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A Mini-Sabbatical

My wife Jennifer and I had long anticipated a month-long RV trip across the nation in the Fall. This will be our third cross-country adventure. Planning started coming together in June as we anticipated the end of my Interim with the call being issued in early July to a potential candidate. With the reset of the call process, our plans have become confused. My call to serve as Interim Pastor at St. Michael Lutheran until a new pastor arrives has collided with my call to care for myself and family.

At the July Council Meeting, I requested and council approved a time of absence for me. I will be out of the parish from August 26 through September 22: 4 weeks and 4 Sundays. I will be back in the office the week of September 23.

Rev. Bill King has agreed to provide Sunday worship leadership and other pastoral duties in my absence. Pastor Bill has regularly attended worship at St. Michael since his retirement from Luther Memorial.

Pastor Paul

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

Sharing Our Gifts: Time, Talents and Treasure

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

Thank you to some "quiet" servants

To all the volunteers who help with Micah's Backpack and Micah's Soup for Seniors; to Mildred Wall, Wanda Pascoe, Betty Wingate, Margaret Larsen and Judith Wolfe for folding the July newsletter; to all who set up and cleaned up for the July Second Sunday Summer Brunch; to Sandy Birch and Dianne Krallman for setting up the coffee and snacks for the Adult Discussion time; to the mowing crew; to John Kell, Becky Steck, Dollie Cottrill and Fran Shepherd for weeding the yard; to Dickie Shepherd for painting the St. Michael sign in the front yard; and to Betty Wingate and Wanda Pascoe for folding the bulletins each week.

Because of your gifts

Your generous gifts in July provided funds for snacks for the Adult Discussion time, office supplies, cleaning supplies for the Micah's Backpack bus, Circle of Grace walkway, interim pastor salary, altar supplies, the St. Michael scholarship, our benevolence to the Virginia Synod, donations to MCEAP, Lutheran Campus Ministry, our facilities, salaries for our ministerial staff and lawn mower repair.

The **Justice and Mercy Fund** assisted 14 families: 9 with their electric bills and 5 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 need.

Wish List

The Wish List consists of items that 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 towards the following item or if you have any ideas for something that could be added to the wish list, please contact Suzanne or Pastor Paul.

Circle of Grace walkway

Second Sunday Brunch

August 11 will be the final summer brunch. This tradition began many years ago and gives members time to visit as they enjoy some wonderful breakfast foods. If you haven't been this summer, please mark your calendar for this one. See you on August 11 at 10:00 a.m.



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August Servants

	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Altar Care	Birch and Solberg Families			
9 AM Service				
Greeters	Gary and Sandie Worley	Butch Akers Dave Surface	Judith Wolfe Wilma Pieper	Jenny Kellinger Elaine Powers
Lay Reader	Keith Gay	Rachel Hahn	Mac McCloud	Peggy Morgan
Comm. Asst.	William Allen	George Hahn	Dianne Krallman	Sandy Williams
11 AM Service				
Acolyte	Emily Graves		Emily Graves	
Comm. Asst.	Emily Graves		Doug Smiley	
Greeters	Ray Howell Cindy Lang	Gary and Becky Steck	Ferrell Family	James and Wanda Pascoe
Lay Reader	Fran Shepherd	Mickey McGuigan	Jody Smiley	Anna Rossomando
Ushers	Ray Howell Dickie Shepherd	Gary and Becky Steck	John Kell Daniel Ferrell	James and Wanda Pascoe
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.

Mowing: 8/3–Daniel Ferrell (back); 8/10–Dickie Shepherd (front); 8/17–James/Dennis (back); 8/24- Jay Nagle (front)

Rear Lot: 8/5–George Hahn; 8/12-Doug Smiley; 8/19- Dave Surface; 8/26-Gary Steck

Women of the ELCA



Linus Project: Thank you to all who have made Project Linus blankets for hospitalized children. We have several more pieces of fabric with printed directions, if anyone would like to make one or make another. When they are finished please return to church – some completed ones are there on the table next to the library shelves. When complete we'll post a count and give them to NRV Linus Project; they distribute to children in local hospitals.

