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One Simple Word: *revoco*

The work of the Reformation *only began* 500 years ago. The decade following the posting of the 95 Theses were filled with both political and theological drama. In the summer of 1518, legal proceedings in church courts began against Luther for his criticism of indulgences.

A Dominican cardinal and papal legate named Cajetan was sent to meet with Luther on October 12, 1518. His singular task was to have Luther to say one word - *revoco* - "I recant."

Luther refused to recant his positions and instead pressed Cajetan for clarity on where he was in error. Over the course of the three meetings on consecutive days from October 12-14, the theologically astute cardinal was unable to resist debate with Luther.

The central point of contention was the authority of the papacy to issue indulgences. Luther claimed the pope had no authority to institute a dogma teaching justification through any means other than Christ. When Cajetan pressed him on the point, Luther responded that popes, councils, and theologians can all err, Christ alone justifies. With each passing day of the hearing, the situation grew increasingly tenser and ultimately resulted in Cajetan sending Luther on his way with the demand to recant or face the consequences.

The Papal letter threatening Luther with excommunication was published two years later on June 15, 1520, calling Luther a "wild boar from the forest." Upon receiving the letter, Luther did not offer a defense. Instead, on the sixtieth day after its receipt, by which time he was to stand trial or be excommunicated, Luther ceremonially burned it, essentially rejecting the authority of the pope.

Rev. Paul

Notes from: <https://reformation500.csl.edu/timeline/luther-meets-with-cajetan-at-augsburg/>

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 Wanda Pascoe, Betty Wingate, Margaret Larsen, Mildred Wall and Lynda Kinzey for folding the October newsletter; to Fran Shepherd, Jody Smiley and Kris Wertz for organizing Micah's Closet and to all the volunteers who helped shop; and to our musicians and choir for sharing their musical gifts.

Because of your gifts

Your generous gifts in October provided funds for office supplies, stamps, pest control services, Faithchest and baptism supplies, the Families of Faith Dinner, Music and Discussion event, bulletin and newsletter paper, annual fire extinguisher inspection, our benevolence to the Virginia Synod and mission partner, donations to MCEAP, Lutheran Campus Ministry, support of our facilities, and salaries for our ministerial staff.



Thank you to everyone who shared an **Estimate of Giving for 2019**. With your help, St. Michael will continue to be God's heart and hands and voices in our community and in the world. Estimates can still be submitted. Additional forms are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

The **Justice and Mercy Fund** continues to assist our neighbors in the community and the world. In October, we assisted **22 families**: 16 with electric bills, 4 with rent, and 2 with medication assistance. 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.

Wish List

New front doors! Some of you may have noticed that our front doors which serve as a gateway for worshipers and are a visual greeting to passersby are looking rather worn. Donations for this project will be gratefully accepted so that we can install the new doors before colder weather arrives!

Micah's Backpack Sharing the Story



www.micahsbackpack.org

The beginning of the 2018-2019 school year is off to a great start. Many of our regular volunteers have returned and we have met many new faces as well. One new face is our new director, Sarah Ryan. Sarah took over the role of director in September when Susan left and is delighted to help carry Micah's Backpack forward.

In September, we raised money for Micah's Backpack through many events. One was hosting a water station for the Hokie Half Marathon. Congratulations and thank you to all the runners! Another was through the Can-Do raffle at the Blacksburg Brew Do event. All money raised goes right to feeding children in our community – we want to thank both RunAbout Sports and The Blacksburg Partnership for supporting Micah's Backpack! With generous donations from our community, we are able to continue to serve over 300 students each week.

Keep up with us through social media to see pictures of events, spotlight volunteers, and important changes in packing. [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)

In **November**, we would love it if you would support Micah's Backpack through a donation of **granola bars**. Thank you!



Micah's Soup for Seniors

The packing date for November is **November 27th**. We continue to support over 100 seniors at Warm Hearth with monthly donations of food and Panera.

If anyone can help out with the Panera- picking up the leftovers on Monday night, please let me know. Hopefully, we can get several volunteers so we can alternate months.

Thanks to all the faithful group of volunteers who continue to support us month after month.

We have a group of VT students working on a project for their Project Management course. They are working on different ways to support Micah's Soup for seniors during their course. They have held a neighborhood food drive and put together treat bags for the October packing. They have helped establish some spreadsheets for our ordering from Kroger. They are planning a percentage night at Moe's- so stay tuned for upcoming information on that.

For **November**, we will be collecting small jars of **Peanut Butter**.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner - Thursday, November 22



Our annual community dinner will be held at 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, November 22. Sign up on the *Welcome to St. Michael* form during the first Sundays in November if you can donate a pie, sweet potato casserole, jello salad or funds for the turkey fixings. Kroger will generously provide ten cooked turkeys at cost for the dinner.

