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Winter weather sometimes requires a change in the worship schedule.
When that happens it will be announced through the following outlets:

Post on Facebook

Email to Congregation

Voicemail message on church phone

Change the church on-line calendar

Post it on local TV networks: Channel 7 WDBJ and Channel 10 WSLS

Remember, church expenses are still incurred and your weekly offerings are appreciated
when a Sunday is missed.

Sharing Our Gifts: Time, Talents and Treasure

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what He has first given us--ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of His gracious love.

Thank you to some “quiet” servants

To Lynda Kinzey, Margaret Larsen, Wanda Pascoe, Betty Falta and Mildred Wall for folding the January newsletter; to John Krallman for his work throughout the year as our Financial Officer and to Anna Rossomando for writing thank you notes to community members for Micah’s Caring Initiative gifts.



Because of your gifts

Your generous gifts in January supported snow removal, stamps, heat pump maintenance, our property insurance, Micah’s Bus Insurance, pest control yearly contract, newsletter postage and permit, our benevolence to the Virginia Synod, donations to MCEAP, Lutheran Campus Ministry, our facilities, and salaries for our ministerial staff.

The **Justice and Mercy Fund** continues to assist our neighbors in the community and the world. In January, we helped 11 families: 1 with gas, 1 with medication, 4 with rent assistance and 5 with electric bill expenses.

Families of Faith



We are putting a pause on our Wednesday night dinners until we discuss our vision for the New Year. We will meet February 10th at 10 a.m. All parents welcome to discuss future programs, children’s church, Wednesday dinners and Sunday School.

Altar Care



Volunteers are invited to serve as altar care assistants for 2019. No experience necessary – training is available. Assistants prepare the communion elements (usually twice a month) and change the altar cloths as necessary. Pictured are Becky and Gary Steck who served as our altar care assistants in January 2018. Thank you Gary and Becky. The sign-up sheet is posted on the hallway bulletin



board. Questions can be directed to Sandy Birch (birch@vt.edu).

Thank you to everyone who shares their time in preparing our altar for communion services. You are a blessing.

Altar Flowers

The 2019 Altar Flowers chart has plenty of opportunities for you to sponsor the flowers (including some upcoming weeks) in honor or in memory of someone or in celebration of something. Please sign up on the Altar Flowers chart in the hallway.

Annual Meeting and Brunch, March 3 at 10:00 A.M.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, March 3 at 10:00 a.m. (in case of inclement weather the meeting will be March 10) and will begin with a potluck breakfast. The 2018 Annual Report will be presented and the Forwarding Faith Campaign will be introduced. Annual reports are due to Doug Smiley by February 3. This is the one meeting where any other topics can be addressed.



Micah's Backpack January Report



Micah's Backpack wants to send a huge thanks to donors for all of the food and monetary donations we received this month. There are many generous and giving folks out there and we appreciate each and every one of you. Packing for spring semester (although it isn't feeling much like spring quite yet!) is in full swing and we look forward to welcoming back our college student volunteers. The Retreat in Blacksburg held a Facebook/Instagram contest and made a huge donation to MBP this month – thanks to everyone who stays connected with us on social media! We try to post pictures, updates, and any changes to the schedule on our Facebook and/or Instagram.

This month we are serving 353 children. We would appreciate any donations this month to continue to meet this need – for February we are looking for **cans of vegetables!**

On February 21, we are partnering with Sharkey's in Blacksburg for their Thoughtful Thursday. Please visit Sharkey's on this day for a percentage of your meal cost to come to MBP. They have delicious burgers, wings and more - perfect for lunch or dinner after packing!

Micah's Soup for Seniors

The packing date for February is **Feb 26th**. We continue to support over 100 seniors at Warm Hearth with monthly donations of food and Panera. Thanks to everyone who made 2018 a very successful year. We want to thank all our church volunteers, Chi Delta Alpha Service Sorority and the many other volunteers from the community.



We should have a group of VT students working on a project for their Social Injustice Course with us this semester. Hopefully they will be working on some great projects to help us out this year. It will be exciting to have their support.

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

Souper Bowl Sunday, February 3

The Annual Souper Bowl of Caring will take place on Sunday, February 3. St. Michael will join thousands of churches across the country by raising money to help fight hunger. Everyone is asked to bring \$1 to place in the Soup Pot and food for Micah's Backpack and Soup for Seniors. Suggested items are canned vegetables, fruit cups, Easy Mac, tomato soup, vegetable soup, chicken noodle soup and ravioli. The money and canned goods will help relieve hunger in our community. Thank You!



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February Servants

	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
Altar Care	Pasier Family			
9 AM Service				
Greeters	Wilma Pieper Dave Surface	Sandy Williams Butch Akers	Dianne Krallman Lylah Shelor	Ben and Carol Crawford
Lay Reader	Judith Wolfe	Peggy Morgan	Jacob Dennis	Kris Wertz
Comm. Asst.	Lylah Shelor	Dianne Krallman	Matthew James	Lori Anne Kirk
11 AM Service				
Acolyte	Jack Graves		Emily Graves	
Comm. Asst.	Mickey McGuigan		Doug Smiley	
Greeters	Cindy Lang Ray Howell	Ferrell Family	Randy and Sharon Robinson	Josiah and Litha Tlou
Lay Reader	Anna Rossomando	Margaret Christle	Jody Smiley	Jeff Birch
Ushers	Ray Howell Ben Simmers	Daniel Ferrell John Kell	Randy Robinson Dickie Shepherd	Josiah and Litha Tlou
Youth Servant	Emily Katz		Bryce Dowdy	

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

Women of the ELCA

Lunch and Learn - All women are invited to come, bring a friend, Monday February 18th at noon, at the church. We will begin with lunch and fellowship time, followed by Bible Study led by Jody Smiley. It's generally 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.



