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Humility Required, Check Inside

Humility seems to be in short supply these days. From athletes, to entertainers, to the mega-rich, to the dirt poor, to politicians - humility is not a quality many people aspire to possess. Rather we want everyone to know that we are the brightest, the richest, the bravest, the street-smartest. Perhaps we boast out of fear. Perhaps we spend so much time lifting up ourselves because we know that if we don't tell the world about ourselves, nobody else will.

Humility is an essential element in the life of faith. Humility does not mean that we constantly criticize ourselves to point out our personal inadequacies. Humility means to see yourself as God sees you - as a loveable creation capable of loving others. Love looks first at the other; the one before them at this moment. And seeing need, responds with self-giving love.

I was reminded of this when I had lunch with some folks to talk about the ministry of Micah's Backpack. The need for adequate nutrition is great. We live in a land of plenty, no one should be "food insecure," but they are - hundreds of "food insecure people" within 10 miles of our church. SMLC does a tremendous job helping to feed those in need. It is an act of humble service.

Humility gives us clarity of vision to see the needs of those we are called to love.

C. S. Lewis reminds us: "True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less."

The prophet Micah reminds us of what is essential.

"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice,
love mercy and walk humbly with your God."

Pastor Paul

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 Becky Steck, Fran Shepherd and Charlie Bix for weeding the church yard; to everyone who donated school supplies for children at Price's Fork Elementary; to Wanda Pascoe, Betty Wingate and Mildred Wall and her niece, Allie, for folding the August newsletter; to Jody and Doug Smiley for organizing the workroom; to everyone who provided and delivered food for the Price's Fork Elementary School breakfast for faculty and staff and to everyone who helped deliver food for Micah's Mobile Backpack over the summer.

Because of your gifts

Your generous gifts in August provided supplies for fellowship events, snacks for the Sunday School hour, cleaning supplies, online computer backup renewal, bulletin paper, stamps, our benevolence to the Virginia Synod and mission partner, donations to MCEAP, Lutheran Campus Ministry, our facilities, and salaries for our ministerial staff.

The **Justice and Mercy Fund** continues to assist our neighbors in the community and the world. 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. In August, we assisted 3 families: 1 with a water bill 2 with rent assistance.

Sunday School



Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 8, at 10:00 a.m. Classes will be for nursery through high school. Please sign up on the Welcome sheet or let Suzanne know the age or grade of your child or children. This will help us design the classes. The adult class will continue to meet. Teachers are needed to share a class or to substitute. Details continue to be planned. There will be no Sunday School on September 29 as we celebrate our birthdays with a Birthday Brunch. Join us to learn and for fellowship.

Grounds Care



Saturday, September 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. will be the next grounds care day. General weeding will be done along with starting to prepare the grounds for fall. Bring your work gloves and tools and join the work crew. Besides the yard work, the conversation is always enjoyable.

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September Servants

	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Altar Care	Birch Family				
9 AM Service					
Greeters	Ben and Carol Crawford	William Allen Lylah Shelor	Mark and Jeanette Pasier	Eddie Boes Sandy Williams	Clifton and Fay Walters
Lay Reader	Keith Gay	John Krallman	Kris Wertz	Peggy Morgan	Mac McCloud
Comm. Asst.	William Allen	Dianne Krallman	Lori Anne Kirk	Jane Swing	Nancy Goad
11 AM Service					
Acolyte	Emily Graves		Emily Graves		
Comm. Asst.	Emily Graves		Mickey McGuigan		
Greeters	Ray Howell Ben Simmers	John Kell Anna Rossomando	Hank and Alice Schneider	Josiah and Litha Tlou	James and Wanda Pascoe
Lay Reader	Katie Katz	Doug Smiley	Laura Gruss	Marty Gordon	Anna Rossomando
Ushers	Ray Howell Ben Simmers	John Kell Anna Rossomando	Hank and Alice Schneider	Josiah and Litha Tlou	James and Wanda Pascoe
Youth Servant	Emily Katz		Danny Gruss		

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

Mowing schedule: 9/7-Dickie Shepherd (front); 9/14-James/Dennis (back); 9/21-Jay Nagle (front); 9/28-Dennis Ferrell (back);
Rear: 9/2 –George Hahn; 9/9-Doug Smiley; 9/16-Dave Surface; 9/23-Gary Steck; 9/20 George Hahn

Women of the ELCA



*Women of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church in America*

Lunch and Learn: Monday September 16th at noon in the fellowship hall. We will begin Bible Study and lunch meetings for the coming “school year”. Lunch then a brief Bible Study led by Jody Smiley. All women are invited to come and enjoy visiting with each other and a Bible themed lesson that we can relate to today.

