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March 6 - Ash Wednesday
Imposition of Ashes
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Worship

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Service at 6:45 p.m.

March 13 - Caiaphas:
The High Priest

March 20 - Pontius Pilate:
The Politician

March 27- Simon of Cyrene:
The Bystander

April 3 - Soldiers:
The Gamblers

April 10 - The Centurion:
The First Witness

April 14 Palm Sunday
The Crowd

April 18 Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Peter, The Rock

April 19 Good Friday, 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service
"The Darkness"

April 21 Easter
"Arise!"

7:00 a.m. Worship at The Circle of Grace

9:00 a.m. - Worship

11:00 a.m. - Worship

Serving the community through
faith, fellowship, worship,
learning and grace.

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, Mildred Wall and Betty Wingate for folding the February newsletter; to Wanda Pascoe and Betty Wingate for folding the weekly bulletins; to Lynda Kinzey for binding the annual reports; to Dickie Shepherd and Ray Howell for coming to the rescue when the workroom ceiling leaked; to Jim and Judy Clemens and Ben Simmers for their faithful weekly offering counting; to John Krallman for preparing our end-of-year financial statements; and to our musicians who share the gift of music at worship.

Because of your gifts

Your generous gifts in February supported our annual worker’s compensation insurance policy, online church management software, music for Lent and Easter, the purchase of newsletter and bulletin paper, Lenten devotional materials, heat pump repairs, our benevolence to the Virginia Synod, donations to MCEAP, Lutheran Campus Ministry, our mission partner (Bedford Lutheran Church), and salaries for our ministerial staff.

The **Justice and Mercy Fund** continues to assist our neighbors in the community and the world. In February, we assisted 8 families with funds towards 3 electric bills, 3 rent payments, 1 water bill and 1 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.

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, the Forwarding Faith Campaign will be introduced, and the Time and Talent Survey will be given out. This is the one meeting where any other topics can be addressed.



Micah's Backpack Ministry in Action



Neither snow, nor sleet, nor rain, nor any crazy weather stops Micah's Backpack from packing bags. Thank you to all of our volunteers who have showed up to pack these past few weeks even in the brisk cold, freezing rain, or with snow on the ground! Additionally, thank you to everyone (new and seasoned) who has signed up to deliver bags this winter. I know it can be tough when the Blacksburg wind is whipping through the air. *FYI: If the weather is ever too bad for us to pack, we will announce on Facebook so please make sure you have "liked" our page!

This month we are very grateful for the many Virginia Tech students who have chosen to serve with Micah's Backpack this semester. We have several groups that are volunteering in different ways yet they will ALL have a huge impact on MBP. Thank you for partnering with us – you are already impacting so many lives.

This month we are asking for donations of **juice boxes** – 100% juice! Feel free to bring juice boxes to share with MBP kids. You may place any donations in the box just outside the sanctuary marked "Micah's Backpack" – thank you in advance for your continued support!

Micah's Soup for Seniors

The packing date for March is **March 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 in the community.



We have a group of VT students working on a project for their Social Injustice Course with us this semester. They will be working on some great projects to help us out this year - food drives, packing special items to include in the bags and reviewing for grants that help with feeding programs. It will be exciting to have their support.

For **March**, we will be collecting **Saltine Crackers**.

Micah's Closet



If you would like to help Micah's Closet this spring, please talk to Fran Shepherd, Jody Smiley or Kris Wertz or email at hope@micahscloset.org.



Junior High Servant Event in Virginia Beach

The Junior High Servant Event will be July 21-26, Sunday evening through Friday morning. It is for youth who have completed 6, 7 or 8th grades. The event includes learning about homelessness, with a walk to the places a homeless person might walk in a day to find the needed resources, Bible Study and discussion, service projects, meeting other

Virginia youth, and fun activities such as a beach afternoon, games and singing. If you are interested, contact Elizabeth Graves.

Piano needs Home

We have a piano in the youth room that is no longer needed. If you or someone you know could use a piano please contact Suzanne at 951-8951.

Families of Faith

For information about Families of Faith activities contact Maggie Maloney at maggiesatch@gmail.com



Congratulations to ...

Rebecca Wicker who was ordained on February 9 at 2 p.m. in Walterboro, SC. She will become an Associate Pastor at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Charleston, SC. Pastor Rebecca's address is P.O. Box 21447 Charleston, SC 29413.

Make Sure You Receive St. Michael's Weekly Email Newsletter

Each Thursday, St. Michael publishes a weekly email newsletter. We have discovered that in some cases, Gmail is routing the newsletter to your "Spam" folder or to the "Promotions" or "Social" tab. If you have signed up and are not receiving the E-newsletter each Thursday morning, please check these folders. If you would like to sign up, please click the "@news" button on the bottom of St. Michael's webpage: www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org.

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**Daylight saving time 2019 in Virginia will begin at 2:00 AM on
Sunday, March 10**

March Servants

	March 3 Transfiguration	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Altar Care	Smiley Family				
9 AM Service					
Greeters	Nancy Goad Elaine Powers	Gary and Sandie Worley	Doug and Wendy Goldsmith	Neil and Jackie Muir	Clifton and Fay Walters
Lay Reader	Maggie Maloney	Mac McCloud	Keith Gay	Lori Anne Kirk	Dianne Krallman
Comm. Asst.	Dianne Krallman	Lylah Shelor	Nancy Goad	Jacob Dennis	Sandy Williams
11 AM Service					
Acolyte	Emily Graves		Jack Graves		
Comm. Asst.	Jody Smiley		Sandy Birch		
Greeters	Ray Howell Cindy Lang	Hank and Alice Schneider	Ferrell Family	James and Wanda Pascoe	JD and Andrea Robinson
Lay Reader	Doug Smiley	Margaret Christle	Jeff Birch	Fran Shepherd	Mickey McGuigan
Ushers	Ray Howell Dickie Shepherd	Hank and Alice Schneider	Daniel Ferrell John Kell	James and Wanda Pascoe	JD and Andrea Robinson
Youth Servant	Bryce Dowdy		Emily Katz		

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, friends welcome, Monday March 18th at noon, at the church. We will begin with lunch and fellowship time. Jody Smiley will follow with a short Bible Study. It lasts about an hour, in time to go back to work or on to your afternoon plans. A sign-up sheet will be in bulletin inserts.



