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## **Power in the Spirit July 11-13, 2019**

Hosted at beautiful Roanoke College in Salem Virginia, **Power in the Spirit** is an inspirational conference for everyone who wishes to explore God's call to service through joyous worship, Bible study, keynote addresses, workshops, and fellowship. In addition, congregational leaders—teachers, organists and choir directors, choir members, committee or council members, family life consultant, pastors, and others—will find Power in the Spirit nurturing and challenging as they consider their mission and ministry.

The 2019 keynote speaker will be Dr. Dawn Rundman, developer of faith formation resources for Sparkhouse and Augsburg Fortress. The Bible Study leader will be the Rev. Dr. Rolf Jacobson of Luther Seminary, returning to Power in the Spirit as one of our most popular presenters. Music will be led by the terrific George Donovan, a longtime member of the Power in the Spirit team and a music ministry leader in the Virginia Synod!

Stay connected with the Power in the Spirit community at [www.facebook.com/powerinthespirit](http://www.facebook.com/powerinthespirit)

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## 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 all the bold women who served during our worship services on May 26 reading, singing, greeting, preaching; to Wanda Pascoe, Betty Falta Mildred Wall and Betty Wingate for folding the May newsletter; to members of our church congregational council for their caring and dedication and to the church Call Committee for selecting a primary candidate.

### Because of your gifts



Your generous gifts in May supported the purchase of office supplies, postage, building maintenance, plants for the Circle of Grace, registration fees for Youth Synod Events, devotional subscriptions, our benevolence to the Virginia Synod, donations to MCEAP, Lutheran Campus Ministry, our facilities, and salaries for our ministry staff.

The **Justice and Mercy Fund** continues to assist our neighbors in the community and the world. In May, we provided assistance for **21** families; 17 with electric bills and one with rent. 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.

### Micah's Backpack Sharing the Story

Micah's Backpack would like to say **THANK YOU** and **CONGRATULATIONS** to all of our student volunteers who graduated this month. We wish you all well as you take your next steps and know you will all do a lot of good in this world. A very special shout out goes to our longtime volunteer, Mary, who has been with us for four years. Mary has been an essential part of the MBP team and we are going to miss her presence on Thursday nights and at MBP events. Good luck in your future, Mary, and please come back to visit!

As always, we appreciate your continued support and generous donations. This month, we would love to receive donations of **Easy Mac**! These come in individual containers, in packs of four, and are a favorite with our MBP kiddos! Thank you in advance!





We are gearing up for the summer and are ready to roll out our big orange bus! Remember that our packing night will change to WEDNESDAY nights starting on **June 19<sup>th</sup>**. We will pack every Wednesday, with the exception of July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our last pack night of the summer will be on Wednesday,

July 31<sup>st</sup>. Stay tuned for more ways to support us this summer!

Micah's Garden has exploded with new life! We have potatoes in bloom already. The snap peas are about to bloom. We were blessed once again to receive bean seed from the Master Gardeners: we now have 6 rows of beans up and with a little extra watering during this hot, dry spell, they are developing nicely! (Thank you Mr. James Pascoe for always keeping our cistern full of water!) Thank you to John Kell for helping me to get all the rest of the plants in the ground last week. Some plants were from Crow's Nest and some were donated from New River Master Gardeners. We now have sweet potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, (yellow and winter), and a variety of peppers growing. The garden received grant money from Thrivent to purchase a used garden tiller and it has made management of the garden so much efficient. With the grace of God, we will have another season of 1,000 pounds or MORE of produce to donate to the food banks. We are blessed!



The packing date for June is June 25th. We continue to support 100 seniors at Warm Hearth with monthly donations of food and Panera.

For **June**, we will be collecting Chicken Noodle Soup.

