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MUSIC at St. Michael



Music will be hopping soon as we get closer to Fall and the start of a new **Adult Choir** season. **Come sing with us in 2023 & 2024!** We will have a camp in September for all choir members, new or returning members. Camp will include singing, of course!, a little music theory, singing warm-ups, tips for singing and caring for our voices, games, food and fellowship. You do not want to miss this! Date to be announced.

Choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 13, 7:00 p.m.

Handbell Choir will also start ringing in October. Let Patrice know if you are interested. We will ring in December! A multi-generational group is GREAT! Or we can split into two handbell choirs if we have enough volunteers.

Micah's Music, Drama & Arts – Coming to St. Michael this Fall!

We are excited to announce a new program starting in September 2023 for children & youth. Micah's Music, Drama & the Arts will be 10 weeks of music and drama instruction culminating in a Christmas show in early December for ages 7-14.

Patrice Yearwood will teach music and Joelle Shenk will teach drama, with special guests invited to bring in specialty arts sessions.



Registration begins soon for this new event to be held at St. Michael on Thursdays, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

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 the mowing crew; to those who help with preparing the monthly newsletter for mailing; to Betty Wingate for taking our donations to the Women's Resource center; to Lynda Kinzey for making sure our food pantry donations are given to those in need; to Sandie Worley and Anna Rossomando for creating our lovely flower arrangements for the altar; to Fran Shepherd for weeding the gardens; and to Ray and Carol Howell for their generous sharing with the congregation of veggies from their garden.

Because of your gifts

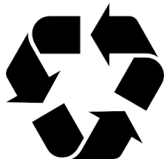
Core
Ministry
Fund



Your generous gifts in July supported supplies and food for Vacation Bible School, office supplies, altar flowers, postage, building maintenance, first aid and CPR equipment, 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 and vice pastor.

The **Justice and Mercy Fund** continues to assist our neighbors in the community and the world. In July we provided assistance for **19** families: **four** with water bills, **five** with rent assistance, and **ten** 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.

Recycle...recycle...recycle



We continue to collect hotel-sized bottles of shampoo, conditioner, and lotion (donated to the Christmas Store), soda can pull tabs (donated to the Ronald McDonald House) and eyeglasses. *Unfortunately, we can no longer accept batteries and ink cartridges.* The recycling bins are located in the fellowship hall near the kitchen pass-thru window. Thank you.

Women of the ELCA

Upcoming Projects for Prices Fork Elementary:

We will be collecting school supplies for Price's Fork Elementary School (PFES) in early August. We are checking with the school to see what items are needed most. As soon as we get that information it will be shared in the weekly e-newsletter and in the Sunday bulletins.



Welcome Back to PFES Teachers' Breakfast:

St. Michael will once again welcome Price's Fork Elementary teachers back to school on Thursday, August 10, with a breakfast at 8:00 a.m. As a former teacher there, Fran Shepherd knows 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 a.m. on August 10 or to the school by 7:45 a.m. A person or two will be needed to assist with set-up. Contact Fran fshepherd13@icloud.com with what you can provide. Thank you for supporting these teachers.

Ladies Night Out



We will gather on **Wednesday, August 16th** at Avellinos Italian Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. for a ladies' night out. All St. Michael women are invited. It is always a wonderful time of fellowship and good food. If you have any questions or need a ride, contact Jody Smiley or Sandy Birch. Make plans to join us!

Montgomery County Food Bank and Blacksburg Interfaith Pantry: In August we are asking for donations of **canned vegetables**. The food bank always appreciates receiving any non-perishable food items.

Women's Resource Center: In August we are collecting **kitchen size trash bags**.

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.

Micah's Backpack Sharing the Story

Greetings! A huge thank you to John Stramiello for staying on board through the summer months to teach me the ropes. It is evident that John has put a lot of work into MBP and he will be greatly missed by our community.



Summer packing will continue through

Tuesday, August 8th. After that we will take a short break as we gear up for the start of the school year. Packing will resume on Tuesday, September 5th from 6-6:30 pm. Be sure to check your email or our Facebook page for any changes to the packing schedule.

Last month the incoming freshmen VT football players (pictured below) came out to wash the MBP van and to help us restock the shelves. We are looking forward to partnering with the many student organizations at Virginia Tech again this school year. What an amazing way for college students to give back to their community!

On Tuesday, July 18th the 3 Birds Berry Farm in Blacksburg held a Blueberry Pie Contest to benefit Micah's Backpack. Thank you to Bill Sembello and all of the staff at the farm for hosting us again this year. If you were not able to make it to the event, please stop by to pick some delicious berries and support this local business.

Mark your calendars for another great event to support MBP! On **Thursday, August 3rd from 5-8 pm** Zeppoli's Restaurant and Wine Shop will host a benefit night for our organization. 20% of your dine-in or takeout order will be donated to Micah's Backpack. Zeppoli's is located at 810 University City Blvd.

A huge thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers!

NO CHILD SHOULD GO HUNGRY!

