



# St. Michael Messenger

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## **Lenten and Holy Week Worship in April**

Wednesday Lenten Service: Dinner at 6:00; worship at 6:45

April 3 – Soldiers: *The Gamblers*

April 10 – The Centurion: *The First Witness*

### **Holy Week Worship**

**April 14 – Palm Sunday: *The Crowd***

**April 18– Maundy Thursday**

Service: 7:00 p.m.

*Peter, The Rock*

**April 19 – Good Friday**

Tenebrae Service: 7:00 p.m.

*The Darkness*

### **April 21 – Easter**

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

Service: 9:00 a.m. – Worship    Service: 11:00 a.m. - Worship

*Arise*

## **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 Joyce Coupey for her beautiful artwork for the annual report cover and the weekly bulletin covers; Doug Smiley for compiling our annual report; Lynda Kinzey for binding all of the annual reports; Sandy Birch, Lynda Kinzey, Margaret Larsen and Mildred Wall for folding the March newsletter; Butch Akers for organizing the monthly Sunday Servants; Dickie Shepherd for painting the new front doors and supervising their installation; Anna Rossomondo for writing many thank you notes on behalf of the congregation; Sandy Birch, Suzanne Gay, Lynda Kinzey, Dianne Krallman, Elaine Powers, Fran Shepherd, Alice Schneider and Jody Smiley for making and serving lunch March 3 for The Well - VT students at Luther Memorial; Sandy and Jeff Birch for ordering and picking up the food for the Lenten Meals throughout the season and all others who helped set up, clean up and provide dessert for the meals; Matthew James for filling in as our worship accompanist at both services for the month of March; Elaine Powers for writing and organizing the newsletter each and every month (Suzanne added Elaine's thank you!).

### **Because of your gifts**

Your generous gifts in March supported postage, office supplies, newsletter paper, piano tuning, worker's compensation insurance, lawn care equipment maintenance, Lenten Midweek Services, kitchen supplies for midweek meals, confirmation programs, 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 14 families with funds towards 10 electric bills, 3 with rent assistance and 1 water bill. Thank you for your generous gifts which make this expression of God's generous love possible. If you know someone who needs assistance, please refer them to Rev. Paul.

### **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](http://www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org).

## Micah's Backpack



First of all, thank you for the incredibly warm welcome at your church service this month. We were honored to spend the morning meeting so many St. Michael members and supporters of Micah's Backpack. Thank you to Rev. Paul for inviting us and being so good to us!

This **March** we served 349 children, which is the equivalent of over 2,000 meals. We are grateful for the Blacksburg Young Professionals for choosing to host a food drive at their monthly mixer. We also had a group from Georgia come and visit on their spring break – this was a huge blessing as we were missing many of our regular volunteers who were out of town. We love seeing young people choose to spend their time out of school doing good in the world! Please note that this month, Micah's Backpack will have a booth set up at the Fork & Cork festival on April 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be looking for sponsors again this year to donate to MBP and help us pack our BIG backpack! Lastly, MCPS will be on spring break from April 17-22, so we will NOT have packing on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Instead, we will pack on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to join us!

In **April**, we are asking for donations of **fruit cups in light syrup**. Feel free to drop off donations in the MBP crate outside of the sanctuary, or bring them with you one Thursday night and join us for packing!

## Micah's Soup for Seniors



The packing date for April is April 23rd. We continue to support over 100 seniors at Warm Hearth with monthly donations of food and Panera. Thanks to everyone who continues to make this project a success in so many ways. 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 April we will be collecting **Peanut Butter**.

**Micah's Closet** will once again participate in the Belk Charity Sale on May 4. We ask that each family buy one Belk Charity ticket for \$5.00. The entire amount will go to Micah's Closet to purchase clothing for students at Price's Fork Elementary. When you shop the Belk Charity sale, you will get \$5.00 off your purchase. If you decide not to



shop, then you have donated \$5.00 to Micah's Closet. Either way it is a win-win for the children. Please help with this fundraiser. Thank you.

### **Synod Youth Assembly**



The 2019 Virginia Synod Youth Assembly will be held at Roanoke College June 7-8. St. Michael may have two delegates and possibly a third. This is for youth in grades 7-12. The youth have their own program as well as attending some of the sessions for The Synod Assembly. If you are interested in attending contact Fran Shepherd.

### **Junior High Servant Event at 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 Has Home**

The piano in the youth room is used and will stay at St. Michael.

