

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Greenville, South Carolina

April 28, 2024

HAPPENING TODAY

Holy Communion

8:30 am

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11:00 am

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given by Smitty and Elaine Holland in memory of their friend, Paul Montjoy.

NURSERY COVERAGE Erin Lesslie will be in the nursery today and coverage will be available from 8:30 AM through the 11 AM service. Kathryn Carlson will be in the nursery during Wednesday choir practices.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: April 30: Pendleton Fenske; May 1: Reba Wilkins, Leanore Brissey, Matthew Bostick; April 3: John Sughrue

POVERTY, BY GREENVILLE: A special event with Dr. Matthew Desmond, presented by United Way of Greenville County will take place on Wednesday May 1 at 10 AM at the Peace Center. Driven by our deep generosity and care for one another, our community has a history of joining together to help those in need and alleviate poverty—but what if the way we think about poverty is all wrong? What if we have, albeit unintentionally, been part of the problem? "Poverty, By Greenville" is a thought-provoking dialogue featuring Pulitzer Prize winner and MacArthur Genius grant recipient Matthew Desmond. Explore Desmond's groundbreaking research on the enduring complexities of poverty in our communities and discover bold strategies for addressing them head-on. This event will be limited to 2,000 attendees and feature an exclusive opportunity for a VIP Book Signing. The format will feature a dynamic 40-minute presentation followed by a 25-minute interactive Q&A session. More information is available at PeaceCenter.org. Emily Bugay has purchased a block of group tickets at a special rate for the first 10 members who would like to attend. If more would like to join, tickets can be purchased through the Peace Center directly. Please contact Emily to obtain a group ticket. Please use the QR code on the next page to RSVP so we know how many people are attending!

LUTHERIDGE SUNDAY Join us as we take our beautiful St. Michael's worship, delicious food, and loving church family on the road and up the mountain! **Sunday, May 5th at 11:30am at Lakeside Lodge @ Lutheridge (2049 Upper Laurel Dr Arden, NC 28704)**, we'll gather for a delicious cook out lunch led by our Lutheran Men in Mission, followed by an early afternoon liturgical **worship up in Whisnant Chapel at the top of camp at 12:30pm**. Please know that if you are unable to join us at Lutheridge, 8:30am worship that morning will still remain at St. Michael. While hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided, we are asking folks to bring a side, drink, or dessert to share. Please RSVP in Realm or by emailing stmichaelelca@gmail.com and let us know there what you'll bring (in Realm Connect go to Events, View All Upcoming Events, find Lutheridge Sunday and tap "going")

BLOOD DRIVE AT OPEN HEARTS UMC NEXT SUNDAY MAY 5 The Blood Drive will be from 10 AM 2 PM. Please check the blast for more information and to register.

COMING SOON AND LOOKING AHEAD

SENIOR SUNDAY Do you have someone graduating from high school or college? Share their name and plans for what's next with the church office (stmichaelelca@gmail.com) so that we can celebrate them on Senior Sunday— May 12!

GOOD YARN UPDATE The group just completed our 2nd quarterly project by making 26 red scarves as part of the Heart Scarves project. These scarves will be given to women who have been diagnosed with heart disease. Our 3rd quarterly project is making 7 x 9 inch blocks for Warm Up America. These blocks are assembled into blankets and given to people in need. All are welcome to participate. Our next meeting is Monday, May 13 at 4:00. Please contact Ruth Howard with any questions.

MARY HILLER CIRCLE will meet Monday, May 13th at 7:30 in the Youth Room.

CONFIRMATION: APOSTLES CREED @ HALLOWED EARTH Join us Sunday, May 19th at 1pm at Hallowed Earth Pottery. We will be taught by their teachers, create personal masterpieces, and then connect the experience with the lesson of the Apostles' Creed. The cost for the class (and the creations students will make) is \$75. However, SMLC will cover \$40 of each participant with families paying the additional \$35. This registration event page can offer you a place to both RSVP as well as submit your \$35 payment directly to SMLC. Please RSVP on Realm using the QR code on the next page if you're able to make this lesson so we can have an accurate headcount before our reservation. Questions can be directed to Pastor Kyle (pastorkyle@stmichaelelca.org). Looking forward to seeing y'all then!