Easter
Baskets

Easter Baskets: We will assemble Easter baskets – during Sunday School April 7th, for children and a few for moms at the Women’s Resource Center. We will be collecting candy treats (individually wrapped), small toys or crafts, which would fit in a basket, crayons, colored pencils, small or easily bendable coloring books, etc. We have baskets and grass for this year. If you would like to check out after Easter bargains for these and small toys for next year, that would be greatly appreciated. There will be a box available in the narthex.

Save the date: this year, instead of our annual May Sisters’ Luncheon, we have planned Brunch for Saturday morning April 13th at 10 a.m. The annual children’s egg hunt will follow. So, bring a friend, mother, sister, and those girls for the egg hunt, along with you for an enjoyable ladies brunch. No need to bring a potluck dish, food will be provided. Sign-up sheets will be in the bulletin inserts so we can plan for enough for all.

The Food Bank: For **March**, please bring **foods for Easter Dinner:** canned ham, vegetables, packaged potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, fruits, dessert mixes, etc., although any non-perishable foods are always appreciated by the food bank.

Women’s Resource Center: Paper towels this month.

Thank you for all the ways you help our neighbors.

O.Ks (Older Kids)

Our Happy-Go-Lucky Luncheon will be Tuesday, March 12 at noon. We will celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with some traditional Irish dishes – and a non-Irish hot fudge pie that our dessert chefs plan to prepare. There will be music, a fun program and fine fellowship. Wearing green is optional. ☺



Council Meeting

The March Council meeting will be on March 3 at 12:15 p.m. Council meetings are always open to anyone that would like to attend. You may have a voice at the meeting but not a vote. At times confidential items may need to be discussed and you would need to step out for that portion of the meeting. Council meetings are usually on the second Sunday at 12:15 p.m.

Our Saviour Lutheran Church has invited our congregation to join them for the annual **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** on Tuesday, **March 5 at 6 p.m.** Shrove Tuesday marks the final day before the season of Lent. Bring your family and friends to Our Saviour (1845 Cambria St. in Christiansburg) to indulge in pancakes and all the trimmings.



Lenten Service Schedule

Wednesday Night Lenten Supper and Service

Supper at 6 p.m. and Holden Evening Prayer at 6:45 p.m.

Each Wednesday night during Lent, beginning March 13, we will enjoy delicious specialties prepared by Kevin Long and his staff at the Cellar Restaurant. The suggested contribution for the catered meals will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for school-aged children. It is helpful if folks can sign up each week on

the "Welcome" form or by emailing Suzanne (suzanneg@stmlc.us) so we can make sure we have enough food, but "walk-ins" are always welcome. Plan to come and enjoy fine food and fellowship before worship. The entrée might be lasagna or pasta with meatballs or chicken parmesan or baked beef cannelloni or mushroom ravioli with brie sauce – always served with salad and garlic bread. A vegetarian entrée will be provided each Wednesday. Volunteers are invited to prepare a dessert for the suppers (and receive a complementary supper) and can sign up on the Welcome form each week or contact Suzanne.

March 13	Beef lasagna and vegetable lasagna, salad, garlic bread
March 20	Ziti with marinara sauce, meatballs, salad, garlic bread
March 27	Chicken parmesan, pasta, salad, garlic bread

Thank You Note

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of groceries and cleaning supplies. Our community is our biggest partner to providing free service to adult and child victims of sexual and domestic violence. Your participation in our mission helps us get closer to becoming a community free of sexual and domestic violence.

With sincere gratitude,

Pat Brown, Executive Director,

Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley



The Big Event is a day of volunteering coordinated by VT and they will be sending us 15 students to help around the church. The **Big Event** is on **April 6**. We will be weeding, raking leaves, spreading mulch and in general cleaning up the landscape around the church. We may also clean and wash windows inside the church. We will work from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If anyone is interested in helping, or loaning a wheelbarrow, get in touch with John Kell, jkell@radford.edu

Fond Farewell to...



Akinrotimi "Timi" Akinola, St. Michael's accompanist, who graduated from Virginia Tech last June with a Ph.D. in Biological Systems Engineering and has moved to Burlington and works in Durham, NC, where he has accepted an engineering position. Thank you for sharing your wonderful musical talents with us. We will miss you.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 9:50 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	25 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out	26 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 11:00 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Soup for Seniors Packing and Delivering	27	28 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 6:00 PM Packing for Micah's Backpack 6:00 PM Scout Pack Meeting 7:15 PM Scout Troop Meeting	1	2 7th Day Event Confirmation Class at Eagle Eyrie (5th & 6th graders only) 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 - Easter Dinner Foods; Women's RC - Paper Towels; Micah's Backpack - Juice boxes; Soup for Seniors - Saltines

Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday was February 10. Thank you to the Scouts and Leaders from Troop 158 who served as greeters at the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

