

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Greenville, South Carolina

September 17, 2023

HAPPENING TODAY

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

SEPTEMBER 17TH we will resume the two-service schedule (8:30 & 11:00) and Faith Formation will return at 9:45 for all ages. Additionally, this morning, you'll have a chance to learn about all of the MeetUps coming up and to get signed up!

MEETUP SIGN UPS will be in the gathering area following the 8:30 service and prior to the 11:00 service this morning. Come and hear from MeetUp facilitators about the MeetUps that will be offered this year! You'll have a chance to sign up for any/all that interest you. BIG thanks to MeetUp facilitators for sharing their gifts and passions in this way!

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE Fellowship United Methodist Faith Community (2703 Augusta St) is hosting a blood drive **today from 10 AM - 2 PM**. This is a community blood drive through their community partner, The Blood Connection. TBC is the primary supplier of blood to ALL of our local hospitals. Each unit of blood saves up to three lives! All donors will receive snacks and \$50 of eGiftcards. Our drives are successful due to strong community support. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, and did not pre-register, walk-ins are also appreciated.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: September 18: Courtney Boling, Denise Strub, Donna Weathers, Ashley Brookey, Linda Cramer; September 19: Reid Schultz; September 20: Tracy Bucholz, Mary Long, Gabe Kinsey

COMING SOON AND LOOKING AHEAD

REALM will be launching officially on September 24th! Please plan to stay for a few minutes after worship (at each service) for a brief overview/orientation with Pastor Andrea. That morning, we'll tackle getting logged in, downloading the Realm Connect App and navigating the App. We will also be posting video training to YouTube for those who cannot attend!

CONFIRMATION – SEPTEMBER 24 We're going to go tubing with the Saluda Outdoor Center for our first Confirmation class of the year, on Sept. 24th. We'll have a good time, get to know each other and learn together about God's Grace and the ways it FLOWS through us and in our lives. Confirmands (6th -8th graders) and mentors of the 2023-24 year, we hope you'll join us! Please use the QR at the bottom of the next page to RSVP!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH OF ST MICHAEL! Did you know that you were created to be GATHERED?! 2024 is bringing the next ELCA National Youth Gathering — 5 day event from July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans, LA, where thousands of Lutheran youth from around the country gather to learn, grow, play, serve, and worship together! All of our current 8th through 12th grade youth at SMLC are eligible and invited to attend next year's Gathering! For more information for our eligible youth and parents, please plan to join us for an information session on Monday, September 25th from 7pm to 8pm in the Fellowship Hall or online through Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87464908345?pwd=Sk15SUIHekp1SkNGbXNDTFA2TXJvQT09>, Password: 793790). We hope to offer information about the event, housing, transportation, cost, and next steps for preparing for this fun and memorable experience in Faith Formation! If you are interested and planning on attending that info session, please RSVP through the church office or through the event's Realm page using the QR code at the bottom of the next page or the link on the blast!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DEDICATION COOKOUT AND CEREMONY From Julia Levi, Major Gifts Officer at Habitat For Humanity: *I am so excited to share with you that we have almost reached the finish line on this year's Faith Golden Strip Build for Ian! Thank you so much for your support of this project and for your support of Ian. We are so excited to see Ian move into his home in just a few weeks! As we prepare to celebrate this moment with Ian, we want to invite you to his dedication and a pre-dedication cookout. We ask that you please RSVP for this event so we can be sure to have enough food for all who will be attending. So many of you came out in crazy weather, were flexible with our changing schedule and truly invested your heart and soul into this project. THANK YOU!* **Dedication Cookout and Ceremony Details Date:** September 24, 2023 **Time:** Cookout at 12:30 pm; Dedication will begin at 1:30 pm **Location:** 122 McCullough St., Greenville, SC 29607 **RSVP:** Please RSVP at this link by September 20th if you are able to join us. <https://forms.office.com/r/abtFsBeReS>

SAINTS ALIVE will meet Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. This will be a potluck lunch. Our guests will be Sarah and Roy Gullick who will present their travel of the Holy Land. Looking forward to seeing everyone after summer break.

INFORMATIONAL COFFEE HOUR Interested in learning more about St Michael and meeting others who are new-ish to the life of the congregation? Join us for our informational coffee hour presented on behalf of the community committee to ask questions of staff, council members as well as the Community Committee members. This event will take place on Sunday October 1 at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. You can RSVP using the link or on Realm or the blast or through the QR code on the bottom of the next page. We hope to see you there!

CROSS STITCH CROSS STITCH *This is not a sewing class!* SMLC will be hosting another one of the Cross Stitch events on Sunday October 8 from 12:30 PM—2:30 PM in the fellowship hall. We'll learn together about the Church Calendar and the ways God's time can help to ground us in faith. We will have breakout sessions for all ages of youth and adults. This is a cross-generational, faith-formation event. Please plan to join us! Let us know you're coming by using the QR code on the bottom of the next page or by using the link in the blast.

