

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Greenville, South Carolina

March 26, 2023

HAPPENING TODAY

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion	8:30 am
Sunday School	9:45 am
Holy Communion	11:00 am
Council	1:00 pm
Faith Formation Meeting	5:30 pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL All classes will continue today at 9:45 am.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: March 26: Wade Buehler, Larken Hanna; March 28: Amber Buehler; March 29: Carolyn Ellis, Rachel Gentry, Tyler Miller, Diane Smith; March 30: Haley Webster; March 31: Keith Allen; April 1: Barbara Henry, William Henry, Mimi Hallman

COMING SOON AND LOOKING AHEAD

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP will begin February 26 and will end March 26. There will be 5 weeks of Wednesday services. Service times are 12:15 PM with Communion (in Sanctuary), 5:45 PM Meal, 6:30 PM Holden Evening Prayer worship (both in Fellowship Hall). The Choir will meet after evening worship. The meal will be provided by congregational members prior to the Lenten Services on March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29! Price of the meals is the same as Sunday lunch - \$5/\$3. Venmo can be used but please be sure to note "for Lenten meal".

SMLC EASTER EGG HUNT Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is next week, April 2 at 4 PM, and the faith formation team needs your help! We need volunteers to take a bag of plastic eggs and fill with some sweet treats for our youth. If you are willing to help out, please take a bag of eggs from the box in the gathering area, fill them, and return them on or before Palm Sunday, April 2nd. We appreciate your help!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

04/06 Maundy Thursday Worship 7 PM

04/07 Good Friday Worship 7 PM

04/09 Easter Breakfast provided by Lutheran Men in Mission 9:45 AM

04/09 Easter Worship 8:30 AM and 11 AM

GENERAL AND ONGOING INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS Savannah Maria was born to Ariane and Adam Bishop on Sunday, weighing 5 lbs. 8 oz. She and mom are doing well! Cynthia and Keith Trout are proud grandparents and there are a lot of proud aunts, uncles and cousins in the Hobbs and Forrester families as well!

CONGRATULATIONS Everett Hobson Hobbs was born to Elizabeth and Mark Hobbs on Thursday March 23, weighing 9 pounds 4 ounces. Cynthia and Keith Trout are proud grandparents and there are a lot of proud aunts, uncles and cousins in the Hobbs and Forrester families as well!

CHARLIE JONES St. Michael's beloved music director and organist, Charlie Jones, has announced his retirement effective spring of this year. Charlie has been at St. Michael for 36 years!! His natural musical talent rings through the sanctuary each Sunday morning and will be truly missed by all. **To celebrate Charlie, St. Michael will host a Service of Godspeed and Evening Celebration on Sunday May 21 at 4 PM. The evening will include worship in the Sanctuary followed by dinner and celebration in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to honoring Charlie's marvelous 36 years at SMLC!**

DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN WOODWORKING? Here at St Michael we have a woodworking shop in the basement of the Melom House that we fondly call "The Carpenter's Shop". The program is led by Van Matthews and Stan Metzger. In addition to saws, routers, drills, etc., we have three mini lathes for turning. We build the faith chests for baptisms and other projects around the church. We would like to re-open our program and have set possible dates over the next three months. We will be making Bluebird houses, Christmas Ornaments, pens, cutting boards and other personal items. We also have a couple of projects for the church as well. Our meeting dates for the next few months will be April 4 and 11, and May 2 and 30. At this time we plan on meeting from 6:30 pm to 8:30 with some flexibility depending on the group. Please contact Van at 864-270-1183 or Stan at 317-752-1140. Their emails are tvmatthews@gmail.com or srmetz1949@gmail.com.

PROPERTY ISSUES If anyone has a St Michael property issue that needs to be addressed please contact either David Cooke (864-414-3887) or Dorsey Finn (908) 577-7581.

YOUNG YOUTH AND LCY MEETINGS On Sunday April 16 from 4 PM—5:15 PM Young Youth (K-4 through 5th grades) will meet and LCY (6th-12th grades) will meet from 5 PM—7 PM.

YOUTH BOWLING Youth in grades 6-12, their families & our confirmation mentors are invited to a bowling get-together at Stone Pin Bowling on Sunday April 23 from 4 PM—6 PM. We will have a short (bowling-based!) confirmation lesson, but all youth are encouraged to attend this fun event. The cost is \$30 per bowler. Please do not let cost be prohibitive, if you have any questions or concerns, contact Pastor Andrea. Please make checks out to SMLC and put "bowling" in the memo line (on check or venmo). Please RSVP by April 16th so that we have enough space reserved. You can use the QR code below to sign up:



PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER COFFEE and Information Session will be held Sunday, April 23, between worship services. If you've been worshipping with us but have not yet joined, we'd love for you to join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 am! For more information please contact Pastor Andrea at pastorandrea@stmichaelca.org.

SAVE THE DATE! The service committee is excited to share a new ongoing ministry initiative (name still in the works). We will be going out in our community in small teams handing out water and canned meat to those in need. Our first distribution day will be April 29th. All ages welcome. More details to come!

