



St. Michael Messenger

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Greetings in the Name of the Risen Christ!

At St. Michael Lutheran Church we had a marvelous Easter Sunday Celebration!

It was cool and breezy at the 7 am service in the Circle of Grace. We burned the “Black Confession Cards” from our mid-week Lenten Services as we consider the amazing good news, that Jesus of Nazareth who was executed has risen to new life.

Then a wonderful potluck breakfast.

Worship at 9 and 11 with more than 20 kids come up for Children’s Sermon - I ran out of flowers to give out and was rescued by two “angels” who went out and bought more flowers to share! Another full house for breakfast between 10 and 11. Great choir music at 9 and a brass ensemble at 11 - what triumphant worship!

A truly great day! Nearly 300 people in attendance at 3 services!

How did all these folks learn about our worship? What brought them into our midst?

Research tells us that new people show up NOT because the pastor invited them; NOT because we had a sign out front; NOT because we put an ad in the paper; NOT because it was a convenient time or there was a place to park. **They came because a church member invited them.**

A personal invitation to “Come and see” is the reason folks show up. That’s the secret of evangelism: one hungry person telling another hungry person where to be fed.

We’ve got terrific news to share! Pass it on!

Pastor Paul
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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 Wanda Pascoe, Betty Falta, Lynda Kinzey, Judith Wolfe, Mildred Larsen and Mildred Wall who folded the April newsletter; to John Kell, Wilma Pieper, Fran and Dickie Shepherd and Kay Edge for working on the Circle of Grace on Big Event Day; to John for supervising the Big Event students; to Lynda Kinzey for taking the food donations to the food pantry; to all our Easter helpers including Suzanne Gay who prepared (and revised) many bulletins; to Pastor Paul; to Patrice Yearwood, Matthew James and our wonderful choir for providing beautiful music; to Wilma Pieper and Anita Shepard for quickly gathering more marigolds for Pastor Paul’s 11 a.m. children sermon (more than 25 flower pots were distributed); to Fran, Doug, Jody, Sandy, Jeff and others who worked behind the scenes to help make Holy Week and Easter so wonderful and special and to the Call Committee members who continue to work so hard on our behalf to find our next pastor.

Because of your gifts

Your generous gifts in April supported lawn care equipment maintenance and fuel, heat pump repair, bulletin paper, mulch for church gardens, clothing for Micah’s Closet, topsoil and potatoes for Micah’s Garden, landscaping mulch, copier maintenance, kitchen supplies, our benevolence to the Virginia Synod, donations to MCEAP, Lutheran Campus Ministry, our facilities and salaries for our ministry staff.

Core
Ministry
Fund



The **Justice and Mercy Fund** continues to assist our neighbors in the community and the world. **In April, we provided assistance for 25 families:** 18 with electric bills, 3 with water bills and 4 with rent 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 the need.



Welcome to St. Michael

On Easter Sunday, Jaimie Edwards joined the St. Michael family. After six years of active duty in the Army, stationed all over the Southeast, she is now pursuing a PhD at Virginia Tech in Public Administration and Policy. When she’s not studying, Jaimie enjoys creating greeting cards, reading, and running. Welcome to the family!

Let Adaline's light shine



Adaline Helen McDearis, daughter of Sarah and Eric McDearis and granddaughter of Sandie and Gary Worley, was welcomed into the body of Christ and into the mission we share as she was baptized on Easter Sunday.

Thank You Note

St. Michael Lutheran Church,

Thank you for being such a loving and welcoming family and for sharing in the baptism of Adaline Helen. Easter Sunday was a beautiful and important day for her and we are truly happy that you all were a part of it. This church and the beautiful box will always serve as a wonderful reminder of this day and God's love!

Love,

Sarah, Eric, and Adaline McDearis

Thank You Cellar Restaurant



Thanks to Kevin Long and his fine staff for preparing delicious lasagna, ziti with meatballs, chicken parmesan, spaghetti, mushroom ravioli, beef cannelloni, sub sandwiches, and salads for our Wednesday evening suppers during Lent. In addition, the Cellar made a very generous cash donation to Soup for Seniors. Please support this excellent restaurant which serves Italian, Greek and Mediterranean specialties. And if you see Kevin, give him a hug. 😊

Financial Audit

Each year an audit is conducted of the St. Michael accounts and Council is looking for someone that can audit the 2018 financial books. If you are familiar with the process and could complete this task, please contact Fran Shepherd.

Council Meeting

The next Council meeting will be on May 5 at 12:15 p.m. since the second Sunday is on Mother's Day. The meetings are open to the congregation.