Marian Brown, Director: 804-921-1432, marian@stmlc.us or hope@micahsbackpack.org



Flowers blooming - sunshine sizzling - and school starting. August is here! As the summer pushes on, we foresee the need for more food and personal care items. Any donations make our hearts happy. Thank you for your thoughtful kindness and generosity. We are grateful!



Serving healthy meals all year is very necessary. Summer is no exception. The need for snacks and simple meal additions is nice when the days are full of activity. 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.**

There continues to be a need for personal care items. They include toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental 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!

Please continue to donate at the in-person church services and on Mondays from 10 a.m. - noon. Thank you!

God's Work - Our Hands



We are continuing to pack and distribute approximately 90 bags to the seniors at Warm Hearth Village. We are getting food from Feeding America, Food Lion and Kroger. We are packing the bags at St. Michael on the **4th Tuesday** of each month at 10:00 a.m. 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:

- August 22nd
- September 26th
- October 24th

Donation Items:

- August - Combs / Brushes
- October - Small packets of Tissues / Lotion

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August Sunday Servants

	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
10:00 AM Service				
Altar Care	Doug Smiley	Dianne Krallman	Inga Solberg	Jane Swing
Greeters	Gary and Becky Steck	Dickie and Fran Shepherd	Mark and Jeannette Pasier	Wilma Pieper Jenny Kellinger
Lay Reader	Jody Smiley	Bert Kinzey	Jennifer Wayne	Jim Grealish
Communion Assistant	Jane Swing	Dianne Krallman	Sandy Birch	Butch Akers
Youth Servant	Tatiana Villegas-Brown	Lilia Villegas-Brown	Gesine Newman	Tatiana 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.

O.K.s (Older Kids)



The Lifelong Learning Institute at Virginia Tech (LLI) invites us (those over 50) to join a community of curious adults exploring local history, global change, current issues, great stories and so much more. Both online (Zoom) and in-person classes and lectures are available. We can select from courses, field trips, and a series of free on-line lectures. Visit the LLI website www.cpe.vt.edu/lifelonglearning for more information; sign up to receive the Fall flyer and e-mail announcements.

Choir News

The choir is taking a break until September. If you would like to sing a solo or be part of a duet or small group during the summer contact Patrice. If you have any questions please contact Patrice Yearwood, payearwood1@gmail.com

Families of Faith, August 20th



Families of Faith will meet on **August 20th at 4 p.m.** for fun, a craft and supper. If you would like to volunteer with Families of Faith for any month, please let Jada Brown know. We always need and welcome volunteers.

Confirmation Class Resumes in August

Confirmation Class starts back up **August 20th, 4 p.m. at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church**, 600 Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060.

Confirmation Class is for all middle school-aged Youth. If you would like your child to join, it is not too late! Please let Pastor Monica Weber, pastormonica@lmlc.org or Jada Brown, jbrown81016@gmail.com know and they will contact you with class information.

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service with Communion with Pastor Paul Henriksen 11:15am Youth and Family Working Group</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Church Office Closed 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 7:00pm Cub Scout Meeting</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Church Office Open 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 6:00pm Packing for Micah's Backpack</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Church Office Open 8:45am Mother's Morning Out</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Church Office Open 7:00am Men's Bible Study and Breakfast 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 7:00pm Cub Scout Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service with Communion with Pastor Don Holmstrom 11:15am Worship, Music, and Program/Ministry Options that Might Appeal to Younger Adults Working Group</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Church Office Open 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 7:00pm Cub Scout Pack Committee Meeting in Large Classroom</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Church Office Open 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 6:00pm Packing for Micah's Backpack 7:00pm Micah's Caring Initiative Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Church Office Open 8:45am Mother's Morning Out</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Church office closed 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 7:00pm Cub Scout Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service with Communion with Pastor Don Holmstrom 11:15am Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Church office closed 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 7:00pm Cub Scout Meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Church office closed 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 6:00pm Packing for Micah's Backpack 7:00pm Price Family Historical Society</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Church office closed 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 6:00pm Ladies Night Out</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Church office closed 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 7:00pm Cub Scout Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service with Communion with Pastor Bill King 4:00pm Confirmation Class at Luther Memorial. 4:30pm Families of Faith</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Church Office Open 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 7:00pm Cub Scout Meeting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Church Office Open 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 6:00pm Packing for Micah's Backpack</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Church office closed 8:45am Mother's Morning Out</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Church Office Open 8:45am Mother's Morning Out 7:00pm Cub Scout Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service with Communion 11:15am Community Engagement Working Group</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Church Office Open 8:45am Mother's Morning Out - Closed 7:00pm Cub Scout Meeting</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Church Office Open 8:45am Mother's Morning Out - Closed 6:00pm Packing for Micah's Backpack</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Church office closed 8:45am Mother's Morning Out - Closed 10:00am Packing and Delivering for Soup for Seniors</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Church Office Open 8:45am Mother's Morning Out - Closed 7:00pm Cub Scout Meeting</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>2</p>

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