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After the Celebration, what happens next?

We have had a marvelous month of celebrating the 50 years of St. Michael Lutheran Church. We have remembered that our roots go very deep - back to, at least, 1749.

We have been visited by the Bishop, former pastors and charter members.

We have had our fill of food, friends and fellowship.

Now that the celebration is over, what happens next?

By the time you read this:

- + our Call Committee will have had its first meeting with synod staff,
- + our annual stewardship campaign will soon be underway,
- + Micah's Backpack will be in full operation
- + budgets are being formed for 2019
- + the Gospel Light will continue to guide us.

This is a deeply blessed congregation. I am convinced that God is drawing St. Michael Lutheran into an exciting and faithful season of ministry. Through your prayers and participation, we will discern what happens next.

The Celebration is Just Beginning!

Rev. Paul

T-H-A-N-K-S A huge word of thanks to the 50th anniversary committee.

In a word, it was BRILLIANT. Through all the changes and chances of the planning process, it was a great celebration!

Noisy Offering Continues - The first Sunday of every month, bring your loose change for the children to collect. This month we'll send a check to the ELCA Hurricane Response.

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

Thank you to Mildred Wall, Wanda Pascoe, Margaret Larsen, Lynda Kinzey and Judith Wolfe for folding the September newsletter. Thank you also to Anna Rossomando for creating the Circle of Grace Memorial Book; to Sandy Birch for her major cleaning and organizing of the entire church and fellowship hall space; to Ron Brewer for the many hours he worked making the church yard look so nice in preparation for the 50th anniversary celebration; to Mike Berg for accepting the Community Thanksgiving Meal coordinator position; to Anna Rossomando and Sandy Williams for giving the kitchen a good, thorough cleaning and to all of the members of the 50th anniversary committees for their hard work to make our celebration such a wonderful time.

Thank you to Jean and Dean Rueschman for the beautiful silver and gold communion set they brought home to us from their travels in Florence, Italy. Appropriately, the set was used on September 23rd as we continued the celebration of our 50th golden anniversary.



Because of your gifts

Your generous gifts in September provided kitchen supplies, communion supplies, 50th anniversary celebration supplies, nursery worker salary, our monthly support to the Virginia Synod, staff salaries, utility expenses and supplies for the Family of Faith event.

The **Justice and Mercy Fund** continues to assist our neighbors in the community and the world. In September, we assisted **8 families**: 1 with medication expense, 1 with rent and 6 with electric bills.

Families of Faith: Dinner, Discussion and Music October 3 and October 17, 2018

On the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, St. Michael invites families with young children for dinner, discussion and music. We'll enjoy a simple dinner together, share a Bible story with the kids, then Patrice will offer a music program called “God’s Children Sing” for the kids while the parents have time for discussion and conversation. You don’t need to worry about cooking, just bring yourself and your family.



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October Servants

	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28
Altar Care	Inga and Sandy			
9 AM Service				
Greeters	Gary and Sandie Worley	Mayer Family	Lynn Hickok Barbara Corbett	Neil and Jackie Muir
Lay Reader	Matthew James	Carrie Mayer	Butch Akers	Mac McCloud
Comm. Asst.	Butch Akers	Sandy Williams	Jacob Dennis	Lori Anne Kirk
11 AM Service				
Acolyte	Jack Graves		Emily Graves	
Comm. Asst.	Jody Smiley		Mickey McGuigan	
Greeters	Ray Howell Cindy Lang	Hank and Alice Schneider	Ferrell Family	JD and Andrea Robinson
Lay Reader	Jody Smiley	Marty Gordon	Anna Rossomando	Fran Shepherd
Ushers	Ray Howell Dickie Shepherd	Hank and Alice Schneider	Daniel Ferrell John Kell	JD and Andrea Robinson
Youth Servant	Emily Graves		Emily Katz	

Please Note: Greeters/Ushers at both services please take the attendance, write the number down and place in the offering plate.

Mowing Schedule: 10/6-Daniel Ferrell (back); 10/13-James/Dennis (front); 10/20-Jay Nagle (back); 10/27-Dickie Shepherd (front)

Rear Lot: 10/1-Mike Berg; 10/8-Doug Smiley; 10/15-Dave Surface; 10/22-Charlie Saks; 10/29-Mike Berg

Women of the ELCA



Lunch and Learn: Monday October 15, at noon, at the church. We begin with lunch and fellowship time, followed by Bible Study led by Jody Smiley. All women are invited to come and bring a friend if you'd like. Lasts about an hour, in time to go back to work or to your next activity. A sign-up sheet will be in the bulletin inserts.