MAY DRINK DRIVE Did you know that last summer for 6 weeks the faith formation classrooms at St. Michael were buzzing with campers all day, Monday through Friday? Campers from all over the world - speaking several different languages -- found a place to belong and find joy and learning this summer, thanks to YOU, St. Michael! Carolina Literacy Project (CLP) hosted their summer camp at St. Michael and they had a wonderful experience. We will host them again for another 6 weeks of camp this summer and we'd love to offer them some "living water" (or, JUICE BOXES!) to support their ministry. If you'd like to contribute juice boxes or Capris Sun pouches, please leave donations in the gathering area where the backpack buddies donations go and label them CLP between now and June 2nd. They are already so grateful. Carolina Literacy Project's mission is to help immigrant and refugee children in South Carolina increase their English literacy and diminish learning loss that happens during the summer. You can learn more about this growing organization here: <https://carolinaliteracyproject.org>

LUTHERIDGE SUMMER CAMPS ARE COMING SOON - REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW! Please visit <http://www.lutheridge.org/>, to see the many opportunities available. And don't forget, there are scholarship funds at St. Michael to help offset some of the costs. For more information about scholarships, contact stmichaelelca@gmail.com

GENERAL AND ONGOING INFORMATION

ANNIVERSARY THANK YOU From Bob and Bonnie Dietrick: *We want to thank our many friends for helping us celebrate our 70th anniversary. Your love and support means so much to us. We also want to thank those that helped our children make it a wonderful occasion. Congratulations to Bob and Bonnie!*

bRIDGE NEWS Have you heard???? St. Michael, in partnership with Lutheridge, was awarded a \$1.25 million grant from the Lilly Foundation! The bRIDGE program, funded by this award, aims to equip and empower parents and caregivers to form faith in their families by bRIDGE-ing the strengths of camp to church and home. We will be the pilot congregation and Pastor Andrea and Pastor Kyle have been working hard to create curriculum and develop the Mobile App called "Cabin Time." The bRIDGE program will be a 3-year program, that launches with a retreat September 6-8th. Parents/caregivers of children/youth ages 0-18, be sure to reserve your spot asap using the QR code on the next page! We need your help! We are creating our evaluation process. If you have training and/or experience evaluating outcomes and program efficacy, please let Pastor Andrea know (pastorandrea@stmichaelelca.org).

SUMMER SCHEDULE PLAN This summer, St. Michael will operate Sunday Worship Service times as follows: one service at 10 am beginning May 26 through June & July. We will return to our normal two service schedule on August 4. We look forward to worshipping with you this summer!

VIDEO/SOUND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Do you have some technology knowledge and an interest in assisting with the St. Michael streaming? We would love to have you serve in this ministry! Please contact Ronney Dixon (ronney.dixon@yahoo.com) for more information! Youth are invited to this role too!

INTERESTED IN BEING AN USHER? We are looking for individuals who are interested in volunteering to serve as ushers for the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services, funerals, and other services throughout the year. If you would like to be an usher, please email Matt Wofford, d.matthew.wofford@gmail.com.

CONNECTION CARDS If you are visiting and are interested in being connected with us, please reference the connection cards in the pews. We would love to get to know you and keep you informed about all things St. Michael!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR AT ST MICHAEL For any parents of children and friends of St. Michael (K5-Gr6) who might still be interested in beginning after Easter, please contact Deacon David for more information or questions. We meet on Wednesday afternoons after school and all are welcomed. Welcome to this newest ensemble! You can contact David at david@stmichaelca.org

JOIN THE CHOIR AFTER EASTER The final quarter of our choir season began at rehearsal on Wednesday, April 10th. The Choir is a small but growing group ministry tasked with leading worship each week. All are welcomed to join for the season of Easter with rehearsals ending on Wednesday, May 22. We would love to welcome new members who would join for this short season. If you are interested please see or contact Deacon David (david@stmichaelca.org) with any questions, to get more details, or simply to let us know that you want to join. All high school age youth and adults are welcomed.

