

The Messenger

Bringing you the news of mission and ministry of the people of St. Michael

May At a glance

So, they left the tomb quickly with fear and GREAT JOY, and ran to tell the Disciples.

Matthew 28:8

My Brothers and Sisters, "Christ is Risen!" It is the Resurrection of Jesus that is the Defining Moment for Jesus and for us!

As the sun came up on the first Easter, the women came to see the tomb. Disappointment, grief and death were the defining themes of their lives. And then an Angel messenger declared to them...HE is Risen! And suddenly, they were transformed. RESURRECTION, not death, would define their lives from that day forward.

St. Michael, resurrection, not death, defines our lives. The risen Jesus continues to meet us in Messengers who practice resurrection in their daily lives and in our community by the way they get **involved** in the Risen Jesus' Mission and Ministry.

This month we give thanks to God for one of those messengers who got involved our congregation and helped us experience resurrection. Roger Whittaker is retiring as our Director of Church Operations after more than a decade of being involved in called leadership and making it clear resurrection, not death; growing, not closing; great joy, not fear defines our life together at St. Michael! Join me in thanking God for Roger and the inspirational example he has set for us all. It is amazing what can happen when the Risen Jesus calls and we get involved in His Mission of Sharing God's Good News and Love with all people. What Jesus has done through Roger and continues to do through us all together makes it clear, **because HE IS Risen, We too can and will Rise with Him!**

In May, the Risen Jesus is calling anew for you to get involved in practicing resurrection in our life together. You will be invited to be involved in the mission the Risen Jesus has given us! Check out our Ministry Fair, May 22, after each worship service and see how resurrection continues to define our life together.

Christ is Risen and with us today!

Ever thankful to God for you,

Pastor Chris

MEN'S RETREAT Gentlemen, it is time to grill, golf, grunt & GO (Bikers, Golfers, Runners, Cyclists, Hunters, Hikers, Surfers, Campers, Non-Campers, Sports Fans, etc). SEEKING a handful of GUYS who will help GET the GUYS AWAY! If you are interested in helping to get the guys out of town, please contact

Kevin Hill, Scott Gerhart, George Wadzita or Tim Worst as soon as you can! LET'S GO, GUYS! MAN-UP!



MOTHER'S DAY PICNIC for Single Mom's, Mom's with Spouses deployed or Mom's just looking for someone to share the holiday with. Bring your own picnic, food & stuff, sunscreen & fabulous hat and join us for sun, grilling, kayaking and lots of laughter and fun as we celebrate the gift of motherhood. There are trees to climb, playgrounds & kayaks are rented for \$5/hour. Munden Point Park Please RSVP to the church office if you'd like to join us!

Roger at the ground breaking of our current Sanctuary!



@ The Well

Women's Spring Retreat 2011

May 20th & 21st

Cost \$75*

The Well Retreat Center

18047 Quiet Way Smithfield, Virginia

*Registration includes lodging & meals

@ The Well.
There's a place for you.
Thirsty yet?



Come fill your cup @ The Well and Quench your thirst with the Living Water Jesus offers us as women.

Why not retreat from the busy pace of life to a quiet place where the day moves slowly and there is time for Conversation, Contemplation and Calm. Faith, Friendship, Fellowship and Rest await you

Call 757.427.5088 or Email Juliet.dfd@stmichaelvb.org for info

Join us weekly at St. Michael on

Sunday Mornings

Worship & Holy Communion

@ 8:30 & 11:00 am

Sunday School for all ages @ 9:45am

Mondays

Planners @ 10:00am

Scouts @ 7:00pm

Tuesdays

Sewing Ministry 2nd & 4th @ 10:00am

AA Meeting @ 7:00pm

Greif Support Group @ 7:00pm

Wednesdays

Women's Bible Study @ 6:30pm

Senior Choir Rehearsal @ 7:30pm

Stewardship Ministry 3rd @ 7:30pm

Thursdays

Women's Bible Study @ 9:30am

Prayer Shawl Ministry 1st & 3rd @ 10:00am

Pastor's Bible Study @ 7:00pm

NA Meeting @ 7:00pm

Fridays

Beach Babies @ 10:00am

Saturdays

Men's Breakfast 2nd @ 9:00am

Finance Meeting 2nd @ 10:00am

Worship & Music 2nd @ 11:00am

Special Dates to Remember This Month

May 1 @ 1pm Crafter's Fellowship

May 6/7 Confirmation Retreat (7th-8th Gr.)

