

From the Pastor's Desk

Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

*"Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."
(Mark 12:28b-31)*

Last spring, a single mother and her children moved to their own apartment in Roseville. As recent immigrants, they were seeking steady work and a safe place to live. Knowing that they needed job training to achieve work stability, the mother and her oldest son enrolled in a job training program to become Personal Care Assistants. Though this program was a long term investment for their future, it meant that their income would decrease while they were in the training program. Already living pay check to pay check and without family nearby to support them, this hardworking family needed assistance to make ends meet while they were in the training program. This is where you stepped in.

St. Michael's is a founding member of the Roseville Area Angel Fund, a funding collaborative made up of other faith communities in town that

help support our neighbors when they are in need. The Roseville Area Angel Fund is managed by Keystone Social Services and provides an extra funding source for social workers in the community who are assisting families and individuals. The fund has paid for educational training, medical bills, transportation needs, rental assistance...whatever the needs of our neighbors are, the Angel Funds steps in to help. Recognizing that social workers are trained and equipped to offer wrap around support, St. Michael's refers individuals and families in the community to Keystone for emergency assistance and navigating community resources.

The Angel Fund helped the single mother and her children by providing supplemental funds for their rent so they could stay in the job training program without becoming homeless. Within three months, they completed their job training program, have an increased income, and are stable in their new apartment!

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THE MESSENGER

This is what it means to be a good neighbor! Though most of us benefit from support from family and friends, many of our neighbors don't have a support network to help when crisis hits. The Angel Fund is one way that our community supports our neighbors in need. Your generosity allows us to be a caring presence in the community. If you would like to make a special gift to the Angel Fund, you can send a gift to St. Michael's Lutheran Church with "Angel Fund" in the memo line, or you can donate to Keystone Social Services Directly by sending your gift to:

Keystone Community Services
Attn: Roseville Area Angel Assistance Fund
2000 St. Anthony Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104
"Roseville Angel Fund" in memo line

Thank you for your generosity in showing love and support to your neighbors!

~ Pastor Ali



Adult Education will begin on Sunday, September 10th. Join us for this time of learning and conversation over coffee on Sunday mornings from 10:00 am - 10:50 am in the Courtyard Room!

Religion In Life:

Lives in Community

September 10th "Community Across Borders: An Update from our Partner Congregation in Guatemala" led by the 2017 Trip Participants: Joan Felice, Lisa Koland, and Sam Koland

St. Michael's has an active partnership with a Lutheran Church in the rural highlands of Guatemala. Come taste Guatemalan treats, see pictures from their latest trip, and hear an update from our partner congregation! The Lutheran Church in Guatemala is working on various projects around health, agriculture, and women's and children's education. Learn how you can get involved in future projects and trips!

September 17th "St. Michael's Community Visioning Process" led by St. Michael's Council and Strategic Planning Team

This past year, St. Michael's has gone through significant transition. Anytime there is pastoral transition, there is natural conversation within the congregation surrounding the needs and priorities of the congregation. To assess the current needs and priorities of the church, the Church Council has decided to undergo a strategic planning process to help us clarify our community's vision, mission, and values. In August, the Church Council will have a half day retreat to begin this process led by the Strategic Planning Team, St. Michael's members Patty Bales and Chuck Hanson. Together, we would like to share our initial thoughts as we begin this process and gain your feedback! Don't miss the opportunity to be involved in this important process for our community!

September 24th "The Community in Which We Live" with a panel of community leaders including Police Chief, Rick Mathwig

Roseville is a diverse and vibrant community that faces unique challenges. A panel of community leaders will be sharing their perspectives on what the biggest issues are priorities are for our city. Bring your questions and concerns as we learn how to help make Roseville a welcoming, safe, and strong community for all.

Summer Activities

Women's Summer Patio Series

35 women from St. Michael's are participating in this year's Summer Patio Series! To read *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor along with them, head to www.summerpatioseries.blogspot.com

YogaDevotion News

We are taking a break for the summer and will start again in the Fall after Labor Day. Questions? Contact Kathy Nockleby at kathynockleby@gmail.com

Intergenerational Bike Trip



Mark your calendars for St. Michael's Annual Intergenerational Bike trip, planned for August 3, 4, 5 & 6, 2017. Join us in Preston, MN to ride the paved Root River Trails with stops in Lanesboro, Whalen (the pie capital of our world!) and more. All ages are welcome for the entire weekend or just part of it. Contact Ron Kuhn for details. ronaldkuhn44@gmail.com

Education

T-Shirts Needed

St. Michael's is already preparing for our congregational day of service — God's Work Our Hands Day — on September 17th!



We will be collecting recycled T-shirts for a special project that day. Please bring T-shirts to the church office leading up to September 17th. T-shirts should be clean and bigger than a youth large.

Thank you for helping us prepare for this special service project!

NEW Frolic Play group!

NEW!! Frolic Play Group for age two and under on Sunday mornings starting September 10th! Parents and caregivers of children age two and younger are invited join us each Sunday in the Nursery and adjoining room for a playgroup! Parents and children attend together! St. Michael's staff and attendants will have simple stations set up that are age appropriate for our toddlers that encourage an introduction to faith through play! We will use the Frolic curriculum through Augsburg Fortress. This is an infant friendly time. A changing table, bathroom and snack area are all right in the Nursery! You are able to "pop in and play" any Sunday you are able! Join us for the kick-off to the new playgroup on Rally Day, September 10th at 10:00 a.m. (meet in the Nursery).