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## *June Servants*

	<b>June 2</b>	<b>June 9</b>	<b>June 16</b>	<b>June 23</b>	<b>June 30</b>
<b>Altar Care</b>	Birch Family				
<b>9 AM Service</b>					
<b>Greeters</b>	Ben and Carol Crawford	Dave Surface Wilma Pieper	Elaine Powers Joe Garst	Jenny Kellinger Dianne Krallman	Gary and Sandie Worley
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Keith Gay	Peggy Morgan	Kris Wertz	Matthew James	Dianne Krallman
<b>Comm. Asst.</b>	Lylah Shelor	Nancy Goad	Joe Garst	Jacob Dennis	Butch Akers
<b>11 AM Service</b>					
<b>Acolyte</b>			Emily Graves		
<b>Comm. Asst.</b>	Sandy Birch	Laura Gruss	Doug Smiley		
<b>Greeters</b>	Ray Howell Cindy Lang	Hank and Alice Schneider	Josiah and Litha Tlou	Anna Rossomando John Kell	Randy and Sharon Robertson
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Jeff Birch	Margaret Christle	Jody Smiley	Hank Schneider	Fran Shepherd
<b>Ushers</b>	Ray Howell Ben Simmers	Hank and Alice Schneider	Josiah and Litha Tlou	Anna Rossomando John Kell	Randy Robertson Dickie Shepherd
<b>Youth Servant</b>	Emily Katz	Danny Gruss			

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

**Mowing:** 6/1-Jay Nagel (front); 6/8-Daniel Ferrell (back); 6/15-Dickie Shepherd (front); 6/22-Matthew James/Jacob Dennis (back); 6/29-Jay Nagle (front)  
Rear Lot: 6/3-Gary Steck; 6/10-George Hahn; 6/17-Doug Smiley; 6/24-Dave Surface

## Congratulations to Our graduates...



**Elizabeth Berg** graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in art history. Recently, using drones, photogrammetry, and her love of preservation, Elizabeth created 3D visualizations of former Corps of Cadets residences Monteith and Thomas Halls, two buildings which were demolished in the summer of 2017. Her project was published in the May 6 issue of the Virginia Tech Daily, “Class of 2019: A passion for preservation combines technology and university history.” Elizabeth hopes to continue her work in preservation in a museum or other organization.



**Camden Brewer** is graduating from both Southwest Virginia Governor’s School and Christiansburg High School. Balancing strong academics and fine arts during her high school experience, Camden played the oboe in symphonic band, the saxophone in the marching band and relaxed with contemporary, ballet, tap and musical theater at a local dance studio. Thank you to the St. Michael family for being a crucial part of her journey too as she grew in her faith by participating in worship, youth group, VBS, Winter Celebration, Kairos and serving as one of our nursery workers. She will be attending James Madison University where she will study biology.

**Julia Kell** graduated from Radford University with a degree in English and a concentration in Professional Writing. She was a member of the Honors Academy, Copy Editor for RU’s online magazine “Whim”, and presented results of her research at several conferences. Julia is interested in a career in writing, editing, or publishing.



**Jayme Kokkonen**, one of our St. Michael childrens’ Sunday School teachers this spring, graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in Human Development and a minor in Religion. She was very involved in Lutheran Campus Ministry as well as the VT Women’s Rugby Team which was the runner-up for the D1 National Championship this year. In August, Jayme leaves for a year of service in Madagascar with the ELCA’s Young Adults in Global Mission program (YAGM).

**Katy McGuigan** graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University in December, 2018, with a major in Women, Sexuality and Gender Studies. In June of 2018, a highlight of Katy's school experiences included a study abroad program in Cuba. She is currently working at Westhampton Methodist Day School in Richmond and plans to get her masters in Early Childhood Education starting next year.



