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S'more of Jesus Camp Out with St. Michael Lutheran Church

Join us for VBS on Saturday, July 8th at St. Michael. We will begin at 10:00 am and close at 4:00 pm. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Everyone is invited.

Help us spread the word: Parents bring your kids, Grandparents bring your grandkids, Kids invite a friend.

Please register using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4fabad23a3fa7-smore#/>

or get in touch with Jada Brown for registration details.

We are in need of several **volunteers** for Vacation Bible School on July 8th. We will need, greeters, help with registration, group leaders, station leaders, and help with lunch and snacks. If you would like to volunteer, please fill out the bottom section of the welcome sheet on Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Jada atbrownball33@aol.com It is a great way to support and get to know our kids and young families.



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

Thanks to Suzanne Gay, Lynda Kinzey, Fran Shepherd, Jane Swing, Sondra Williams and Betty Wingate for printing and mailing the May newsletter and to Suzanne Gay for printing and binding the annual report/directory. Thanks to the mowing team: Dickie Shepherd, John Stramiello, Jay Nagle, Daniel Ferrell, Dave Surface, Gary Steck, Mark Pasier, and Doug Smiley. Thanks to John Kell who provides continual upkeep of the church grounds.

Because of your gifts

Core
Ministry
Fund



Your generous gifts in May supported supplies and food for the Families of Faith gathering, office supplies, gasoline for the lawnmowers, communion cups, postage, building maintenance, our benevolence to the Virginia Synod, donations to MCEAP, Lutheran Campus Ministry, Peace and Hope Ministry, our facilities and salaries for our ministry staff and pay for the supply pastor.

The **Justice and Mercy Fund** continues to assist our neighbors in the community and the world. In May, we provided assistance for **11** families: four with rent and seven with electric bills. We encourage the congregation to continue their contributions to the fund and to refer friends and family to use the fund as needed.



Church members are invited to donate the Sunday altar flowers in honor or memory of loved ones. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway. The suggested cost is \$40.

Each Sunday, we have the opportunity to donate our altar flowers to friends and family in hospitals, nursing facilities, or at their homes who are recovering from illness or sadness or just need a “pick-me-up pansy”.

Micah's Caring Initiative

Our Micah's Backpack Program for the 2022-2023 school year has come to an end. Year to date we have packed 7,604 bags of food, delivered 45,624 meals and handed out more than 106,456 items of food. This is enough food to feed one person, three meals a day, for more than 40 years. That, my friends, is a lot of food.



Our summer program will begin with packing on Tuesday evening, June 6th, from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in volunteering for the summer program please contact me at hope@micahsbackpack.org or text at (540) 599-4682.

On another note:

Dear People of St. Michael Lutheran Church,

Due to Pastor Michelle's resignation as the Pastor of St. Michael Lutheran Church it is necessary for me to offer my resignation from the position as director of Micah's Backpack Program. I am willing to continue throughout the summer program unless the board finds my position to be coterminous with the pastor's, in which her last day is Sunday, June 11th.

I am willing to help in any way the Advisory Board and the church Council deem necessary in their search for a replacement before the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year. This will allow time for me to train the new director and prepare them for a smooth transition for the academic school year.

It has been an honor and a humbling experience to have held this position. I am thankful to all who have joined me in this journey.

Respectfully,

John J. Stramiello

Director MBP
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We continue to pack and distribute approximately 90 bags to the seniors at Warm Hearth. We are getting food from Feeding America, Food Lion and Kroger. We are packing the bags at the church on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. and we encourage any new volunteers to help us pack and deliver at that time.

We will continue to supply extra personal care items along with special items every other month.

We look forward to continuing to help out the seniors at Warm Hearth.

Packing Dates:

June 27th

July 25th

Requested Donation Items:

June: Nail Care

Church Council News

It's official! At their May 14 meeting, the church Council appointed Sandie Worley to serve the remainder of Mickey McGuigan's term, which ends at the end-of-year congregation meeting this December. Thank you, Sandie, for stepping forward to help lead the congregation.

Attention Ushers

We continue to collect the offering during the service. You will come forward and receive the offering plates from the pastor, collect the offering from the middle section first then go to the right and left sections. When finished stand in the back of the church until the pastor is ready to receive the offering. Come forward to pass the offering plates to the pastor and return to your seat.

Sunday School Break

Sunday school will be on summer break until September.