This year's **Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering will be at St. Michael.** Sunday October 7, beginning with check in at 2:00 PM. Our theme this year is "Let Us Encourage" God's Children, they are our future. Our speaker Leah Shank, Acting Director of Development, Lutheran Family Services, will give us an overview of their programs for children. We will be working on several hands-on projects, things they will use daily. A separate list of needed materials will be available. St. Michael will provide refreshments. We welcome all the women to this once a year gathering where we can meet and enjoy visiting with women from other New River Valley Lutheran churches. Shoeboxes can be brought to the gathering, as well as to St. Michael until mid-November. Our offering this year will go to VSWO to help support women's programs in the US and around the world. We are all part of the larger group - Women of the ELCA. There will also be an offering to purchase materials for use at LFS Day Support Centers.

Looking Ahead - Christmas Shoeboxes: We are once again working with our ecumenical partner, Blacksburg Episcopal, to prepare Christmas shoeboxes for the Head Start Children at Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in SD. Lutheran churches in our area, Christ the King, Richmond and St. John, Lexington, SC also work with us to make boxes. The children are always excited to receive the shoeboxes which will be the only Christmas gifts for many of them. We will be collecting them until mid-November when we will prepare the boxes for shipping. Shoeboxes and info sheets will be available in the narthex.

Remember the Food Bank: In October please bring fixings for a Thanksgiving meal—canned vegetables, canned turkey gravy or packets, packaged potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie filling, or dessert mixes etc., although any other non-perishable foods are always very much needed.

Remember the Women's Resource Center: toilet tissue

Thank you for all the ways you help our neighbors.

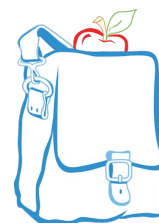
TO OUR HOUSE

Again this winter, the homeless in our area will be sheltered in various churches. St. Michael's turn to provide food will be from November 10 through November 16. During that week, the men will be sheltered at Luther Memorial Church. Please mark your calendar and plan to help with this important ministry. For more information or to volunteer, contact Lynda Kinzey at LBSKinzey@gmail.com or 540-808-9976.



Micah's Backpack

The school year is off and running. We start setting up for packing on Thursday nights at 5:30 p.m. and packing begins at 6 p.m. Come join us as we make a difference in the community.



Feel free to donate **100% juice boxes to MBP during the month of October.**



The Church's anniversary and open house was a wonderful opportunity to show case our 2018 garden's food initiatives. We have donated over 1,000 pounds of produce so far this season! We had a VA Tech volunteer assist with harvesting peppers (over 60 pounds) and bring in the sweet potatoes (over 50 pounds)! We also had a young volunteer assist his mom sow seeds for the fall crop of turnips and kohlrabi (a cabbage type veggie). The extreme rain damaged our broccoli but the cabbage seemed to love it and we harvested 30 pounds of cabbage this weekend. The sunflowers are in full bloom and if anyone would like to have a sunflower bouquet, feel free to go cut some for yourself and some to share!

Micah's Soup for Seniors

We have successfully finished our sixth year of the program. It has been an exciting and joyful journey.

The next **packing date is Tuesday, October 23** at 5 p.m. with distribution beginning around 6 p.m. This month, we will **collect tuna.**



Thank you to all those who shopped for fall clothing for students at Price's Fork Elementary. The clothing will be delivered in early October. Anytime you find end of season clothing on sale feel free to purchase it for future use. You may submit the receipts for reimbursement. Belk will sponsor another Charity Day November 3. This will be a good time to do holiday shopping. Information will be available in mid-October.

Sharing Your Gifts Makes Ministry Happen



The *Engagement Team* is conducting a survey and needs your participation. The survey will help identify and increase St. Michael's connection to community-wide organizations, help individuals connect with new ministry opportunities, help develop new ministry groups and help individuals foster personal growth. The survey will only take about 10 minutes to complete. The Team would like to have them returned by October 7th.

Some Music "notes"



Calling all singers! Come join the St. Michael Choir!! All singing abilities of youth and adults are welcome! Patrice Yearwood would be happy to discuss ways you can plug into the music scene at St. Michael. Her email is payearwood1@gmail.com

Confirmation Class on October 11

The next meeting of the confirmation class is Thursday, October 11th, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael. Students will need a Bible, a notebook and the Small Catechism they were given in September. If you were unable to attend, you will receive the Small Catechism in October.

New River Valley High School Youth Gathering

Local youth who attended the National Youth Group this year created a significant bond and want to continue to get together. They have suggested that we create a New River Valley Youth group (grades 9 - 12) that would rotate among churches and meet quarterly. They set the first date for **November 4th, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran, Pulaski.**

Lost and Found Youth Event November 16-18, 2018

Lost and Found is an annual weekend retreat for youth in 7th and 8th grades who attend with adult advisors. **Large Group** gatherings consist of singing, energy, comedy, worship and a presentation on the event theme. **Small Groups** include about 8 youths along with a couple adult leaders who gather for the purpose of getting to know other Lutheran youth from Virginia to discuss life, faith and other topics that arise throughout the weekend. On Saturday afternoon, there is large chunk of **Free Time** that includes an annual **Talent Show**. In the evenings, participants will relax in their **Cottages** and talk with other youth

and adults from their congregation and other congregations about how the weekend is going. See Pastor Paul or Fran Shepherd for a registration form.