## **New Pastor Update**

**The exciting news keeps coming as we continue the process of calling our next Pastor!** Mark your calendars! **The Call Committee is pleased to announce that the primary candidate will be visiting with his family on Sunday, June 9.** He will be leading worship at both services and there will be some other activities such as a meet-and-greet as we develop the agenda for his visit. As a reminder, three or four weeks after his visit, there will be a congregational meeting to vote whether or not we will call the candidate as our next Pastor. Because of the confidentiality of the process, we cannot release the name and biographical information prior to the visit. The Committee can share that the candidate is passionate about the ministry opportunities at St. Michael and is excited to help us grow in our ministry focus areas that were identified by the congregation as part of our strategic plan. Please continue to keep the call committee and the primary candidate in your prayers. 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.



## **Second Sunday Summer Brunch June 9 at 10:00 AM**

You are invited to St. Michael's Second Sunday Summer Brunch (potluck) on Sunday, June 9 at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring a dish to share and come enjoy the fellowship with the St. Michael family and meet the primary candidate and his family.



## Women of the ELCA

**Lunch and Learn** is on vacation for the summer, we will resume in early fall. A big thank you to Jody Smiley who led our Bible Study every month and to each of the ladies who prepared delicious foods for our lunches.

**Bold Women Day:** Thank you to all the women of the church who gathered to celebrate Bold Women Day May 26<sup>th</sup> by greeting, ushering, reading and to Patrice Yearwood who leads us in song. Also to Lori Kirk, Sandy Birch and Jody Smiley who led us in worship, gave the sermon and children's sermon at both services.

**Love Offering:** Thank you to all who donated Love Offering bags. The funds will help support Jayme Kokkonen on her Young Adult Global Mission Adventure in Madagascar.

**Linus Project:** All in the congregation are invited to help make Project Linus blankets for hospitalized children. This is one of the VA Synodical Women's Organization (VSWO) summer projects to be completed by the August 2-3 convention in Norfolk. The blankets will be distributed locally. Fleece blankets, which don't need sewing and baby blankets which can be sewn, will be distributed by NRV Linus Project to four local hospitals. Printed directions will be available. We also plan to have several workshops to work together on blankets between the morning services: dates to be announced. If you are unable to participate, pick up one of the information sheets with printed directions to see how you might donate funds or materials for others to work with.

**Put this on your calendar – Women's Night Out Dinner:** All women of the church are invited to come and bring a friend to O'Charley's on **Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>** – it's free pie night!

**School Supplies:** Be on the lookout for school supplies as they are put on sale over the summer months – we will again be collecting them for Price's Fork Elementary for beginning of school in August.

**Remember the Food Bank:** For June please bring **cereals**, although any non-perishable foods are always appreciated by the food bank.

**For the Women's Resource Center:** dish and hand soaps.

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

## O.K.s (Older Kids) Annual Picnic



The Happy-Go-Lucky luncheon will be Tuesday, June 11 at noon, with social time starting around 11:30 a.m. We'll enjoy Anna's special pork bar-b-que and cole slaw and Betty Gross' potato salad – all St. Michael favorites – and more. Bring a friend for fine food, fellowship, and a program, which might include beach music. Did the disciples really go surfing?

## **Thank You . . .**

### **to Rainbow Riders Preschool and Virginia Tech Lutheran Students**

Thank you to Rainbow Riders Preschool and Virginia Tech Lutheran Students for the landscaping next to the building. Rainbow Riders preschool selected and paid for the plants. The students did the work to plant them. Rainbow Riders also purchased and installed a sign resulting in a more attractive entrance at the end of the building.



## **New Tiller for Micah's Garden**

A tiller for Micah's Garden was purchased with a grant from Thrivent. The tiller will allow workers in the garden to better work the ground and be more efficient with their time. Food from the garden is shared with local food pantries and Micah's Mobile Bus. Thank you to Mary Nickle (Micah's Garden Director) and John Kell for making the purchase. Remember if you are a Thrivent member you may apply for a \$250 grant to fund projects. Contact Jody Smiley for additional information.