FRESH ALTAR FLOWERS You are more than welcome to purchase flowers for services on Sundays! In the past St. Michael has frequently used Embassy Flowers (prices range from \$65 and up) and they deliver the flowers and set them in place on Fridays, but if there is somewhere else you would like to use, please feel free. Please utilize the sign up sheet in the gathering area to mark the Sunday you would like to buy flowers for. Questions? contact the office at stmichaelca@gmail.com or 864-232-8510.

STEPHEN MINISTRY INVITATION Anger, Grief, Isolation, Change. We do not need to be exceptional to experience and wrestle with these. But the good news Jesus offers us is that we are not called to bear these things alone. Prayerfully consider the ways in which you might begin to share your burdens with Jesus in the form of walking with a Stephen Minister, so that you might begin to experience more life, freedom, and peace. If you are interested in learning more about receiving care through Stephen Ministry, please reach out to Pastor Kyle, Jenny Lord, Pastor Dan Kirkpatrick, or Pastor Kim Stover.

POVERTY BY GREENVILLE



CONFIRMATION POTTERY



BRIDGE PROGRAM



Attendance for Sunday April 21:
8:30 AM—61 11:00 AM—76

If your group has an upcoming meeting, make sure to contact Ellen to ensure it gets on our Calendar.

Calendar for this Week

Monday, April 29

AA	12:00 pm
12 Step Group	7:30 pm

Tuesday, April 30

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Wednesday, May 1

Bible Study	10:30 am
Children's Choir	4:30 pm
Adult Choir	6:45 pm

Thursday, May 2

12 Step Group	7:00 am
Breakfast Together	8:30 am
Nursing Mothers	12:00 pm
AA	7:00 pm
Al-Anon	7:00 pm
Al-Anon	8:00 pm

Friday, May 3

Noon Bunch	12:00 pm
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Sunday, May 5

Lutheridge Sunday

Holy Communion—8:30 am
(At St. Michael Campus)

Lunch At Lakeside Lodge—11:30 am
(Lutheridge Campus)

Worship Service — 12:30 pm
(Lutheridge Chapel)

Prayer List

Kathleen Black (Friend of Peter and Denise Strub)
Donna Bixby (Friend of The Russell Family)
Addison Boehnlein (niece of Bob & Jeanette Peterson)
Angela Bostick
Lynn Cunningham (Mother of Jeff Cunningham)
Ciara & Colton Dierking (Friends of Russell Family)
Bob Dietrick
Anderson Drake Little (Step-Daughter of Carol Drake)
Ben Drennan (Friend of The Gullick Family)
Joedy Eller (cousin of Warren Mowry)
Dennis, Noel, and Murray Gowan (Friend of Russell Family)
Tammy Gregg (Friend of Kristen Wallace)
Jack Hisley (Cindy Jones' brother-in-law)
Keith Howard
Kevin Howard (Keith Howard's brother)
Steve Jacobs (Cousin of Warren Mowry)
Charlie Jones
Karen Karlik
Stephanie Kaufmann (Friend of Jennifer Fenske)
Catherine Main (Friend of Diane and Louie Smith)
Seth McCullen (Friend of The Russell Family)
Denise O'Brien (Sister of Marie Castagnaro)
The Orr Family (Kaden Wallace's Teacher)
Cathy Parks (friend of Karen Karlik)
Daneen Parrish (daughter of Bob & Bonnie Dietrick)
Karley Patrick (Cousin of Wendy Cunningham)
Lilly Peterson (granddaughter of Bob & Jeanette Peterson)
Larry Plesiewicz (husband of Cindy Smith Plesiewicz)
Janet Rayburn (Friend of Sarah Gullick)
Dianna Rogers (Leanne Brissey's Daughter)
Kathy Richardson
Hannelore and Siegfried Schuetterle
Steve Sherill (friend of Bert and Donna Weathers)
Sally Sizemore
Susan Stukas (Friend of Sarah and Roy Gullick)
Kevin, Patrick, and Mike Sughrue (brothers of John Sughrue)
Charlie Thompson (friend of Charles Huffman)
Neill Timmons (Friend of Louie and Diane Smith)
Catherine Traylor (mother of Sarah Gullick)
Ed and Patte Wallace (Step-Mother of Wendy Cunningham)
Harold Watkins