The 50th Anniversary Celebration

Thank you to everyone who helped make the St. Michael 50th Anniversary Celebration a success. It all started in the spring with Pastor John sharing his initial thoughts and ideas. The celebration committee of Fran Shepherd, Carol Crawford, John Kell, Emma Patterson, Bryan Katz, and Sandy Birch, with input from many others, took it from there. First, the church was straightened and polished for Open House. **Thank you** to Marty Gordon, custodian, for your extra efforts....to Kay Edge, Jay Nagle, Bob Brown, and Ron Brewer for getting the Circle of Grace ready for visitors....to John Kell, Sarah Ryan, Jody Smiley, Dianne Krallman, Mary Nickle and others for organizing the Micah's Initiative places....to Jack Graves, Jessie Brown and Alec Alderman who cleaned and staffed the Teen Room...to Jan Helge Bohn and some of his Scouts for their demonstrations in the fellowship hall...to Wilma Pieper for hosting guests in the sanctuary and the Altman Family Singers, Doug Smiley, Emma Patterson, and Jeff Birch for their beautiful music during the Open House in the sanctuary. Pictured is Patrice Altman Yearwood and her brothers and sister. **Thank you** to Anna Rossomando who organized the art show in the classroom hallway....to Judy Clemens and Kristie Snyder who prepared the Mother's



Morning Out and Head Start classrooms for visitors. ...to Carol Crawford for organizing 50 years of pictures, records and memories stored in multiple boxes.....to many of you who baked dozens and dozens of wonderful cookies for the day and helped in other ways. And that was just for Open House Sunday!

On September 16, we celebrated the life of St. Michael with the Word and Sacraments, shared with us by four amazing pastors: Linda Mitchell Motley, Paul Henrickson, Bishop Robert Humphrey, and John Wertz. Our worship service was followed by a delicious potluck lunch, special anniversary cakes prepared by Sandy Williams, and an excellent slide presentation of our history created by Bryan Katz. The fellowship hall sparkled with the gold and silver decorations designed by Emma Patterson.





A number of our charter members were recognized during the luncheon. Pictured left to right are Carol Crawford, Billy Brown, Marguerite Olinger, Jim Clemens, Dianne Krallman, Peggy Price, Angie Gunther, David Surface and Fran Shepherd, council president and luncheon mistress of ceremonies. Fran noted that 50 years ago, her father, Ross Brown,

was president of the New St. Peter Council and the joint council at the time of the vote. What a joyful day!

And then on Sunday, September 23, the celebration continued with worship, bulb planting around the churchyard, a hot dog picnic, and blue grass music provided by the Clergy Mountain Band. Pastors Paul Henrickson, David Delaney, and Jim Mauney, rocked the fellowship hall. Thank you to Hank and Alice Schneider and their crew for preparing and serving our lunch. The celebration continued on through September 30, noting that September 29 is St. Michael Day in the church calendar.

Thank you to Pastor Paul Henrickson who jumped right onto our plans and programs for the celebration. He prepared three excellent St. Michael Lutheran Church history lessons for us on three consecutive Sundays, in addition to meaningful and moving sermons on Faith, Hope, and Love during our time of celebration. Pastor Paul also created small plaques for our charter members, sharing his woodworking skills with the St. Michael family.



Thank you to everyone who baked, cooked, cleaned, organized, sang, greeted, pulled weeds (Dickie Shepherd, Ron Brewer and John Kell), created and donated a wonderful banner for the sanctuary, prepared communion - 5 times! (Jeanette and Michelle Pasier, Lynn Hickok and Barb Corbett), took

pictures and videos (Jackie Muir, Ben Crawford, and Dean Trimble) and simply shared their love for St. Michael Lutheran Church with their church family and the community. It was a wonderful party!

Sincerely, the 50th Anniversary Committee

Back to Two Services - Beginning September 30, we will return to our two-service format, 9 and 11. During the time between services, Pastor Paul will be leading a class on

Fugitive Visions: The Continuing Story of Heresy. Join us to pick out your favorite false teaching! Coffee and something sweet will be served.

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30 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 10:00 AM Choir Practice 11:00 AM Worship	1 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 7:00 PM Boy Scout Merit Badge Meeting	2 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 11:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Quilting Party in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting in the Sanctuary	3 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 3:00 PM Music Lesson 5:30 PM Families of Faith 7:00 PM Choir Practice	4 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 6:00 PM Packing for Micah's Backpack 7:15 PM Boy Scouts	5 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out	6
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Food Bank - Thanksgiving items; Women's RC - Toilet tissue; Micah's Backpack - Juice boxes; Soup for Seniors - Tuna