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June Sunday Servants

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
10:00 AM Service				
Altar Care	Sandy Birch	Doug Smiley	Jane Swing	Inga Solberg
Greeters	Dickie and Fran Shepherd	Mark and Jeanette Pasier	Barbara Corbett Lynn Hickok	Gary and Becky Steck
Lay Reader	Bert Kinzey	Jim Grealish	Keith Gay	Gary Worley
Communion Assistant	Jane Swing	Butch Akers	Jay Nagle	Jody Smiley
Youth Servant	Tatiana Villegas-Brown	Gesine Newman	Tatiana Villegas-Brown	Lilia Villegas-Brown

Please note: Greeters/Ushers please take the attendance, write down the number and place in the offering plate. Paper and pen are in the bookshelf drawer.

Women of the ELCA

WELCA Wednesdays Lunch & Learn: We will meet on **Wednesday, June 21st**. All St. Michael women are invited. Fran Shepherd has graciously invited us to her home for this month's gathering. **We will meet at the church at 11:30 to carpool to Fran's.**

Lunch, dessert and drinks will be provided. If you have any questions please contact Jody Smiley, jdsmiley29@comcast.net or Sandy Birch, birch@vt.edu



*Women of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church in America*



The Virginia Synodical Women's Organization (VSWO) will be gathering for our 2023 convention/gathering at Roanoke College on July 21st-22nd. The Call to Convention copies are available in the hallway and can be found at www.vswowebly.com We will have worship together, three awareness sessions, have something for the non-voting members, entertainment on Friday night, do a little business and of course lots of fun and fellowship!

Montgomery County Food Bank and Blacksburg Interfaith Pantry: In June we are asking for donations of **Mac and Cheese mixes or Macaroni**. The food bank always appreciates receiving any non-perishable food items.

Women's Resource Center: In June we are collecting **Clorox or Lysol Wipes**.

The collections for the Food Bank is located in the Fellowship Hall next to the kitchen window. The collection for the Women's Resource Center is located in the narthex. As always thank you for your donations.

If you are helping to put together a Charity Bear for the VSWO project, the pattern can be found at this link:

www.shinyhappyworld.com/2014/04/warren-charity-bear-free-teddy-bear-pattern.html



Pastoral Transition Update

As most of you know, Pastor Michelle recently submitted her resignation. Her last day in the pulpit will be June 4.



After worship that day, we will say farewell and celebrate her ministry with us at the Coffee Hour Fellowship. Her last day in the office will be during the week of June 12-16.

The Council asked the Virginia Synod to provide an interim pastor. To bridge the gap between Pastor Michelle's time with us and the arrival of our interim pastor, a supply pastor will preach each Sunday. Additionally, the Virginia Synod will provide Pastor Bill King as our vice pastor. That is, he will perform pastoral duties other than preaching.

We'll provide information on the call committee process in the near future.

Charting the Congregation's Future

Thank you to everyone who stepped forward to help with at least one of the congregation's four working groups.

WE'RE STILL ACCEPTING VOLUNTEERS.

Big news: We have a new ministry! The council recently passed a motion to transform the visitation ministry working group into the Congregational Care and Visitation Ministry. Bert Kinzey and Jenny Kellinger will lead the effort. Stay tuned for more info.

The three other working groups are community engagement ministry, youth and family ministry, and worship, music and program ministry options. Volunteers: Be on the lookout for forthcoming info from Keith soon.



June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31	1 7:00am Men's Bible Study and Breakfast	2 Fellowship Hall carpet cleaning	3
4 10:00am Worship Service with Communion	5 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 7:00pm Cub Scout Pack Committee Meeting in Large Classroom	6 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 6:00pm Packing for Micah's Backpack	7 8:45am Mother's Morning Out	8 8:45am Mother's Morning Out	9 Synod Assembly	10 Synod Assembly
11 Synod Assembly 10:00am Worship Service with Communion with Pastor Terrie Sternberg 11:15am Congregational Care and Visitation Ministry meeting 4:00pm Families of Faith	12 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 7:00pm Cub Scout Meeting	13 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 6:00pm Packing for Micah's Backpack	14 8:45am Mother's Morning Out	15 8:45am Mother's Morning Out	16	17
18 Father's Day 10:00am Worship Service with Communion 11:15am Church Council Meeting 11:15am Pastor Michelle's Going Away Event	19 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 7:00pm Cub Scout Meeting	20 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 6:00pm Packing for Micah's Backpack 7:00pm Price Family Historical Society	21 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 11:30am WELCA meet at Church 12:30pm MMO CPR Training in Fellowship Hall	22 8:45am Mother's Morning Out	23	24
25 10:00am Worship Service with Communion with Pastors Don Holmstrom and Rachel Larson 11:15am Community Engagement Working Group	26 Church office closed 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 7:00pm Cub Scout Meeting	27 Church office closed 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 10:00am Packing and Delivering for Soup for Seniors 6:00pm Packing for Micah's Backpack	28 Church office open 8:45am Mother's Morning Out	29 Church office open 8:45am Mother's Morning Out	30	1