May 8 @ 2pm Mother's Day Picnic Munden Pt.

May 9 @ 7pm Council Meeting

May 13 @ 5pm LYF Fundraiser

May 13 @ 5:30pm Date Night for couples

May 20 @ 7pm Boy Scouts Lock-In

May 20-21 Women's Retreat @ the Well

May 22 Sunday School Teacher Appreciation

May 22 Last Day of Sunday School

May 22 Ministry Team Fair

May 22 @ 1pm New Member Orientation

May 27 @ 7pm Book Club

May 29 @ 2 Youth Mission Team Project

TAKE A LOOK AHEAD!

New Member Sunday June 5th

Confirmation Sunday June 12th

Graduate Recognition June 19th

Father's Day June 19th

Kairos June 26th-July 1st

LYF Mission Trip July 2nd-9th

Junior High Servant Event July 17th-22nd

All Faith Tides Game July 19th

Vacation Bible School August 1st-5th

St. Michael Ocean Breeze August 6th



May 6th & 7th
CONFIRMATION RETREAT

A note

From Our Council President

As Council continues its effort to fulfill God's vision for St. Michael, I invite you to take a moment as we remember Mothers Day on May 8. The following is for all mothers, for those who still have their mother in this world and for those of us who no longer do.

MOTHERS

The young mother set forth on the path of life. In response to her question, the guide replied that the way will be hard and before you reach the end you will be old, but the end will be better than the beginning.

The young mother was happy. She played with her children and could not believe that any years could be better than these.

When the path became stormy and dark, the mother drew them near to her and her children felt no fear in her comforting presence.

Ahead was a steep hill and the mother and her children grew weary with the climb. When they reached the top, the children knew that through their mother's patience and faith they had gained courage and strength.

When the children's lives were darkened by clouds of hate and evil, the mother taught them to look up beyond the darkness. She gave thanks for the best day of all as she showed her children God.

As the months and years went by, the mother grew old and was small and bent. The children, tall and strong, carried their mother when her way became rough. As she neared the end of her journey, the mother knew that the end would be better than the beginning, for her children and their children could walk alone.

And when the mother went on alone through the gates, her children watched and rejoiced, for they knew that although they could no longer see her that she would continue to live through them and be with them always.

By His Grace,
Nancy Crane

The Finance Ministry Team meets the 2nd Saturday at 10am in classroom #1. You are invited to attend!

~Paul Lown

The Stewardship Ministry Team meets the 3rd Wednesday at 7pm in classroom #1. You are invited to attend!

~Jeremy Jeffries

Alive & Anew in the Living Water. . .



Feed the Hungry

Did you know that Judea Christian Outreach Center (JCCO) provides free meals to the homeless in VA Beach 365 nights a year? About 40

churches and organizations provide the meals. Thanks to the leadership of Mary Kaufman with helpers – George Horvath, Dale and Joan Harris, Carol Rothman and George Pilgrim, St. Michael fed about 100 people on February 28th. Other dates for this year are June 13th, Sept. 5th and Nov. 7th. Two teams are needed each time – 1-3pm cooking and prep team and 5:30-6:30pm serving team. What a blessing it is to reach out to others and feed God's children! We are always interested in new people joining these teams. If you are interested in joining either of these fun teams please contact Carol Pilgrim at 301-3329.



Contribute Regularly means practicing our stewardship on a daily basis. By doing so this becomes a life-style. Paul instructs us:

"On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn."

1 Corinthians 16:2

Congratulations Bingo helpers! St. Michael Lutheran Church has received a certificate for recognition of our many years of organizing and helping the residents at Sentara Nursing Center playing Bingo every 2nd Tuesday of each month. Special thanks to Steve Jackson, Mary Jane Murphy, Florence Meyer and Marion Recchino. If you are interested in joining this team for an evening of fun and entertainment, please contact Carol Pilgrim at 301-3329 or cgpilgrim@cox.net. Please look at the certificate on the Social Ministry table in the Fellowship Hall.