### **Nursery Worker Needed**

Beginning in June an adult nursery worker is needed for two or three Sundays a month. The hours are 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. The nursery worker will keep the nursery for the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services and during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday School hour. Please contact Suzanne Gay or Fran Shepherd if you are interested and pass this information on to anyone you know that may be interested.

### **Families of Faith: Dinner, Discussion and Music**

**Families of Faith** activities will start up May 1<sup>st</sup>. For information contact Maggie Maloney.



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***April Servants***

	<b>April 7</b>	<b>April 14 Palm Sunday</b>	<b>April 21 Easter</b>	<b>April 28</b>
<b>Altar Care</b>	Elaine Powers			
<b>9 AM Service</b>				
<b>Greeters</b>	Dave Surface Wilma Pieper	Mayer Family	Ben and Carol Crawford	Dianne Krallman Elaine Powers
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Dianne Krallman	Congregation	Gary Worley	Peggy Morgan
<b>Comm. Asst.</b>	Lori Anne Kirk	Carrie Mayer	Sandie Worley	Sandy Williams
<b>11 AM Service</b>				
<b>Acolyte</b>	Emily Graves	Jack Graves	Emily Graves	
<b>Comm. Asst.</b>	Mickey McGuigan	Doug Smiley	Jeff Birch	
<b>Greeters</b>	Ray Howell Cindy Lang	Josiah and Litha Tlou	Gary and Rebecca Steck	Randy and Sharon Robinson
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Anna Rossomando	Congregation	Jody Smiley	Marty Gordon
<b>Ushers</b>	Ray Howell Ben Simmers	Josiah and Litha Tlou	Gary and Rebecca Steck	Randy Robinson Dickie Shepherd
<b>Youth Servant</b>	Bryce Dowdy	Emily Katz	Bryce Dowdy	

**Easter Sunrise Service: 7:00 a.m.**  
**Greeters:** John and Dianne Krallman; **Reader:** Peggy Morgan;  
**Communion Asst.** Sandy Birch

## Women of the ELCA

**Lunch and Learn:** All women are invited to come and are welcome to bring a friend, at noon, Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at church. We will begin with lunch and fellowship time followed by a short Bible Study led by Jody Smiley. 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 between services on April 7<sup>th</sup> for children and 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 and small or easily bendable coloring books, etc. The donation box is in the church entryway.

If anyone would like to check after Easter closeouts and purchase baskets, grass or small toys for next year – that would be wonderful.

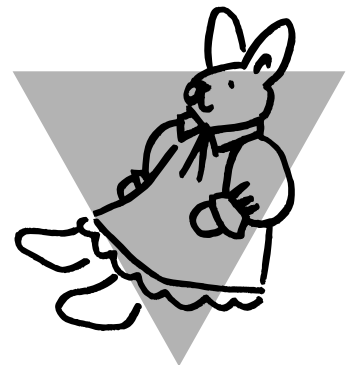
**Remember the Food Bank:** For April please bring **canned or packaged soups** although any non-perishable foods are always appreciated by the food bank.

**For the Women's Resource Center:** Paper towels are always needed.

**Thank you for all the ways you help our neighbors.**

## Sisters' Brunch

**Sisters' Brunch:** On Saturday morning, April 13, at 10 a.m., we'll enjoy a **Sisters' Bunny Brunch**. We found the program from our first Mother-Daughter event nearly 40 years ago held in the old fellowship hall so we'll enjoy some fun memory time. Bring your sister, mom, daughter, granddaughter or friend to share friendship and fellowship. **Brunch will be provided so you don't have to bring anything.** The children's Easter egg hunt will follow at 11 a.m. Sign up in the Sunday bulletin insert or contact Sandy or Alice to reserve your place in the rabbit hutch ☺.



## O.K.s (Older Kids)



Twenty eight Older Kids enjoyed a St. Patrick's Day celebration last month, consuming three crock pots of Irish stew, many loaves of homemade soda bread and delicious hot fudge pies (with ice cream). Thank you to our chefs, Alice Schneider, Lynn Hickok, Barbara Corbett and Sandy Birch. Jeff Birch shared his rendition of "You Raise Me Up", an Irish love song. Pictured is John Kell, who enlivened the festivities with his green attire – just wish the newsletter were in color!