## **Maintaining the Grounds**

Our church landscape is beautiful, but it needs regular maintenance such as weeding and pruning. On Saturday, June 1, we plan to spruce up the grounds. Bring gardening tools and gloves between 9:00 -11:00 to assist in this project. Many hands will make short work of this task.

## **Power in the Spirit**

Reminder: Power in the Spirit will be held July 11 to 13 at Roanoke College. 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/](http://WWW.VASYNOD.ORG/POWER-IN-THE-SPIRIT/) Make plans to attend now.



## June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> Bold Women's Sunday <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship - Communion <b>10:00 AM</b> Graduate's Reception <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Mother's Morning Out <b>11:00 AM</b> Bible Study <b>5:00 PM</b> Micah's Soup for Seniors Packing and Delivering	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Mother's Morning Out <b>3:00 PM</b> Children's Chorale Auditions - Patrice Yearwood <b>5:30 PM</b> Confirmation Class at Our Saviour Lutheran Church <b>6:00 PM</b> Packing for Micah's Backpack <b>6:00 PM</b> Scout Pack Meeting <b>7:15 PM</b> Scout Troop Meeting	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Church Yard Clean-Up
<b>2</b> Ascension Sunday <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship - Communion <b>10:00 AM</b> Adult Discussion <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship - Communion	<b>3</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Mother's Morning Out	<b>4</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Mother's Morning Out <b>11:00 AM</b> Bible Study	<b>5</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Families of Faith	<b>6</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Mother's Morning Out <b>6:00 PM</b> Scout Pack Meeting <b>7:15 PM</b> Scout Troop Meeting	<b>7</b> Synod Assembly	<b>8</b> Synod Assembly
<b>9</b> Pentecost Sunday <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship - Communion <b>10:00 AM</b> Second Sunday Summer Potluck Brunch <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>4:00 PM</b> Congregational Church Council Meeting <b>5:45 PM</b> Vacation Bible School	<b>10</b> <b>5:45 PM</b> Vacation Bible School	<b>11</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Happy Go Lucky Luncheon <b>5:45 PM</b> Vacation Bible School	<b>12</b> <b>5:45 PM</b> Vacation Bible School	<b>13</b> <b>5:45 PM</b> Vacation Bible School	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Father's Day <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship - Communion <b>10:00 AM</b> Adult Discussion <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship - Communion	<b>17</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Mother's Morning Out	<b>18</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Mother's Morning Out <b>9:00 AM</b> Feeding America USDA Training in Fellowship Hall <b>11:00 AM</b> Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Price Family Historical Society	<b>19</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Families of Faith <b>6:00 PM</b> Packing for Micah's Backpack	<b>20</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Mother's Morning Out	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> KAIROS Youth Gathering <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship - Communion <b>10:00 AM</b> Adult Discussion <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship	<b>24</b> KAIROS Youth Gathering <b>8:45 AM</b> Mother's Morning Out	<b>25</b> KAIROS Youth Gathering <b>8:45 AM</b> Mother's Morning Out <b>11:00 AM</b> Bible Study <b>5:00 PM</b> Soup for Seniors Packing and Delivering	<b>26</b> KAIROS Youth Gathering <b>6:00 PM</b> Packing for Micah's Backpack	<b>27</b> KAIROS Youth Gathering <b>8:45 AM</b> Mother's Morning Out	<b>28</b> KAIROS Youth Gathering	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship - Communion <b>10:00 AM</b> Adult Discussion <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship	<b>1</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Mother's Morning Out	<b>2</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Mother's Morning Out <b>11:00 AM</b> Bible Study <b>5:30 PM</b> Quilting Party in the Fellowship Hall	<b>3</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Families of Faith	<b>4</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Mother's Morning Out	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

**Updated Calendar Information is available online at: [www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org](http://www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org)**

**Food Bank - Cereals; Women's RC - Dish&Hand Soaps; Micah's Backpack - 4-Pack Mac&Cheese; Soup for Seniors - CN Soup**

