunities to help with planting, maintaining, and harvesting in the Garden. Last year we shared 1,800 pounds of produce with people from low-resource households who visit our 5 partner food pantries. If you'd like to rent a raised bed for 2016, please let Jennie know. [jennie@micahsbackpack.org](mailto:jennie@micahsbackpack.org)



## Micah's Soup for Seniors



Volunteers will gather at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, to pack food for our seniors at Warm Hearth. Delivery will begin around 5:45 p.m. Join us! No experience necessary. Contact Dianne Krallman at [dhkrallman@hubbell-ltg.com](mailto:dhkrallman@hubbell-ltg.com) or 552-1668 for additional information. In April, we will collect **boxes of crackers.**

## Micah's Closet

The flowers are beginning to bloom and the weather is getting warmer! This not only a reminder that Spring is on its way, but also that we are preparing for the next distribution of clothing for Micah's Closet. To help fill the closet this season, we will be needing your generous support again. If you are interested in shopping for, or sponsoring a child, please contact Sheila McCartan ([mccartansheila@gmail.com](mailto:mccartansheila@gmail.com)).



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***April Servants***

	<b>April 3</b>	<b>April 10</b>	<b>April 17</b>	<b>April 24</b>
<b>Altar Care</b>	Inga Solberg			
<b>9 AM Service</b>				
<b>Greeters</b>	Lynn Hickok Barbara Corbett	Jackie and Neil Muir	Sandy Williams Dianne Krallman	Elaine Powers Joe Garst
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Keith Gay	Gary Worley	Betty Falta	Matthew James
<b>Comm. Asst.</b>	Nancy Goad	Sandie Worley	William Allen	Joe Garst
<b>11 AM Service</b>				
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ryan Lund		Camden Brewer	
<b>Comm. Asst.</b>	Lori Anne Kirk		Randy Robinson	
<b>Greeters</b>	Ray Howell Anna Rossomando	Josiah and Litha Tlou	Brewer/ McCartan family	Wanda and James Pascoe
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Laura Gruss	Brian Lund	Cindy Dowdy	Lori Anne Kirk
<b>Ushers</b>	Dickie Shepherd Ray Howell	Josiah and Litha Tlou	Ron Brewer Philip Isenhour	Wanda and James Pascoe
<b>Youth Servant</b>	Lily Gruss		Bryce Dowdy	
<b>6:30 PM Service</b>				
<b>Greeters</b>	Berg family	Donna Oliver	Berg family	Saks family
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Mike Berg	Guille Yearwood	Heather Pettus	Charlie Saks
<b>Comm. Asst.</b>	Michelle Berg	Guille Yearwood	Katherine Berg	Martie Saks

Unloading for Micah's Backpack on April 6 : Doug Veit and Bill Knocke

## Women of the ELCA

**On Monday, April 18, at noon**, come to the fellowship hall at church for **lunch and learning** and lots of fellowship. Thank you to Jody Smiley for leading our very interesting Bible study. The topic in April is “Elizabeth and Mary: Sisters Across Generations.”



Women, young and old, are invited to the annual **Sisters in Christ Luncheon on Sunday, May 1, at noon**. It's an opportunity to celebrate our wonderful sisterhood, share delicious salads (please bring a favorite), enjoy a program and door prizes, and recognize special Bold Women in our congregation. Invite a friend, mother, aunt, or daughter to join in the festivities.

**In April and May, we will be collecting items for health kits to be given to Lutheran World Relief (LWR).** LWR is helping thousands of people this year who have experienced great loss due to natural disasters such as floods and earthquakes, and the massive numbers of refugees throughout the world. We can help LWR provide people who have lost everything with basic necessities and allow them to know someone still cares. **Items needed for each kit include bath size bars of soap, adult toothbrushes, a sturdy comb and a metal nail clipper.** Bath-size towels for the kits will be purchased with Thrivent funds.

**Remember the Food Bank:** April is canned fruit month, though any kind of non-perishable food is always welcome. Thank you.

**Remember the Women's Resource Center:** In April, we encourage donations of 13 or 30 gallon trash bags. Art supplies for children are always needed too.

## O.K.s (Older Kids)

### Out-to-Lunch-Bunch

We're going to O'Charley's in Christiansburg (150 Laurel St.) on Wednesday, April 13, at 11:30 a.m. It's "Free Pie Wednesday" and the restaurant just announced a new chocolate raspberry pie that's calling to us. If you sign up for their dining club (O'Club), you also can get a coupon for a free appetizer ([www.ocharleys.com](http://www.ocharleys.com)). Contact Peggy Brown at [pabrown1943@comcast.net](mailto:pabrown1943@comcast.net) or 552-8141 to reserve your place at the table.