## Spring Clean-up on Saturday, April 6

Bring your rakes and work gloves and come out on Saturday, April 6 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. If anyone is interested in helping, or loaning a wheelbarrow, get in touch with John Kell, [jkell@radford.edu](mailto:jkell@radford.edu)



## Deadline for the St. Michael Scholarship - April 21

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.

## Thank You Note

*Dear Friends,*

*Thank you for your gift of household and cleaning supplies. Our community is our biggest partner in providing free services 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*

*The Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley*

## Thrivent Action Teams



As was mentioned at our congregational meeting in March there is lots of potential funding for projects in our communities through Thrivent Action Teams. Thrivent members can apply for \$250 grants to be used for congregational as well as community projects.

Some of the projects we are applying for Action Team funding for are bags for our Micah's Closet and Soup for Seniors, food purchases to be used for meals for families taking part in literacy programs, new containers to store food for Micah's Backpack and Soup for Seniors and funds to purchase turkeys for the community Thanksgiving dinner. Do you know of a worthy project that could use \$250? Talk with Jody or Doug Smiley. They can answer questions you may have about the application process if you are a Thrivent member. If you are not a Thrivent member they can match your project with that of a Thrivent member. Help us make the most out of this wonderful source funding for worthy projects.

## Lenten Service Schedule

### Wednesday Night Lenten Supper and Service Supper at 6 p.m. and Holden Evening Prayer at 6:45 p.m.

We will continue to enjoy delicious specialties from 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](mailto:suzanneg@stmlc.us)) so we can make sure we have enough food, but "walk-ins" are always welcome. A vegetarian entrée (and gluten-free pasta) will be provided. Volunteers are invited to prepare a dessert for the suppers (and receive a complimentary supper) and can sign up on the Welcome form each week or contact Suzanne.

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| April 3  | Ham, beef, turkey or vegetarian sub sandwiches with all the fixings, pasta salad. |
| April 10 | Beef cannelloni, mushroom ravioli with Brie sauce, salad, garlic bread.           |



**Easter**



Look around the church grounds at all the flowers that are blooming or about to bloom that were planted during our 50th Anniversary Celebration.



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APRIL 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:15 PM First Communion Class	<b>1</b> 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out	<b>2</b> 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 11:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Quilting Party in the Fellowship Hall	<b>3</b> 2:45 PM Music Lesson 6:00 PM Lenten Meal and Holden Evening Prayer Service	<b>4</b> 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 6:00 PM Packing for Micah's Backpack Meeting 7:15 PM Scout Troop Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> The Big Event Workday at St. Michael
<b>7</b> 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 10:00 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Easter Basket Assembly 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship - Communion	<b>8</b> 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out	<b>9</b> 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 11:00 AM Bible Study	<b>10</b> 2:45 PM Music Lesson 6:00 PM Lenten Meal and Holden Evening Prayer Service	<b>11</b> 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 6:00 PM Packing for Micah's Backpack Meeting 7:15 PM Scout Troop Meeting	<b>12</b> 6:30 PM Confirmation Retreat at St. Michael	<b>13</b> 10:00 AM Sister's Brunch 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt
<b>14</b> Palm Sunday 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:15 PM Congregational Church Council Meeting	<b>15</b> 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn 6:00 PM Packing for Micah's Backpack	<b>16</b> 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Price Family Historical Society	<b>17</b> 2:45 PM Music Lesson	<b>18</b> 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service	<b>19</b> 7:00 PM Good Friday Service	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Easter St. Michael Scholarship Application Due Date 7:00 AM Worship at the Circle of Grace 8:00 AM Pot Luck Breakfast 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 10:00 AM Pot Luck Breakfast 11:00 AM Worship - Communion	<b>22</b> 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out	<b>23</b> 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 11:00 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Soup for Seniors Packing and Delivering	<b>24</b> 2:45 PM Music Lesson	<b>25</b> 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 6:00 PM Packing for Micah's Backpack Meeting 7:15 PM Scout Troop Meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Confirmation Servant Event 8:30 AM The Quilting Party Spring Retreat
<b>28</b> 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 1:15 PM Host Rebecca Emery - Baby Shower - Private Event	<b>29</b> 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out	<b>30</b> 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 11:00 AM Bible Study	<b>1</b> Families of Faith 2:45 PM Music Lesson	<b>2</b> 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 6:00 PM Packing for Micah's Backpack Meeting 7:15 PM Scout Troop Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

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Food Bank - Soup; Women's RC - Paper Towels; Micah's Backpack - Fruit Cups; Soup for Seniors - Peanut Butter