From the Eagles' Nest...

Make plans to join the Eagles of St. Michael (our Seniors' Ministry) for fellowship in faith! What's coming up? **COME FLY with the EAGLES**

We will gather **May 1st at 3pm** for the matinee performance of **Bye Bye Birdie** at the Regent University Theater. Watch the bulletin board for more upcoming events for our Eagles!

"but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31



Men's Breakfast is enjoyed on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 am at St. Michael. Come join the guys for an incredible breakfast and time of fellowship!

St. Michael Couples Ministry!

Please consider joining us at St. Michael on May 13th at 5:30 for our Date Night program for dating, engaged and married couples. We meet for appetizers, fellowship, and a brief video before couples go out to eat on their own. We will continue with the series by Pastor Chip Ingram: *Marriage Built to Last*. Please sign up in the fellowship hall to let us know you are coming.

Need Childcare? St. Michael LYF (senior high youth) will be providing childcare for pre-registered children in the Martin Murphy Room during the event and while you are out to dinner (*from 5:00pm—9:30pm!*) They will be accepting donations to be used for Mission and Synod event scholarships.

****Please sign up in advance for childcare so we can be prepared to welcome your children!** Pack n' Plays & nap mats/sleeping bags welcome! We have a quiet/sleep room.

Save Date Nights on your calendar now!
June 10th, and July 8th

NEXT SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING

AUGUST 30, 2011

At this meeting we will plan Sept. – Dec. projects. All members and guests are invited to the meeting. We do a lot of fun things for the community. Come and be a part of the experience! Co-leaders –

UPDATE FROM THE PLARNERS

So far, we have made 10 mats for the homeless by using recycled plastic shopping bags. The people really like these mats – so much so that even some homeless ladies have been making their own mats! If you are interested in joining this group of plarners we meet at church every Monday at 10 in the library. No experience needed. We will be there to guide you. We are in need of more bags as each mat requires 500 -700 bags. If you have plastic shopping bags to donate please place them in the large bin under the Social Ministry Table. Thank you for your help.



Questions about the Eagles? Contact our senior ministry coordinators, Mary Jane Murphy & Rich Kessmann through the church office or on Sunday mornings in the choir loft, sharing their gifts of music!

Alive & Anew as we serve. . .

Alive & Anew in the Living Word. . .

With Thanksgiving . . .

THANK YOU to our Fellowship Ministry and the countless volunteers who helped make our Lenten Soup Suppers a SOUPer success!

THANK YOU to our Men's Ministry and their helpers who made the Easter Breakfast a delightful treat to all who shared the meal!

THANK YOU to those who participated in and helped make possible our first ever Safe Side Sunday! Check out the poster and congratulate those young people who were Super Safety-fied

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION!

Both Worship Services on Sunday, May 22nd. This will also be our last day of Sunday School before we break for summer. Join us and say thank you to our amazing Sunday School Staff of Volunteer Teachers and Coordinators!

SUITED FOR SUCCESS

Spring Cleaning? During May, we will collect new or gently used business clothes for both men and women. These articles will be given to people in the area who need presentable clothing for work. Thank you for reaching out to others so they can become independent citizens.

SUPPORT THE TROOPS

St. Michael is working with Nimmo Methodist, Sandbridge Community and St. John Catholic Church to collect small items to send to our troops. We are looking for slim jims, packs of gum, packs of crackers, crew socks (size 9-12 only), chap stick, toothbrushes, toothpaste, individually wrapped candy and Sunday comics, sport and health sections of the paper. If you can provide any of these items please put them in the basket on the Social Ministry Table. God bless you for supporting our troops.

FISHSTICKS! IS CHILDREN'S LITURGICAL WORSHIP THROUGH MOVEMENT & MUSIC

FishSticks! will Rehearse the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30. *Children must be in kindergarten or older to participate.*



You are invited to join the Senior Choir as we prepare music for worship throughout the spring and summer. Email Holly at landersun2@aol.com or surprise us by dropping in at 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings. All are welcome!