April was a great month for Micah's Backpack. We participated in the Can Do! Raffle at Fork & Cork, received several large donations and participated again in Give Big NRV! We would like to give two extra special volunteer shout outs this month. One to the folks from Modea who brought a

crew to pack with us and gave us a donation to support two students for an entire school year of weekend food bags. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, MODEA! We would also like to give a shout out to Qualtrax for being a shelf sponsor for Fork & Cork AND donating over 2,000 food items. We are overjoyed that they chose our organization to sponsor and that they took the time to gather so much food for us. Sometimes "thank you" doesn't seem like enough. We are so grateful.

Looking ahead, our last pack night will be **May 30th**. Our first of the summer will be on **WEDNESDAY, June 19th**. We are still serving around 350 children. We would appreciate any donations this month to continue to meet this need – in **May**, we are looking for individual sized **cereal**.



Good-bye winter, hello spring! Micah's garden has started off with a wonderful Big Event day. Five students from an engineering sorority worked in the garden and cleaned it up nicely. They used their engineering skills to spread evenly the fresh load of topsoil delivered earlier. That was step one to getting

the growing season going. We now have 9 rows of seed potatoes in the ground. And 5 rows of snap peas. There are plans for a new garden tiller. Master Gardener's once again has supplied us with an abundance of seeds that will go in the ground in May. Bring on the April showers!



Thank you to everyone that assisted in preparing the clothing bags for Micah's Closet this spring. Bags were delivered on April 14 for 37 students. Another opportunity to support this program will be available as we participate in the Belk Charity Sale on May 4. Simply purchase a \$5.00 ticket and shop by May 4

and receive \$5.00 off your purchase. The \$5.00 goes directly to Micah's Closet if purchased from us--or purchase a ticket at the store and Micah's Closet will share in the amount of tickets sold in the store. Thank you for your continued support of the Price's Fork Elementary students.



The **packing date** for May is **May 28th**. We continue to support over 100 seniors at Warm Hearth with monthly donations of food and Panera. We want to thank all our church volunteers, Chi Delta Alpha Service Sorority and the many other volunteers in the community for their support each month. For the last 6 months, we have been using cloth bags for packing and have been successful in having these returned for use next month. Thanks to Doug and Jody for getting that set up and working!

We have a group of VT students working on a project for their Social Injustice Course with us this semester. They have helped with the senior program but have also helped out with Micah's Closet. It has been exciting to have their support.

For **May**, we will be collecting **Green Beans**.

Vacation Bible School

Come be a part of this epic African adventure that engages the whole herd. At Roar, we will explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers us through this wild life. Vacation Bible school will be begin on June 9th and end on June 13th.

There will be programs for preschoolers as well as kindergarten through 5th grade. We will start with a light dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the adventure will end each night at 8:15 p.m.. Please sign up on the "Welcome Sheet" if you plan to attend or would like to help. If you have any questions or would like more information contact Jody Smiley.



Virginia Synod Assembly

Faithful + Bold + Serving is the theme for the 2019 Virginia Synod Assembly to be held at Roanoke College on June 7 – 8. Bryan Katz and Fran Shepherd will be the voting members for St. Michael.

Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 18

Thanks for your service to our church members who are currently serving in the military: Katie Garst (Marines), Michelle Pasier (Air Force) and Matthew Pasier (Army).

Families of Faith: Dinner, Discussion and Music

Families of Faith will kick off again on Wednesday, May 1st at 5:30 p.m. Families with young children will gather for a pizza dinner and Bible story. Parents will then have an opportunity for discussion and fellowship, while childcare is provided. The evening wraps up around 6:45p.m. Please join us the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. We plan to continue right through the summer!

Email Maggie Maloney at maggiesatch@gmail.com with any questions.



Congratulations to our 2018-2019 graduates



On Sunday, May 26, we will recognize and honor our high school and college graduates at the Graduate Reception at 10 a.m. between services. Katy McGuigan graduated in December, 2018 from Virginia Commonwealth University. This May, our two college graduates are Elizabeth Berg (Virginia Tech) and Julia Kell (Radford University). Camden Brewer will graduate from Christiansburg High School and Carlie Simmers will graduate from Blacksburg High School. Congratulations!

Moms Morning Out

Judy Clemens gave notice of her retirement as director of Moms Morning Out (MMO) to Council on April 14. Judy began the MMO program at St. Michael in 2010. It runs from 8:45 – 11:45 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday serving children ages 18 months to 3 ½ years. We appreciate Judy's commitment and dedication to providing this social experience for children and outreach opportunity for the church. Congratulations and thank you to Judy.

Welcome to . . .



Daniel Taylor, St. Michael's new organist, who teaches music in the Grayson County School System and lives in Wytheville.