School Supplies for two!

St. Michael will collect school supplies until August 11th. These will be divided between the VSWO convention for children in Norfolk area schools and Price's Fork Elementary. These are for children whose families are unable to purchase all of their school supplies.



Suggested Items

Sharpened Pencils	School Scissors
Glue Sticks	Folders without designs
Crayons	Colored Pencils
Anti-Bacterial Soap	Pens / Red Pens
Notebooks	Markers
Dry Erase Markers	
Black and White Composition Books (not spiral)	

VSWO Convention: The Annual VSWO (VA Synodical Women's Organization) Convention is August 2-3 at Trinity Lutheran in Norfolk. It's a time to meet new and old friends, learn from Bible studies and worship, workshops and fun experiences with women from around the state. If you'd like to go, please talk to Jody Smiley, VSWO President.

Looking ahead: Lunch and Learn will begin for the fall Monday **September 16th** at noon. It's time for lunch and fellowship together as well as a brief Bible study – all in time to return to work or your afternoon plans.

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

For the Women's Resource Center: paper towels

Thank you for all the ways you assist our neighbors.

Ladies' Night Out at O'Charley's on July 17th was a great success! Twenty-four women enjoyed dinner and lots of conversation with complimentary pie. All the ladies are invited to join our next dinner outing after the New Year.



Sunday School Planning

It's time to begin thinking about fall Sunday School for our youth. The Education Committee would like to have a nursery class (a Bible Story and playtime), a K – 2, 3 -5, and a middle/high school group. Teachers are needed to work with each age group. Hopefully two people could share an age group and alternate Sundays in a way that fits each person's schedule (many adults wouldn't want to miss the adult class each week). Substitute teachers would also be helpful. Sunday School materials will make teaching comfortable. More information to come. Think about how you can help.

Help Wanted: Altar Care



Altar care volunteers are always welcome. No experience necessary and assistance is available.

Please sign up on the hallway bulletin board. Thank you.

Micah's Backpack Sharing the Story

Micah's Mobile Backpack has been going very well this summer. Thank you to everyone who has joined us on Wednesday evenings to pack food bags to take out on Thursdays on the bus and/or picked blueberries for us. We appreciate our two bus

drivers, Brittany and William, who have made sure we reached all of our kiddos safely! We are serving around 250 children each week. The children and their families are very grateful for the food, blueberries and vegetables from Micah's Garden. A special shout out goes to the VT Football team – they sent 14 of their incoming freshmen and a few staff members to help us with cleaning our bus, folding ed lits and preparing the inventory room for packing over our holiday break week. Thank you!!



Our last packing night of the summer is Wednesday, July 31st. We will pick back up packing for the school year, on Thursdays, at the end of August. Make sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram where we will announce the first school year packing night.

This month, we would greatly appreciate donations of **peanut butter** jars. Peanut butter is a favorite with our MBP kiddos and a little will go a long way. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

The packing date for August is August 27th. 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.



We will need to continue to have extra support during the summer months since our Tech volunteers are on summer break. Please consider an hour of your time once a month to help support Soup for Seniors.

In September, we will be celebrating our seventh anniversary since we started this wonderful feeding program for the seniors at Warm Hearth. We continue to be able to carry on this program with your generous gifts of time and money. Thanks to everyone for his or her continued support.

For August, we will be collecting **tomato soup**.



Micah's Garden has been producing like a produce machine! As of July 25th, we have provided over 500 pounds of produce. We would not be nearly as successful without all the donations of seeds and plants from other generous programs. We did expand again this year and we are producing winter squash, such as acorn and butternut. Those require a lot of space to grow and we are blessed to have the room to continue our great program. Continued appreciation to the whole Kell family for their time spent harvesting!

Thank You Note

Dear Mission Partner,

Thank you so much for your support of Bedford Lutheran Church with your donations totaling \$300.00 for April through June 2019.