We will also need helpers in the kitchen, servers and drivers. Let's all make a special effort to invite those in the community who may not have family in the area. Invitations will be available on the table in the back of the church for distribution and posting.....spread the word!

To Our House – November 10-16

St. Michael will participate in the **To Our House** ministry from **November 10th through November 16th**. This is an important ministry that helps feed the homeless in this area while they are sheltered at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church. We need volunteers to provide food, to serve meals and to chaperone overnight. To volunteer, please contact Lynda Kinzey at lbskinzey@gmail.com or 540-808-9976 or sign up on the *Welcome to St. Michael* form in the Sunday bulletin.



Call Committee

The Call Committee members are as follows: Jack Graves, Bryan Katz (Chair), John Krallman (Assistant to the Chair), Sandy Birch, Carol Crawford and Cindy Dowdy.

The Call Committee would appreciate everyone completing the “Congregational Input for Pastoral Search” form. It helps them know what traits and characteristics you would like to see in our next pastor. Return the completed forms to the box in the back of the sanctuary.

Salvation Army Christmas Angels

Thirty “angels” are looking forward to their Christmas gifts provided by members of St. Michael. Those who wish to adopt an angel can pick up their angel card which lists the age, gender and wish list of the child, and return the new and unwrapped gifts to church. Thank you for sharing with children in need in the New River Valley.



Party with a Purpose on Sunday, November 18 at 9:50 A.M.

We will have our **Party with a Purpose at 9:50 a.m.** between the morning services where we will prepare the boxes for shipping. **All ages** are invited to come help us **check, decorate, label and count** the boxes. **Lots of people to help gets this done quickly!** Empty boxes with info sheets are available in the narthex. There is a display in the fellowship hall showing groups of children as they received their shoeboxes from a past Christmas.



folder.

Each Thursday, St. Michael publishes an **E-Newsletter** with the latest information on our ministry. If you have not signed up for the E-Newsletter, you can do so at: <http://eepurl.com/OnGc9>

If you are not receiving the newsletter, please check your "Spam"

St. Michael's Office will be closed on Tuesday, November 6 so that we can serve as a polling place for the election.



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November Servants

	November 4	November 11	November 18	November 25
Altar Care	Smiley Family			
9 AM Service				
Greeters	Wilma Pieper Judith Wolfe	Elaine Powers Lylah Shelor	Ben and Carol Crawford	Neil and Jackie Muir
Lay Reader	Keith Gay	Peggy Morgan	Butch Akers	Matthew James
Comm. Asst.	Lylah Shelor	Butch Akers	Sandy Williams	Jacob Dennis
11 AM Service				
Acolyte	Emily Graves		Emily Graves	
Comm. Asst.	Jeff Birch		Lori Anne Kirk	
Greeters	Cindy Lang Ray Howell	James and Wanda Pascoe	Gary and Rebecca Steck	Josiah and Litha Tlou
Lay Reader	Jody Smiley	Anna Rossomando	Margaret Christle	Doug Smiley
Ushers	Ray Howell Ben Simmers	James and Wanda Pascoe	Gary and Rebecca Steck	Josiah and Litha Tlou
Youth Servant	Emily Katz		Jack Graves	

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

Mowing Schedule: 11/3-Danile Ferrell (back); 11/10-James/Dennis (front); 11/17-Jay Nagle (back); 11/24 Dickie Shepherd (front)

Rear Lot: 11/5-Doug Smiley; 11/12-Dave Surface; 11/19-Charlie Saks; 11/26 Mike Berg



Women of the ELCA

Lunch and Learn: All women are invited to come, bring a friend Monday November 19th at noon, at the church. We begin with lunch and fellowship time, followed by Bible Study led by Jody Smiley. It will be about an hour, in time to go back to work or to your next activity. A sign-up sheet will be in bulletin inserts.

Women from six ELCA churches in the NRV met at St. Michael Sunday October 7th for the annual Fall Gathering. Leah Shank, Acting Director of Development for Lutheran Family Services, told us about their Day Support Centers. Our projects for the afternoon included making 56 sensory items out of fabrics, plastic soda bottles, covered plastic boxes, rice, coffee beans, etc. and we made slime! There were other items donated, such as modeling clay, fidgets and stress balls. We all enjoyed work and fellowship together. Pastor Wanda Childs led us in a Bible reading and discussion of the word Provoke. Using it in a positive manner, “Stirring the Pot” to accomplish good things. Those who attended brought Seventy-seven Christmas shoeboxes and a box of hand knitted stocking hats.