LUTHERIDGE SUMMER CAMPS ARE COMING SOON - REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW! Please visit Lutheridge's website, <http://www.lutheridge.org/>, to see the many opportunities available. And don't forget, there are scholarship funds here at St. Michael to help offset some of the costs.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Save the date! VBS 2023 will be Monday June 26 through Thursday June 29.

75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Save the date! St. Michael's 75th Anniversary Celebration will take place on Sunday June 4. We look forward to celebrating 75 wonderful years of St. Michael Lutheran Church!

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: TITHING FROM THE GRAVE George sat across from his Charitable Estate Gift Planner sharing stories about how he fell in love with his bride. He was 93 years old. "I was headed off to fly planes in the war, and had I decided I wanted to marry my girl. So, I flew in a little jumper plane to Atlanta in 30-degree weather to pick up her ring. I wanted to ask her before I left so no one else would snag her up while I was gone." George and his bride Lois have been married for more than 70 years now. "We have been tithing for more than half of that." Like most couples, when they first got married, they felt they had nothing and tithing to their congregation was last on their list. As they grew and matured in their faith, their priorities and their generosity changed. "Our congregation does good work in the community," said George. "We feed God's people and look out for each other. The world needs more messages of grace, not less. Our tithe helps provide hope." George and Lois were worried that when they died, their tithe would die with them. They were worried that the congregation would feel that loss on a monthly basis and feared it would limit the congregation's ability to continue in the important ministry they do. George and Lois decided to tithe their estate to their congregation by making their congregation the beneficiary of one of their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) that represented 10% of their assets. They chose to use the gift to start an endowment for the congregation knowing that with a standard 4 or 5% distribution each year, their tithe would live on in perpetuity. George and Lois were ready to make their gift, but their congregation wasn't ready to receive it. They had not discussed the possibility and did not have an endowment by-law ready to answer the questions, who will steward the endowment, how will it be invested and how will we use the quarterly distributions to build up the Kingdom of God? Their gift helped spark the congregation to action and now, three other couples in the congregation had followed the faithful and generous example of George and Lois.

Financial Report: Giving through March 19: \$
Attendance for Sunday, March 19: 8:30 —36 11:00 —92

Contact Information: Church office 864-232-8510 or stmichaelca@gmail.com

If your group has an up-coming meeting, please make sure to contact Ellen Bradshaw to ensure it gets on our Church Calendar.

Calendar for this Week

Monday, March 27

Noon Bunch	12:00 pm
Community Team	6:00 pm
12 Step Group	7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 28

Stephen Ministry Training	9:00 am
AA	7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 29

Bible Study	10:30 am
Mid-Week Lenten Worship	12:15 pm
Lenten Dinners	5:45 pm
Chapel Choir	6:00 pm
Midweek Lenten Worship	6:30 pm
Chancel Choir	7:30 pm

Thursday, March 30

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, March 31

Noon Bunch (AA)	12:00 pm
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Sunday, April 2

Holy Communion — 8:30 am

Adult Sunday School — 9:45 am

Holy Communion — 11:00 am

SMLC Easter Egg Hunt & Activities— 4:00 pm

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Prayer List

Tori Bailey and Family (friend of Stansbury Family)
Kathleen Black (Friend of Peter and Denise Strub)
Addison Boehnlein (niece of Bob & Jeanette Peterson)
Angela Bostick
Michelle Carrao (Carol Cooke's Sister)
Regina Conradi (Friend of Peter and Denise Strub)
Matthew Cunningham
Joedy Eller (cousin of Warren Mowry)
Tenzing Manske (Jennifer & Jonathan Fenske's nephew)
Sarah Gullick
Don Hart (friend of Sandy Sughrue)
Jack Hisley (Cindy Jones' brother-in-law)
Keith Howard
Kevin Howard (Keith Howard's brother)
Laura Howard (niece of Keith and Ruth Howard)
Donna Huffman
Karen Karlick
Christopher Keesee (Marie Castagnaro's Cousin)
Bub McConnell
Seth McCullen (Friend of The Russell Family)
Tom McLaughlin (Marie Castagnaro's Cousin)
Paul Montjoy
Sheri Moutrey (Sister-in-law of Diane Patterson)
Jerry Munson (friend of Mary Lee and Warren Mowry)
Doug Olson
Cathy Parks (friend of Karen Karlick)
Daneen Parrish (daughter of Bob & Bonnie Dietrick)
Ed and Patte (Father and Stepmother of Wendy Cunningham)
Lilly Peterson (granddaughter of Bob & Jeanette Peterson)
Ann Rhyne (Mother of David Rhyne)
Kathy Richardson
Hannelore and Siegfried Schuetterle
Steve Sherill (friend of Burt and Donna Weathers)
Kevin Sughrue and Patrick Sughrue (brothers of John Sughrue)
Charlie Thompson (friend of Charles & Donna Huffman)
Catherine Traylor (mother of Sarah Gullick)
Wallace and Cunningham family
Frank Weatherford (Friend of Peter and Denise Strub)