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May Servants

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Altar Care	Solberg Family			
9 AM Service		<small>BOLD WOMEN SUNDAY</small>		
Greeters	Nancy Goad Jane Swing	WELCA	Dianne Krallman Lylah Shelor	Eddie Boes Sandy Williams
Lay Reader	Keith Gay		Mac McCloud	Kris Wertz
Comm. Asst.	Dianne Krallman		Butch Akers	George Hahn
11 AM Service				
Acolyte	Jack Graves		Emily Graves	
Comm. Asst.	Jody Smiley		Mickey McGuigan	
Greeters	Cindy Lang Ray Howell	WELCA	Gary and Rebecca Steck	James and Wanda Pascoe
Lay Reader	Fran Shepherd		Anna Rossomando	Laura Gruss
Ushers	Ray Howell Ben Simmers		Gary and Rebecca Steck	James and Wanda Pascoe
Youth Servant	Emily Graves		Bryce Dowdy	

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

Mowing: 5/4-Jay Nagel (front); 5/11-Daniel Ferrell (back); 5/18-Dickie Shepherd (front); 5/25-Matthew James/Jacob Dennis (back)

Rear Lot: 5/6-Gary Steck; 5/13-George Hahn; 5/20-Doug Smiley; 5/27-Dave Surface

Women of the ELCA

Lunch and Learn: All women are invited and welcome to bring a friend, Monday, May 20 at noon in the fellowship hall. We will begin with lunch and fellowship 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: Thanks to the Sunday School children and adults who helped assemble 40 Easter baskets for kids and 8 for moms at the Women's Resource Center – and to all who donated candy treats, etc. to fill them. A big thank you also to Doug Smiley who delivered the baskets to the Resource Center. If anyone would like to check after Easter discounts to purchase baskets, grass, small toys or stuffed animals for next year – that would be great.

Bold Women Day: Sunday May 12: The women of the church will lead us in worship and conduct both services. All women are invited to gather and sing a special hymn, led by Patrice – no pre-practice needed!

Remember the Food Bank: For April please bring canned fruit in individual snack size packs or regular size cans, although the Food Bank always appreciates any non-perishable foods.

For the Women's Resource Center: Kleenex are always needed.

Thank you for all the ways you provide assistance to our neighbors.

Power in the Spirit

Power in the Spirit will be held July 11 to 13 at Roanoke College. Power in the Spirit gathers people of all ages for a time of fellowship, learning, serving and worshipping God together. Power in the Spirit is an event for all ages! Children are invited to attend with their parents or guardians, and children ages 3 to 10 have the choice to join in special activities just for them while their grownups attend keynote addresses and workshops. Children and their grownups will be together for housing, worship, and meals. You may choose to drive to Salem each day instead of staying. The event packet and registration are available at WWW.VASYNOD.ORG/POWER-IN-THE-SPIRIT/ Make plans to attend now.

St. Michael Wish List

The Wish List consists of items which would enhance and strengthen ministries of the congregation. Gifts may be given for these items in thanksgiving for God's goodness or in memory/honor of a loved one, friend or occasion. If you have an interest in contributing toward the following item or if you have an idea for something that could be added to the wish list, please contact Sandy Birch.

Paved walkway from the parking lot to the Circle of Grace \$2,000

The Circle of Grace was the site of our 7 a.m. Easter Sunrise service. It's a beautiful setting for worship, contemplation, and remembrance. St. Michael created the Circle of Grace to proclaim God's gracious love in Christ Jesus for all people, to provide a final resting place for the cremated remains of our beloved and to create a place of solace for those who grieve. Since the circle has no beginning or end, it serves as a wonderful reminder of God's eternal, unending love for us.

The Circle of Grace is located in the side yard of St. Michael in front of a historic cemetery and next to the memorial garden. Construction of the Circle began 2014 and it continues to be upgraded with pathways, benches, and landscaping. A pathway from the parking lot will make the Circle more accessible, especially for our friends and family members with disabilities.



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May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 1:15 PM Host Rebecca Emery - Baby Shower - Private Event	29 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out	30 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 11:00 AM Bible Study	1 2:45 PM Music Lesson 5:30 PM Families of Faith 7:00 PM Choir Practice	2 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	3	4
5 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 10:00 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship - Communion 12:15 PM Congregational Church Council Meeting	6 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out	7 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 11:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Quilting Party in the Fellowship Hall	8 2:45 PM Music Lesson 5:00 PM Doug Smiley - Private Event	9 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	10	11
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19 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 10:00 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship - Communion	20 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 12:00 PM WELCA Lunch and Learn	21 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Price Family Historical Society	22	23 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 5:30 PM Confirmation Class at St. Michael 6:00 PM Packing for Micah's Backpack 6:00 PM Scout Pack Meeting 7:15 PM Scout Troop Meeting	24	25
26 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 10:00 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Graduate's Reception 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	27 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out	28 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 11:00 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Micah's Soup for Seniors Packing and Delivering	29 3:00 PM Children's Chorale Auditions - Patrice Yearwood	30 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	31	1

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