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Happy 54th Birthday St. Michael Luncheon on October 2



The annual St. Michael Celebration and Birthday Luncheon will take place on October 2 following the 10 a.m. worship service. Everyone is invited as we celebrate the ministry and history of St. Michael.

Come enjoy delicious food catered by the Cellar Restaurant, tasty birthday cakes provided by St. Michael members, and wonderful fellowship together. Members are encouraged to sit at the table of their birthday month. Years ago, Gary Worley and Sandy Birch discovered they share a December 29 birthday!

The event is hosted by the Women of the ELCA.

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--our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of His gracious love.

Thank you to some “quiet” servants

Thank you to Lynda Kinzey, Wanda Pascoe, Meg Peterson and Betty Wingate for folding the September newsletter; to John Krallman for keeping our finances in perfect order; to Jody Smiley for leading the women’s Lunch and Learn Bible Study; to the lawn mowing team for all their hard work this summer; and to Keith Gay and John Kell for working in the church yard in September.

Because of your gifts

Core
Ministry
Fund



Your generous gifts in September provided lawnmower maintenance, repair of lights and roof leak, food for Families of Faith event, devotional renewals, our annual music license renewal, online church directory software renewal, Pastor Michelle’s continuing education expenses, our monthly support to the Virginia Synod and Peace and Hope Ministry, staff salaries and utility expenses.

The **Justice and Mercy Fund** continues to assist our neighbors in the community and the world. In September, we assisted **21 families**: **one** with gasoline, **3** with water bills, **7** with rent and **10** with electric bills.

Sunday School is Back



for all ages is held **each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.** Please plan join us.

Free Concert at Blacksburg Presbyterian Church

Blacksburg Presbyterian Church has partnered with Blacksburg Refugee Partnership for a benefit concert: *Music for Mission*. The church is orchestrating (pun absolutely intended) a free concert on Sunday, October 2nd at 3:00 p.m. at 701 Church Street SE (Blacksburg Presbyterian Church).

Fabio Manchetti, pianist, will be performing. He is a native of Lucca, Italy and serves as Assistant Professor of Piano at Washington State University, while maintaining an active performance career.

Any donations received will be given to the Partnership so that they can continue the work of helping to resettle our new neighbors in Blacksburg (11 individuals have arrived since July).

Congratulations to...

Mickey McGuigan who will be inducted into the Blacksburg High School Hall of Fame for 2022. The HOF class will be recognized during halftime at the Blacksburg football team's October 7 home game. Mickey was the coach for the high school's girls' basketball team from 1990-2009, steering Blacksburg to 325 wins and three state titles. He also coached the boys' tennis team from 1981-1991, posting 112 wins.



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October Sunday Servants

	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
10:00 AM					
Altar Care	Jane Swing	Sandy Birch	Doug Smiley	Dianne Krallman	Jody Smiley
Greeters/Ushers	Dave Surface Wilma Pieper	Gary Worley Sandie Worley	Dickie Shepherd Fran Shepherd	Jenny Kellinger Butch Akers	Wilma Pieper Butch Akers
Lay Reader	Jane Swing	Keith Gay	Jim Grealish	Bert Kinzey	Jane Swing
Comm. Asst.	Sandy Birch	Butch Akers	Doug Smiley	Dianne Krallman	Jody Smiley
Youth Servant	Tatiana Villegas- Brown	Ada Peery	Lilia Villegas- Brown	Tatiana Villegas- Brown	Ada Peery

Please Note: Greeters, please take the attendance. Write down the number and place in the offering plate. Paper and pen are in the bookshelf drawer.

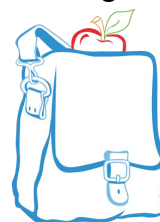
Mowing: Mowers, please check with Jim Clemens for the October mowing schedule.



Micah's Backpack

We had a successful Micah's Mobile Backpack summer program and we are now into our 2022-2023 school year. We have been packing for a few weeks and the numbers continue to grow. As of September 18th, we have packed 127 bags of food, 6,162 meals and 14,378 items of food.

The New River Junction has blessed us with a donation for the second year in a row. This time it was a check for \$1,000.



On October 8th we will be hosting our 3rd Annual Food Cycle Drive. The drive ends at Rising Silo Brewery at 2531 Glade Road. Please stop by and support Micah's Backpack. Please see our website and our Facebook page for the link to sign up. If you do not wish to cycle we will also be accepting donations by car. Come join the fun!



We have many sororities, fraternities and businesses packing for us. Anyone is invited to stop by one Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. to join us in packing or just to engage with these wonderful people. Cookies are always welcomed.

For more information contact John J. Stramiello, 540-599-4682
email: hope@micahsbackpack.org or stram@stmhc.us

NO CHILD SHOULD GO HUNGRY

Micah's Closet

Volunteers are needed to help shop for Micah's Closet. Micah's Closet is a program that provides a week's worth of new school clothes to children in need at Price's Fork Elementary. If you have any questions or would like to be a shopper, please contact Jody Smiley jdsmiley29@comcast.net or Fran Shepherd fshepherd13@icloud.com



Micah's Mini Pantry



Micah's Mini Pantry thanks you all for supporting their caring and giving ministry. Your generosity and kindness help remember those needs of others in our community. We are grateful for you! Any donations make our hearts happy, **Thank you!**

Serving healthy, nourishing meals all year is very necessary. Please consider contributing donations including non-perishable, non-expired foods such as peanut butter, jelly, canned pasta, boxes of cereal, cans of soup, canned beans, canned vegetables, snacks, hot chocolate, tea, popcorn, oatmeal, and other canned meats and proteins.