Our first trip will be Monday, June 13, to historic Grandin Village in Roanoke and the Black Dog Salvage Company, site of a TV show and lots of interesting recycled house stuff. Information about dates/times and costs will be available soon.



## Spring Clean-up on Saturday, April 9

Bring your rakes and work gloves and come out on Saturday, April 9 at 9 a.m. to help get the church grounds ready for Spring. Volunteers will be picking up limbs, weeding and mulching. We also need “supervisors” to assist the VT students who will be helping us out during the Big Event. For more information, contact Ron Brewer: RBSM517@nrvunwired.net.

## Bible Study on April 17

On Sunday, April 17, at 7:15 p.m., Pastor John will be leading a Bible Study on Abraham and the covenant relationship between God and God’s people.

## Congratulations to....

**Todd and Inga Solberg** who will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 9.



**Olivia Hodge**, who recently won the Stephen J. Brady STOP Hunger award which includes a \$5,000 scholarship and \$5,000 for Micah’s Backpack and the Bruin Snack Closet. She’ll be honored later this spring at a reception at Sodexo headquarters in the metro DC area.

**Micah’s Caring Initiative** for being named the Outstanding Community Organization by Make a Mark, a 12 hour design and development marathon benefitting non-profits in our area.

## 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 towards one of the following items or if you have any ideas for something that could be added to the wish list, please contact Pastor John.

Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) Machine and Cabinet - \$1700

Elements of the Circle of Grace  
Paths and Walkways - \$2,000 - \$4,000

## Welcome to the St. Michael Family

**Justin and Catherine Creasy** have lived in Blacksburg since June 2015. Justin was born in Roanoke while Catherine was born in Camp Hill, PA and moved to Blacksburg in middle school. She is the twin sister of St. Michael member, Maggie Maloney. Catherine is a french horn player who teaches music at the college level and gigs regionally. Justin is a software development contractor. They lived in North Carolina for the past four years while Catherine completed her doctoral course work but they are happy to be home in Virginia and back in the mountains!



**Bert and Lynda Kinzey** moved to Blacksburg about ten years ago. Bert had lived in Blacksburg as a youngster, went to high school in Florida, and returned to Blacksburg in 1964 to be in the Highty-Tighties at Virginia Tech. Lynda grew up in Henry County, Virginia, and attended Radford College. They both graduated from college in 1968. Bert was an army officer and later started his own company producing books on military aircraft. Lynda taught elementary school children for over 32 years.

They have two children and four grandsons.

**The Lund Family** relocated to the Blacksburg area from Florence, SC. **Brian** is an Operations Manager for UTC Aerospace Systems in Union, WV where **Mandy** is the Continuous Improvement Manager. This is their second go round of working together for the same company. Brian is an avid soccer fan who loves to play, coach and referee. Mandy is a baseball junkie and has an undying love for the Detroit Tigers. **Ryan** is a freshman at Blacksburg High School and is looking forward to becoming an Engineer one day. He played the trumpet in the BHS Marching Band and loved it.



**Lillian (Lillie)** is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Kipps Elementary School. She loves to read, participate in American Heritage Girls, and is playing spring soccer. She also enjoys writing and illustrating stories. **Noah** is 4 years old and comes to the St. Michael's Mother's Morning Out (MMO) program 3 days a week. Noah is a very active little boy and is learning to play soccer for the first time this spring.





## **Confirmation Lock-in April 8-9**

The next overnight Confirmation Lock-in will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday night, April 8. It will take place in conjunction with other Lutheran Churches in the area and Lutheran Campus Ministry at Virginia Tech.

## **Easter Baskets**

Thank you to the youth of the church who put their faith into action and assembled 46 Easter baskets for the Women's Resource Center and the Salvation Army on Palm Sunday.



## **Sing for Your Lunch April 24 at Noon**

Youth of all ages and their families are invited to come enjoy lunch on Sunday, April 24 at noon in the fellowship hall. In addition to having lunch together, Alec Alderman will be playing guitar and teaching us some of his favorite songs from the Virginia Synod Youth Event.

## **Deadline for the St. Michael Scholarship - April 17**

Applications are invited for the St. Michael Scholarship, a \$600 award for individuals to pursue studies in post-secondary education. Members of Lutheran churches in Montgomery County are eligible to apply. The application is available on the church bulletin board.