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, who sent 58 from their Gathering and St. John, Lexington, SC also work with us to fill boxes. The children are always excited to receive the shoeboxes; it is the only Christmas gift for many of them.

Remember the Food Bank: In November please bring foods for Christmas dinner. Canned or packaged vegetables, gravy, boxed potatoes, cranberry sauce, roll mix, fruits, although any other non-perishable foods are always very much needed.

Remember the Women’s Resource Center: it’s sneeze time of year – please bring Kleenex!

Thank you for all the ways you help our neighbors.

Change your clocks: Sunday, November 4



Veterans Day

November 11th is not only Veterans Day, but also the day to remember St Martin of Tours, namesake for Martin Luther.

In honor of Veterans Day two years ago, the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), called upon the church to pray for members of the armed services, veterans, chaplains and their families. Bishop Eaton was responding to a request by the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly "to establish a Sunday of prayer and action closest to Veterans Day each year to unite this church in prayer and encourage practical assistance for military members, veterans, ELCA chaplains and families."

On Sunday, November 11th, please recognize and honor with prayer, appreciation and gratitude, all veterans but especially the members of St. Michael who are veterans, including those on active duty.

Air Force

Joe Garst

Keith Gay

Army/National Guard

Billy Brown

Ben Crawford

Ray Howell

Bert Kinzey

Neil Muir

Jeanette Pasier

Mark Pasier

Rebecca Steck



Coast Guard

Chris Maloney

Dave Surface

Marines

Tommy Howell

Navy

Jeff Birch

John Krallman

Mac McLeod

Currently serving:

Air Force

Matthew Paiser

Marines

Katie Garst

Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause.

--Abraham Lincoln

Almighty God, our Creator, provide your protection upon all those who have been and continue to be in the service of our country; guard them from all harm and danger of mind, body, and soul; sustain and comfort their families at home, especially in their hours of loneliness, anxiety, and sorrow; help those who struggle today for the basic necessities and who wrestle with demons yet tamed and expelled; give success to our defenders on land, sea, and air; and grant to us and all nations an enduring and lasting peace. Amen.

-- ELCA Congregational Resources: <http://elcachaps.com/>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 10:00 AM Choir Practice 11:00 AM Worship - Communion 12:15 PM Worship Committee Meeting - Advent and Christmas</p>	<p>29 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out</p>	<p>30 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 11:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>31 3:00 PM Music Lesson</p>	<p>1 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 6:00 PM Packing for Micah's Backpack 7:15 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>2 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 11:00 AM Worship - Communion 2:00 PM New River Valley Youth Group at Trinity Lutheran in Pulaski</p>	<p>5 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out</p>	<p>6 Election Day - Office Closed 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out</p>	<p>7 3:00 PM Music Lesson 5:30 PM Families of Faith 7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>8 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 6:00 PM Packing for Micah's Backpack 7:15 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>9 Quilting Retreat 6:30 PM Confirmation Retreat at Our Saviour</p>	<p>10 Quilting Retreat To Our House - Meals</p>
<p>11 To Our House - Meals 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 9:50 AM Choir Practice 11:00 AM Worship 12:15 PM Congregational Council</p>	<p>12 To Our House - Meals 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out</p>	<p>13 To Our House - Meals 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 11:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Quilting Party in the Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>14 To Our House - Meals 3:00 PM Music Lesson 7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>15 To Our House - Meals 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 6:00 PM Packing for Micah's Backpack 7:15 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>16 To Our House - Meals</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 9:50 AM Party with a Purpose 11:00 AM Worship - Communion 12:00 PM Choir Luncheon and Rehearsal</p>	<p>19 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn</p>	<p>20 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Price Family Historical Society</p>	<p>21 3:00 PM Music Lesson</p>	<p>22 1:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Dinner</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 11:00 AM Worship - Communion</p>	<p>26 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out</p>	<p>27 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 11:00 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Micah's Soup for Seniors</p>	<p>28 3:00 PM Music Lesson</p>	<p>29 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 6:00 PM Packing for Micah's Backpack 7:15 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p>

Updated Calendar Information is available online at: www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org

Food Bank – Christmas food items; Women's RC – Kleenex; Micah's Backpack – Granola Bars; Soup for Seniors – PN Butter

Community Thanksgiving Dinner



Thursday, November 22, 2018
1 PM

The Meal is Free!!!
Everyone is Welcome!!!

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(At the Price's Fork Road end of Merrimac Road
where residents at Warm Hearth typically go to vote)

All are Welcome to come and share in the food and fellowship of the *free* Community Thanksgiving Meal. If you need transportation or for more information, call the church at 951-8951.