Linus Project: Thank you to all who have made Project Linus blankets for hospitalized children. When all are complete, we’ll deliver to NRV Linus Project; they in turn distribute to children in local hospitals.

**Project
Linus**
*Providing Security
Through Blankets*

School Supplies: A big thank you to everyone who donated school supplies for Price’s Fork Elementary. There were 4,351 markers, dry erase markers for white boards, pencils & colored pencils, pencil pouches, index cards, spiral, composition & loose-leaf notebooks with dividers, filler & graph paper, pocket folders, scissors, pencil sharpeners, rulers, glue bottles and sticks, backpacks, Kleenex, hand sanitizers, wipes and oodles of crayons! Thanks go to Fran Shepherd who delivered them to school.

September 29th: Come to St. Michael’s Birthday Party - celebrated with brunch.

Looking ahead: October 6th Women of the ELCA in New River Valley will get together for the annual Fall Gathering this year at Trinity in Pulaski. All women are invited!

Remember the Food Bank: For September please bring **boxed mac and cheese**, although the food bank welcomes all non-perishable foods.

For the Women’s Resource Center: hand soaps

Thank you for all the ways you assist our neighbors.



Micah's Backpack Sharing the Story



Thank you to everyone who supported Micah's Mobile Backpack this summer. We served over 250 children and were able to provide over 100 pounds of fresh produce most weeks from Micah's Garden! The families were so excited to receive that. Special thank you to 3 Birds Berry Farm for the blueberries and all who helped pick – they were a nice, cool treat for the children on those hot days.

School has started once again and we will be back to THURSDAY night packing beginning on **September 5, 2019**. Please consider joining us at 5:30 p.m. for set up or 6:00 p.m. for packing. It is simple, easy, fun, and rewarding to help pack for the weekend the gift of food for a child. If you wish to serve by delivering bags, we will post the sign ups on our Facebook page.

This month we would be grateful to receive donations of **fruit cups in light syrup**. Thank you in advance for your donations. We couldn't do this mission without you all.



School has started and it's time to begin the fall buying and delivery for Micah's Closet, which supplies students with a week's worth of new clothing. The teachers will begin identifying students in early September. The forms will be collected and we will need shoppers. We anticipate delivery to the school can be completed by October 1. If you are able to shop, contact Jody Smiley, Kris Wertz or Fran Shepherd. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

The packing date for September is September 24th. 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 love having both our loyal volunteers and all new volunteers help us out. Please consider an hour of your time once a month to help support Soup for Seniors.

In September, we will be celebrating our 7th 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 the continued support.

For September, we will be collecting **green beans**.

School Supplies for Price's Fork Elementary School

We support Price's Fork in many ways as the school year begins. On Thursday, August 8 we supplied a breakfast for the teachers as a welcome back to school. At the breakfast we shared information about Micah's Backpack and Micah's Closet. We will be purchasing clothing for Micah's Closet in September. We also helped the students at Price's Fork Elementary by purchasing supplies for this school year. The items were delivered before school started.

In addition, July Clemens bought and delivered school supplies for Price's Fork Elementary using the Noisy Offering from August.

Thank you for your continued support for the school community.

Call Committee

The Call Committee is currently interviewing candidates to become our next Pastor. The committee has spoken with some very talented individuals who have wonderful gifts to share with the people of St. Michael. Please continue to keep the call committee in your prayers. The members are as follows: Jack Graves, Bryan Katz (Chair), John Krallman (Assistant to the Chair), Sandy Birch, Carol Crawford and Cindy Dowdy.

The O.K.s (Older Kids)

Happy-Go-Lucky Luncheon Back to school "gourmet" school lunch

On Tuesday, September 10, at noon, we will enjoy a delicious school lunch and engage in some fun school lessons: a little math, some music and a geography adventure to Antarctica. Our incredible doo-wop songs from the March luncheon will be revealed. Bring a friend for fun and fellowship.



