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Pastoral Care and Concerns

While Pastor Michelle Stramiello is still a rostered minister with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, she is no longer our called pastor at St. Michael. We love and cherish the relationship we had, but we should not ask for further pastoral services such as counseling, baptisms, funerals, and weddings. Pastor Bill King, our current vice-pastor, is now available for pastoral care and concerns.

For anyone in need of emergency pastoral care, **Pastor Bill King** is available by email, text message, or phone call.

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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

To those who folded the June newsletter; to Judy Clemens for stuffing the weekly bulletins; to Jody Smiley for putting together St. Michael’s weekly e-newsletter, *News and Notes*; to Butch Akers for scheduling the Sunday Servants each month; to Ray Howell for the little jobs he does to keep the church looking good and to Keith Gay, Doug Smiley and Fran Shepherd for attending the Synod Assembly as voting members.

Because of your gifts



Your generous gifts in June supported the purchase of supplies and food for Families of Faith gathering, office supplies, cups and coffee for fellowship, altar flowers, postage, building maintenance, our benevolence to the Virginia Synod, donations to MCEAP, Lutheran Campus Ministry, and Peace and Hope Ministry, our facilities and salaries for our ministry staff, and pay for the supply pastors and sub accompanists. Core funds paid for three voting members and Pastor to attend Synod Assembly.

The **Justice and Mercy Fund** continues to assist our neighbors in the community and the world. Funds can be used to help with rent assistance or to help pay water and electric bills. In June, we provided assistance for **22** families: **two** with rent assistance, **five** with water bills and **fifteen** 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 you see need.



Micah's Caring Initiative



Our summer program has begun with packing on Tuesday evenings, from 6pm to 6:30pm.

We are in need of drivers to deliver the bags to the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry (706 Harding Ave) on Wednesdays by 9:30am. 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.



The Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry is seeking volunteers to assist in handing out Micah's food.

The operating hours are:

Mondays & Tuesdays 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Wednesdays & Thursdays 10:00am - 11:30am

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me for more information.

Marian Brown is the new Director for Micah's Backpack Program and will begin on July 1st. I will continue to assist the new director through August to ensure a smooth transition.

NO CHILD SHOULD GO HUNGRY!

In God's Service

For more information contact John J. Stramiello

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Please stay tuned for more exciting events for Micah's Backpack Program and Micah's Caring Initiative.

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July Sunday Servants

	July 2	July 9 YOUTH SUNDAY	July 16	July 23	July 30
10 AM Service					
Altar Care	Doug Smiley	Jane Swing	Dianne Krallman	Gary and Becky Steck	Inga Solberg
Greeters	Jenny Kellinger	Macsen Erazo-Brown Myriah Gillispie Ashlynn Gillispie	Gary Worley Sandie Worley	Dave Surface Butch Akers	Forrest Sloan Jennifer Wayne
Lay Reader	Doug Smiley	Tatiana Villegas-Brown Leandra Gillispie	Bert Kinzey	Jody Smiley	Keith Gay
Communion Assistant	Butch Akers	Lillia Villegas-Brown Gesine Newman	Dianne Krallman	Jay Nagle	Doug Smiley
Youth Servant	Tatiana Villegas-Brown	Gesine Newman (Acolyte)	Tatiana Villegas-Brown	Tatiana Villegas-Brown	Gesine Newman

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

There will be no Lunch and Learn for July



The Virginia Synodical Women's Organization (VSWO) will be gathering for our 2023 convention/gathering at Roanoke College on July 21st-22nd. 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 July we are asking for donations of **healthy snacks**. With kids out of school for the summer families would appreciate these. The food bank always appreciates receiving any non-perishable food items.

Women's Resource Center: In July we are collecting **small containers of laundry detergent**.

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

Happy Birthday

To **Margaret Larsen** who celebrated her 90th birthday on June 25 and to **Judith Wolfe** who will celebrate her 91st on July 21. The two birthday girls were photographed at the May Happy-Go-Lucky luncheon. Happiest of birthdays to these two beautiful and amazing women!



Pastoral Call Committee

The Church Council seeks volunteers to serve on the Pastoral Call Committee. If you are a voting member* and interested in serving, please let Keith Gay know:

keith.w.gay@gmail.com

The Church Council will elect six volunteers.

* Eligibility

- Voting members are confirmed members who, during the current or preceding calendar year, both communed in this congregation and made a contribution of record to this congregation.
- Confirmed members are:
 - Baptized persons who were confirmed in this congregation
 - Baptized persons received by affirmation of faith
 - Others received as a member by adult baptism
 - Anyone received by transfer as a confirmed member from another Lutheran congregation

Welcome to New Members

Graham and Margaret Hoskins are from South Carolina where they were raised and met at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. They came to Radford in 1979 where Graham set up a dental practice and have enjoyed raising their family here. Graham has sold the practice and now works with the Bland Medical Ministry Foundation as a dentist at the Wytheville clinic. Margaret retired in 2020 from Carilion as a home health physical therapist for the NRV. They have three grown daughters: one in Eugene, OR, one in Colorado Springs and one in Radford. As time allows, they enjoy reading, gardening, camping and traveling. They are looking forward to being an active part of the St. Michael family!





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:

July 25th



Congratulations to Bishop Elect Milton

Congratulations to **The Rev. Dr. Phyllis Blair Milton**, Pastor at Holy Communion in Portsmouth, Virginia, who was elected June 11 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Virginia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election took place during the Virginia Synod Assembly, June 9-11, at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia.

Bishop Elect Milton was elected on the sixth ballot and will take office September 1. She will be installed on Saturday, October 21 at First Presbyterian Church in Waynesboro.

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2 10:00am Worship Service with Communion with Pastor Terrie Sternberg 11:15am Large classroom is reserved	3 7:00pm Cub Scout Pack Committee Meeting in Large Classroom	4 Independence Day 6:00pm Packing for Micah's Backpack	5	6 7:00am Men's Bible Study and Breakfast	7 4:00pm VBS volunteer night	8 10:00am VBS S'more of Jesus
9 Youth Sunday 10:00am Worship Service with Communion with Pastor Terrie Sternberg 11:15am Church Council Meeting	10 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 7:00pm Cub Scout Meeting	11 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 6:00pm Packing for Micah's Backpack	12 8:45am Mother's Morning Out	13 8:45am Mother's Morning Out	14	15
16 10:00am Worship Service with Communion with Pastor Bill King 11:15am Worship, Music, and Program/Ministry Options that Might Appeal to Younger Adults Working Group	17 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 7:00pm Cub Scout Meeting	18 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 6:00pm Packing for Micah's Backpack 7:00pm Price Family Historical Society	19 8:45am Mother's Morning Out	20 8:45am Mother's Morning Out	21	22
23 10:00am Worship Service with Communion with Pastor Libby Pfaff 11:15am Community Engagement Working Group	24 Church Office Open 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 6:00pm Packing for Micah's Backpack 7:00pm Cub Scout Meeting	25 Church Office Open 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 10:00am Packing and Delivering for Soup for Seniors 6:00pm Packing for Micah's Backpack	26 Church Office Open 8:45am Mother's Morning Out	27 Church Office Closed 8:45am Mother's Morning Out	28 Church Office Closed	29
30 10:00am Worship Service with Communion with Pastor Paul Henrickson 11:15am Youth and Family Working Group	31 Church Office Closed 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 7:00pm Cub Scout Meeting	1	2	3	4	5