Do you need prayer or know someone who does? St. Michael has a team that spends time in prayer for specific needs and in general throughout the week. Please contact the church office or one of the staff if you have a prayer concern or praise.



PRAYER.



St. Michael Lutheran Preschool

is now accepting registrations for the 2011 Summer & Fall Programs.

Please consider making an appointment to visit and meet their nurturing staff and explore the faces, places and spaces with your preschooler!

St. Michael staff work together to build days of fun, filled with learning, and days of learning, filled with fun!

Looking for a preschool right now? Call Miss Sue and Miss Lisa at 757-689-2629 to set up a visit today!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIL THE END OF MAY!

As a reminder, there are Sunday School classes available each Sunday from 9:45 – 10:40 am for EVERY age. There are two adult classes currently held on Sunday mornings: *The Good News Connection* with Kevin Gilbert in Room 9 and *For Heaven's Sake!: Parenting (Preschoolers) Faithfully* with Cynthia Bowen in Room 1. Questions? Please contact Jodi Cox, Sunday School Superintendent at 319-2256 or billandjodi@cox.net.



LYF (life) Senior High Sunday School continues their exploration to find God in unexpected places in film.

JUNIOR HIGH SERVANT EVENT July 17-22 for all rising 7th through rising 9th graders. We will camp at St. Michael with churches from all over Virginia and spend our days ministering to folks in need. Interested? Contact the church office at 427-5088.

Women's Bible Study continues Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm and Thursdays 9:30-11am.

Pastor's Bible Study continues Thursdays @ 7:00pm. Both studies are held at St. Michael.



POWER IN THE SPIRIT!

July 14-16, 2011 *We Love to Tell The*

Story! Virginia Synod's Power in the Spirit is an adult faith-building & inspirational conference for everyone who wishes to explore God's call to service through joyous worship, Bible study, keynote addresses, workshops, and fellowship. Call church office or pick up a flier if interested.

1st Sunday Crafter's Fellowship

Sunday, May 1st 1-4 PM in the Martin Murphy Room. Anyone is welcome, bring a friend, snack, lunch, extension cords, etc. & catch up on your projects! Next Time: June 5th

4th Friday Book Club

Friday, May 27th 7-8pm

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

LMF (5th-8th grades)



LYF (9th-12th grades)

ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN YOUTH SERVICE & OUTREACH

These People Projects need YOUth!

(Sign up on the bulletin board or facebook)

MISSION TRIP JULY 2-9th WASHINGTON, DC.

Students must apply to participate and can obtain an application from Juliet Hutchens in the church office.

Regular discipleship, service and fundraising activities are part of the commitment in advance of the trip and participants will be required to provide \$100 deposit to secure their place on this Mission Team. Spaces are limited and students (rising 9th grade through graduated 12th grade) are encouraged to express their interest as soon as possible.

We will travel to inner city Washington, DC with Youth Works, a large mission trip organization. Our Team will travel with a team from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and will join with other students from around the country to touch the lives of people in need.

Mission Team Activities

May 29 2pm –Meet at church, we will serve dinner at P.I.N. Ministry from 3-6, then go out for ice cream as a team to get to know the Good Shepherd team.

June 10-11 Lock-In & Serve Breakfast to P.I.N. Ministry.

July 2nd Pizza, Pack & Pray. We will gather in the evening to load the vans, share a meal and pray together for our trip. This event is for both parents and students.

*Parent Volunteers are needed to help coordinate our fundraising efforts (if you are not a parent, but would like to help, we welcome you! Please see Juliet). Dates for Fundraising Activities will be announced.

LYF (LIFE) FUNDRAISER 2ND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH! Fri., May 13th from 5-10pm

All HANDS on Deck to raise money for Youth event scholarships! (Winter Celebration, Mission Trips, etc.) We will provide childcare for our St. Michael couple's date night. 5-10 pm in the Martin Murphy Room. Mark down next month June 10th.

Alive & Anew as we worship and pray. . .

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 Join our group/be our friend on facebook!
St. Michael Lutheran Church, Virginia Beach

June Messenger Submission Deadline: May 15th
Please submit all entries to church office email above.