Kroger Community Rewards Program – Need to Renew Your Card Number



For a number of years, members of St. Michael have contributed to Micah's Backpack and the Justice and Mercy Fund through our Kroger Plus cards, adding thousands of dollars to these programs. But we must renew our card numbers each year. Just visit the secure website: kroger.com to update your individual Kroger Plus card to one of St. Michael's accounts. Members can designate their

contribution to Micah's Backpack using #83513 or Justice and Mercy using #82386.

Sunday Discussion Group

The Stewardship Committee extends an invitation to **everyone** to set aside 45 minutes on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. to attend Pastor Paul's weekly discussion group on topics that are relative to today's society and how they affect us as Lutherans.

Topics vary from week to week and are often left up to the group to pick.

Give it a try - who knows you may want to come a second time.

Important Side note: Coffee is available and snacks frequently find their way to the table.

Happy 51st Birthday St. Michael



The annual St. Michael Celebration and Birthday Brunch will take place on Sunday, September 29 at 10 a.m. between worship services. Everyone is invited as we celebrate the ministry and history of St. Michael.

Bring a dish to share; special birthday cakes will be provided. Happy birthday St. Michael Lutheran Church!

Families of Faith: Dinner, Discussion and Music



Calling all families of school-aged children! The Families of Faith dinner group will start back on Wednesday, September 4th. Let's gather for a simple pizza and salad meal at 5:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. We will relax, eat, and then share a short Bible story together. We then break into separate parent and children groups for faith-filled conversations. Families of Faith will continue to meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Please email Maggie Maloney at maggiesatch@gmail.com with questions and to let us know you are coming on 9/4!

Date	Time
September 4, 2019	5:30 to 6:45 p.m.
September 18, 2019	5:30 to 6:45 p.m.
October 2, 2019	5:30 to 6:45 p.m.
October 16, 2019	5:30 to 6:45 p.m.

St. Michael Music Notes



STMLC is going to kick-off the new choir season (September- Pentecost) with a Choir Picnic at the Yearwood Farm. Please let any choir member or Patrice know that you would like to join us and sing this year!

We begin rehearsals Wednesday, September 11, 7:00 p.m. Can't make it to Wednesday Rehearsals?

We also meet most Sundays between services, @10-10:45 a.m.

We will sing a familiar hymn on September. 15 at the 9:00 and 11:00 services.

Come SING with us!



St. Michael Handbell Choir

StMLC Handbell Choir is ready to RING again! Please let Patrice know that you will be coming to ring so that a rehearsal schedule that suits all can be set.

We color code the music so you do not have to read music to join. ALL are invited to join. We might even have enough interest that we have a young people's and an adult group.

Come RING with us!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 10:00 AM Adult Discussion 11:00 AM Worship - Communion	2 Labor Day	3 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 11:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Quilting Party in the Fellowship Hall	4 2:45 PM Music Lesson 5:30 PM Families of Faith	5 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 6:00 PM Packing for Micah's Backpack 7:15 PM Scout Troop Meeting	6	7 9:00 AM Church Grounds Clean Up
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22 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 10:00 AM Adult Discussion 10:00 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	23 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 6:00 PM Scout Crew Meeting	24 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 11:00 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Soup for Seniors - Packing and Delivering	25 2:45 PM Music Lesson 7:00 PM Choir Practice	26 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 6:00 PM Packing for Micah's Backpack 7:15 PM Scout Troop Meeting	27	28 5:30 PM Dinner with Primary Candidate in Fellowship Hall
29 9:00 AM Worship - Communion 10:00 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM St. Michael Birthday Brunch 11:00 AM Worship	30 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out	1 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 11:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Quilting Party in the Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM Micah's Closet in Sanctuary	2 2:45 PM Music Lesson 6:00 PM Families of Faith 7:00 PM Choir Practice	3 8:45 AM Mother's Morning Out 6:00 PM Packing for Micah's Backpack 7:15 PM Scout Troop Meeting	4	5 9:00 AM Church Yard Clean-Up

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

Food Bank - *Mac&Cheese*; Women's RC - *Hand Soaps*; Micah's Backpack - *Single Fruit Cups*; Soup for Seniors - *Green Beans*