Our pastor, Tim Feaser, was installed as part-time pastor of Bedford Lutheran at a special service held on June 30th. We are very excited for this new chapter in the life of our church.

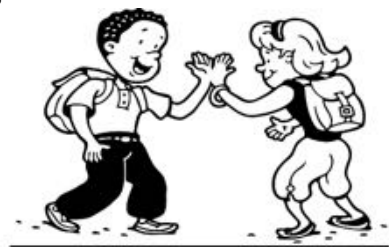
Again, we appreciated your valuable Mission Partner support and continued prayers for our church. We are keeping you in our prayers as well as you await the arrival of your new pastor.

Yours in Christ,

Robin Wood, Parish House Administrator/Treasurer

Backpack Blessing on August 11

St. Michael will have a Backpack Blessing as a part of worship on Sunday, August 11, at both the 9:00 and 11:00 services. All youth and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks or school bags to church for this time of prayer and blessing for the new school year. Consider inviting your friends or teachers you know to come and have their backpacks blessed as we ask for God's blessing for all teachers and students.



Backpack Blessing



Acolytes needed for the 11:00 a.m. service. If you are willing to serve please let Butch Akers know: 540-267-5873 or email artistib@thenrv.com. Training will be arranged.

Welcome Back to PFES Teachers' Breakfast

St. Michael will welcome Price's Fork Elementary teachers back to school on August 8 with a breakfast at 8:15. As a former teacher there, I know how much the teachers appreciate this breakfast with time to greet each other after the summer away and before the work begins. Items needed include breakfast casseroles, bagels, donuts, pastries, fruit or fruit salad and juice. Items should be delivered to the church by 7:30 on August 8 or to the school by 8:00. A person or two will be needed to assist with set-up. Please sign up on the bulletin insert on Sunday or let Suzanne or Fran know what you can bring. Thank you for supporting these teachers.

Have you noticed?

Have you noticed the church grounds lately? This summer members of the congregation have spent 2 hours once a month weeding the flowerbeds and clipping off old blooms. This is the first time in several years that this task has been accomplished regularly. Please join us on Saturday, August 3, from 9:00 to 11:00 to assist in keeping our grounds lovely. Bring gardening gloves and tools. In July, on our gardening day, the front sign was also cleaned and painted, with the lettering completed a couple of days later.



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August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 10:00 AM Adult Discussion 11:00 AM Worship	29 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out	30 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 11:00 AM Bible Study	31 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 6:00 PM Packing for Micah's Backpack	1 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 12:45 PM Micah's Mobile Backpack Delivering Food 7:15 PM Scout Troop Meeting	2	3 9:00 AM Church Yard Landscaping Upkeep
4 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 10:00 AM Adult Discussion 11:00 AM Worship - Communion	5 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out	6 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 11:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Quilting Party in the Fellowship Hall	7 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out	8 8:15 AM Price's Fork Elementary School Teachers' Back-to-School Breakfast 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 7:15 PM Scout Troop Meeting	9	10
11 Blessings of the Backpacks 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 10:00 AM Second Sunday Summer Brunch 11:00 AM Worship 12:15 PM Congregational Church Council Meeting	12 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out	13 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 11:00 AM Bible Study	14 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out	15 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 7:15 PM Scout Troop Meeting	16	17
18 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 10:00 AM Adult Discussion 11:00 AM Worship - Communion	19 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out	20 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Price Family Historical Society	21 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out	22 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 7:15 PM Scout Troop Meeting	23 4:00 PM Blacksburg Children's Chorale Camp	24 9:00 AM Blacksburg Children's Chorale Camp
25 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 10:00 AM Adult Discussion 11:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Shepherd Family Private Event	26 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out	27 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 11:00 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Packing and Delivering for Soup for Seniors	28 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out	29 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 7:15 PM Scout Troop Meeting	30	31

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

Food Bank - Canned Vegetables; Women's RC - Paper Towels; Micah's Backpack - Peanut Butter; Soup for Seniors - Tomato