The pantry is low on canned goods. Soups, canned meats, PB & J, beans, and veggies are needed.

There continues to be a need for personal care items. They include - toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, bar soaps, hair products, hygiene products like toilet paper, deodorant and feminine items, band-aids, sunscreen, antibiotic creams, and even can openers.

Remember - **take what you need and leave what you can.** All donations are greatly appreciated! **Thank you!**



God's Work - Our Hands

Micah's Soup for Seniors

We will be packing and delivering the 4th Tuesday of each month. We are packing at 10 a.m. and then leaving immediately afterwards to deliver.

We invite anyone interested in packing and distributing the bags to join us the 4th Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m.



Next packing dates:

October 25th

November 22nd

Personal items to donate:

October- tissues (small) and hand lotions

December- slipper socks

Food items to donate:

Chicken noodle soup

Tomato soup

Masks Optional for Worship

For those who are not able to attend our worship service in person, please check the online option to participate in a service each week. Go to www.peacehopeva.org at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. each Sunday. Pastor Bryan Katz is leading this ministry.



The new devotionals (October-December) are available to pick up in the front hallway.

Christ in Our Home and *Hope-Full Living* are written for adults and a fun *Spark Family* booklet is available for children of all ages. Please take whichever you'd like.

Women of the ELCA

WELCA Wednesdays (Lunch & Learn): Lunch and Learn is back! We will meet on **Wednesday, October 19th at noon**. All St. Michael ladies are invited. We will gather at the church for fellowship, a light lunch and bible study. We will be exploring the “Jesus and nature: Teachers of faith”. “God surrounds us with great teachers: creatures and created things that bear witness to God’s power, creativity and goodness.” If you have any questions please contact Jody Smiley, [jdsmliey29@comcast.net](mailto:jdsmiley29@comcast.net) or Sandy Birch, birch@vt.edu.



Montgomery County Food Bank and Blacksburg Interfaith Pantry: In October we are asking for donations of healthy snacks. The food bank always appreciates receiving any non-perishable food items. Please place your donations in the grocery cart near the kitchen window.

Women’s Resource Center: In October we are collecting kitchen size trash bags. The collection bin is in the narthex.

Men’s Bible Study

Men's Bible Study will meet on **Thursday October 6th at 7:00 a.m.** for breakfast, fellowship and learning. Please note the updated time. All men are invited.

Youth News

The Virginia Synod is excited to announce that we are working hard to plan a full slate of in-person youth events this year. **Lost and Found** (our annual faith-sharing retreat for 7th and 8th graders and their adult advisors) will take place Friday, November 18th through Sunday, November 20th at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center in Lynchburg.

Lost and Found includes Large Group gatherings with lots of singing, energy, comedy, worship, and a presentation on our event theme. After each Large Group gathering, participants gather in a Small Group. These are made up of a handful of youth and a couple of adult leaders. In small groups, participants will get to know other Lutheran youth from Virginia and discuss life and faith and other topics that arise throughout the weekend.

To register please contact Dave Delaney at the Synod Office (office: 540-389-1000; cell: 540-529-6893) The early registration discount ends Oct. 24, 2022!

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00am Sunday School for Adults and Children 10:00am Worship Service with Communion 11:15am St. Michael Birthday Celebration and Meal	3 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 7:00pm Cub Scout Pack Committee Meeting in Large Classroom	4 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 3:00pm Patrice's Music Lessons	5 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 3:00pm Patrice's Music Lessons 6:00pm Packing for Micah's Backpack 7:00pm Choir Practice	6 7:00am Men's Bible Study and Breakfast 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 7:00pm Scout Troop Meeting	7	8
9 Pastor Appreciation Sunday 9:00am Sunday School for Adults and Children 10:00am Worship Service with Communion 11:15am Church Council Meeting	10 Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 7:00pm Cub Scout Meeting	11 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 3:00pm Patrice's Music Lessons 6:00pm Ladies' Night Out to Dinner at Avellino's Restaurant	12 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 3:00pm Patrice's Music Lessons 6:00pm Packing for Micah's Backpack 7:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm MCI Committee Meeting	13 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 7:00pm Scout Troop Meeting	14	15
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30 Reformation Sunday 9:00am Sunday School for Adults and Children 10:00am Worship Service with Communion 1:30pm Choir Practice at Luther Memorial 3:00pm Blacksburg-Radford Lutheran Fellowship Reformation Day Service at Luther Memorial	31 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 7:00pm Cub Scout Meeting	1 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 3:00pm Patrice's Music Lessons	2 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 3:00pm Patrice's Music Lessons 6:00pm Packing for Micah's Backpack 7:00pm Choir Practice	3 7:00am Men's Bible Study and Breakfast 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 7:00pm Scout Troop Meeting	4	5