COMING SOON - SUNDAY LUNCHES Sunday lunches for the congregation begin October 1, 2023! Who in the world cooks Sunday lunch for the congregation? We do! Families are asked to sign up to prepare lunch one Sunday, for the congregation! Sounds overwhelming?? We have help! Just grab a friend and their family and sign up on the board in the Narthex to prepare lunch on one of the designated Sundays. Don't know where to start? Not to worry, the link in the blast tells you how to prepare lunch! Don't know what to cook or how to cook for a crowd? Well, Bonnie Cook compiled large quantity recipes and they are in a book in the kitchen! If you haven't cooked before, there are plenty who have, so you can team up with some of them! In addition, January 14, 2024 is the Every Member Birthday Party. We are looking for bakers to sign up to back a cake for a month! You can sign up for this in the gathering area, as well! Sunday lunches are a great way to promote community within our congregation. If you can participate in this important ministry, please sign up! If you have questions about preparing a Sunday lunch, feel free to contact Cynthia Trout at 864.414.6621 or check out the instructions on the Sunday Lunch board in the gathering area!

THIRD ACT GROUP will be gathering at the Clemson Botanical Gardens on Saturday, October 14. Let's plan to meet at the Fran Hanson Center at 10:30 that day. General admission/self guided touring is free. Please let Patty Parker (864) 608-2637 or Nancy Olson (864) 419-0387 if you plan to attend so we can look for you at the Fran Hanson Center. Hope to see you there. FYI, no football in Clemson that weekend so it should be easy to get there.

GENERAL AND ONGOING INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS Tripp Paul Gentry was born to Rachel and Austin Gentry on September 7, 2023 weighing 9 lb 8oz, 22 inches long. The whole Gentry family reports they are doing well!

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE CHOIRS As the new choir season is just beginning, we want to invite any interested singers to come to a rehearsal and test the waters. Everyone is always welcome to come to a rehearsal without any obligation. The Choir is a small but growing group ministry tasked with leading worship each week. You might consider three options of participation. First, as this is the perfect time to join, you might join as a weekly member for the entire choir season. Second, you might, as I said above, want to just come and see if this is right for you without any commitment. A third option would be to commit for only the first half of the fall season culminating with Reformation Sunday on October 29. As you can see, there are options for commitment or just exploring possibilities. If you are interested in any of these possibilities, please see or contact Deacon David (david@stmichaelca.org) with any questions or to get more details. Otherwise, simply show up at a rehearsal on Wednesdays at 7:00. All high school age youth and adults are welcomed.

CHURCH PARKING LOT REPAVING In the coming weeks, SMLC will have our parking lot repaved. The projected date is October 9th.

SMLC GIVING POLICY In 1 Corinthians 13, St. Paul writes about how true love can bear, believe, hope, and endure all things. And then he ends by stating quite clearly, "Love never ends" (verse 8). As many of us have experienced whether over decades, years, or just a few months, Christ's love has blossomed and bloomed here in the life of St. Michael in many different seasons and times. It is in that reality that we hope to be more intentional in generously providing all that St. Michael might need going forward into a new and exciting future.

Over the last several months, St. Michael has moved to create a new Gifts Committee as well as written SMLC's first Gift Policy. This team's hope is that members might take a look and review this policy, so that when generous gifts are shared for the sake of God's church at St. Michael, they can be done both according to the wishes of the giver, as well as to the mission and life of St. Michael going forward so that God's love in this place will "never die!" Beginning this week, we'll continue to have copies of this policy available on the resource table in the corner of the Gathering Area. We hope this might create interest, curiosity, and continued generosity in the hearts of the saints here at SMLC. If you have any questions or ideas concerning making a gift, please contact Pastor Kyle, Van Matthews, Peter Strub, or Jack Williams.

CROSS STITCH



CONFIRMATION



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH



COFFEE HOUR



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

Calendar for this Week

Monday, September 18

AA	12:00 pm
Doll Group	2:00 pm
12 Step Group	7:30 pm

Tuesday, September 19

Prayer Shawl Knitting	10:30 am
Pregnancy and Infant Loss	7:00 pm
AA	7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 20

Bible Study	10:30 am
Choirs	7:00 pm

Thursday, September 21

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, September 22

Noon Bunch (AA)	12:00 pm
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Sunday, September 24

Holy Communion — 8:30 am

Faith Formation — 9:45 am

Holy Communion — 11:00 am

Confirmation — 1:30 pm

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Church office: 864-232-8510

Attendance for Sunday September 10:

10:00 —137

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
Regina Conradi (Friend of Peter and Denise Strub)
Bonnie Dees
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)
Don Hart (friend of Sandy Sughrue)
Jack Hisley (Cindy Jones' brother-in-law)
Keith Howard
Kevin Howard (Keith Howard's brother)
Donna Huffman
Karen Karlik
Catherine Main (Friend of Diane and Louie Smith)
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)
Cathy Parks (friend of Karen Karlik)
Daneen Parrish (daughter of Bob & Bonnie Dietrick)
Ed and Patte (Father and Stepmother of Wendy Cunningham)
Lilly Peterson (granddaughter of Bob & Jeanette Peterson)
Ann Rothfuss (Friend of Michelle Carraro)
Ann Rhyne (Mother of David Rhyne)
Kathy Richardson
Hannelore and Siegfried Schuetterle
Steve Sherill (friend of Bert and Donna Weathers)
Sally Sizemore
Kevin Sughrue and Patrick Sughrue (brothers of John Sughrue)
Charlie Thompson (friend of Charles & Donna Huffman)
Catherine Traylor (mother of Sarah Gullick)