Ladies Night Out in January was a great success despite snow several days earlier! Fifteen ladies were joined by Doug Smiley, our surprise chaperone for the evening! We enjoyed fellowship along with dinner, as well as take out pie for dessert later! If you couldn't make it last week, we plan to have dinner out again in the summer.

Remember the Food Bank: February please bring **breakfast cereals**, regular or instant oatmeal, or breakfast bars, although any non-perishable foods are always welcome.

Remember the Women's Resource Center: Cleaning supplies for this month.

Thank you for all the ways you help our neighbors.

O.K.'s (Older Kids)



Planning ahead. The next Happy-Go-Luncheon will be **Tuesday, March 12** at noon. We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with fine food, fellowship and music. Mark your calendars.

Youth News

7th Day is our annual overnight event for youth in 5th and 6th grades and their adult advisors. During the weekend, participants are part of a "**Shepherd Group**" with other youth and adult leaders and explore a story of the Bible through drama, games, crafts, and music. In the evening youth and adults will have time to relax in their **Cottages** with their congregation and other congregations from Virginia and discuss how 7th Day is going.

7th Day is **March 2-3, 2019, from noon Saturday to 1:30 on Sunday at Eagle Eyrie.**

Anyone interested can talk to Elizabeth Graves.

Thank You Notes

Dear Mission Partner,

Thank you so much for your support of Bedford Lutheran Church with your donations totaling \$600 for July through December 2018. Pastor Floyd Addison has served as Interim Pastor since October 2017 but is stepping down at the end of this month due to a serious fall he suffered in October. Pastor Hank Boschen retired as Supply Pastor on October 7th. We are happy to report we will have a new part-time pastor beginning in March. Again, we appreciate your Mission Partner support and continued prayers for our church. We are keeping you in our prayers as well as you go through the processing of calling a pastor to replace Pastor John Wertz.

Yours in Christ, Robin Wood, Parish House Administrator/Treasurer

Thank yall for supporting us!

We appreciate your support of VT Campus Ministry at The Well. Thank you to St. Michael for your continuous prayers and support.

VT Lutheran Campus Ministry

Congratulations to... our New Congregational Council Officers

Council members for 2019 are Butch Akers, Jim Clemens, Elizabeth Graves, Matthew James, John Kell, Mickey McGuigan, Fran Shepherd, Doug Smiley and Becky Steck. The following officers were elected at the January meeting, President Fran Shepherd, Vice President/Secretary Doug Smiley and Financial Officer John Krallman. The Council has decided to table the vote on offering one service at 10:00 a.m. We realize that more time is needed for thought, discussion and prayer on this important decision. We thank all those who attended the meeting on Sunday, December 2, and humbly apologize for moving too quickly on this matter. Meetings are generally the second Sunday of the month at 12:15 and are open. Please talk to any Council member when you have questions or concerns.



Welcome to St. Michael

George and Rachel Hahn moved to Christiansburg from Durham, NC in early 2018 when George began his PhD studies in forestry at Virginia Tech. They



met 14 years ago at Camp Linn Haven, a Lutheran church camp in Linville, NC, and were married in May 2017. Rachel studied biology and music at UNC-Chapel Hill, has a Master of Science in Health Sciences from George Washington University, and currently works as a Physician Assistant in the Emergency Department at LewisGale Hospital Montgomery in Blacksburg. When not at work she enjoys running,



playing her cello in the Valley Chamber Orchestra, and volunteering with Special Olympics. George studied natural resource management at Western Carolina University, completed a Master of Forestry at NC State and plans to teach at the post-secondary level after graduation from VT. When George is not busy studying he enjoys fly-fishing, camping, and live music.

New Address

Richard Price has moved. He is now at Carrington Place Nursing Home and Rehab Center in Daleville. He would enjoy hearing from friends.

Carrington Place
Attn: Richard Price
290 Common's Parkway, #112W
Daleville, VA 24083



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6, 2019 and ends on Thursday, April 18.

MUSIC at St. Michael



The St. Michael Choir is growing and can use your voice! Come join us on Wednesdays and Sundays to sing hymns, learn anthems for worship and more. Email Patrice Yearwood, payearwood1@gmail.com for a schedule of rehearsals. The schedule is also on the monthly calendar but is updated periodically. We don't want to miss you!

The children are singing old favorites at the beginning of Sunday School to coincide with the story of the week. We begin at 9:50 a.m. with singing and moving and then have a story, craft and snack.

St. Michael is opening its doors once again to the Blacksburg Children's Chorale. The choristers will come on Saturday, February 9, 10:00-2:00 for Alice in Wonderland Camp and have fun learning choreography, blocking and music for the revue.

Come see the Alice Revue and bring the children on Saturday, April 6, (1:00 and 4:00 shows) at the Great Road on Main, Christiansburg. Admission \$10. This is the Children's Chorale Spring fundraiser and helps us fund music, uniforms, scholarships and more. We hope to see you there.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 9:50 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	28 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out	29 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 11:00 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Packing and Delivering for Soup for Seniors 7:00 PM Price Family Historical Society - Price Park Meeting	30 2:45 PM Music Lesson	31 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 6:00 PM Packing for Micah's Backpack 7:15 PM Scout Troop Meeting	1 6:30 PM Scout Troop Meeting	2 9:30 AM Scout Troop Meeting
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Updated Calendar Information is available online at: www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org

Food Bank - Cereal/Bars; Women's RC - Cleaning Supplies; Micah's Backpack - Canned Vegetables; Soup for Seniors - Peanut Butter