Register on Rally Day or by emailing Marta Goldenman at: mgoldenman@stmichaelselca.com.

Rally Day!

Sunday School Kick-Off September 10th!
Join us as we delve into the 2017 Sunday School theme: *Changemakers!*

Birth-Two years are invited to the Nursery for the first day of the new Frolic Playgroup! (see adjoining article)

Children ages 3 years through 5th grade: Join us in on Sunday, September 10th at 10:00 a.m. for a time to engage in activities that will get us revved up for the new Sunday School year! Maker stations, Registration, Treats and a time to connect with leaders and friends!

Grades 6-12: Activities also resume Sunday, September 10th! Signs will be posted around the building with classroom locations.

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Desserters II Book Club

- 09/26/17 *Nobody's Fool*
by Richard Russo
- 10/24/17 *Summer Before the War*
by Helen Simonson
- 11/28/17 *Our Souls at Night*
by Kent Haruf
- 1/23/18 *Alexander Hamilton*
by Ron Chernow
- 2/27/18 *LaRose*
by Louise Erdrich
- 3/27/18 *Born a Crime*
by Trevor Noah
- 4/24/18 *Underground Railroad*
by Colson Whitehead
- 5/22/18 *Hillbilly Elegy*
by J.D. Vance

The Desserters II book club is embarking on another year of upholding important traditions:

There will be books to be read and discussed.

There will be desserts to be eaten.

Our first meeting of the new schedule will be held at the home of Terry and Eunice Boehlke.

Green Team Forming

The property committee is forming a green team to implement the recommendations of our energy audit and to find other ways to conserve energy at our church home. This is a short-term group that will meet several times to review the audit and discuss other options.

If you have a particular interest, experience or training, you are encouraged to contact Neal Chapman neal.chapman@icloud.com for additional information.

Confirmation Mentors

Confirmation mentoring is an opportunity for young people and adults to learn from one another as they grow in faith! Each confirmation student is paired with an adult partner for the duration of the confirmation program. Over the course of two years, confirmation students and adult mentors will experience a variety of learning activities together! Past



mentor nights have included service projects, game nights, cooking challenges, documentaries, and prayer stations. There are around 6-8 confirmation mentor nights

throughout the program year. If you are interested in serving as a mentor, please contact Pastor Ali for more information!

We're Having a Picnic!

Monday, August 28, 2017

5:30 p.m.

We'll provide: Hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, brats, beverages and utensils.

Please bring:
a dish to share

Come for great food, fun, and fellowship!



Following the 7:00 p.m. worship service, we will enjoy ice cream and popsicles!

Youth Mission Trip Reflection by DoriENZler

Upon entering the airport, I felt a lot of regret: I was skipping soccer and the mission trip felt as though it was in the way of my summer break. Being on a Native American reservation seemed foreign and I had no idea what to expect. But I kept reminding myself this trip was a new experience and one I probably would not encounter again.

When first getting to the reservation I saw beautiful mountains and houses that were small and spread apart. I couldn't believe how nice the mountains looked stretching across the land, unlike Minnesota. On the early plane and car rides I took many naps, but I still felt exhausted as it was a long first day. Listening to Pastor Linda talk about uncertain future plans made me feel confused. Being flexible was not a trait I felt secure in.

On Sunday we went to Pastor Linda's church service. Their church was smaller than St. Michael's, but felt very cozy and welcoming. Each day we made our own breakfast and dinner, but for lunch we went down to Rocky Boy's elementary school to hang out with the kids. The school kindly gave us free lunch, for which I was truly grateful. Seeing the kids each day was always exciting; they came up with opened arms wanting a hug and to say "hi". Seeing the kids play on the playground reminded me of how a simple game or toy could make a person smile. None of them were worried about internet connection or streaks on Snapchat.

For the work projects, we mainly stayed on the church grounds and helped paint. Following my struggle with flexibility, we were able to finish painting a deck until realizing we had to paint it again

with a different kind of paint. The doors as well were painted colors offending the elders of the reservation, having then to be painted a second time. After painting many times, it made me feel accomplished. I've never painted that much, but also a little sad...I had hoped to see families in the community and talk with them. I felt I was doing a disservice not directly engaging with them.

On multiple occasions we went to museums on the history of native Americans, listening to the tour guides tell what really happened with the Native Americans and White settlers. Being invited by the Native Americans to their reservation made me feel bad; I felt that we didn't seem as welcoming as they were, their history with Whites was dark and depressing yet they seemed happier for us than us to them. On the last night we were there, some Native Americans came to dance their traditional dances and sing. After the dancing and singing we had a man named Dustin come tell us more about the culture and how happy he was to have us there. Dustin said he was happy about how his kids came home and talked about their exciting days with us. He also talked about how thankful he was that we were there to listen to their stories, and he hoped we would share them with our families. When he said that, it hit me: us being there was why they welcomed us with open arms, listening was our way of helping.

In conclusion, I am grateful to have been able to go on this amazing trip. Exposure to new cultures is a life-changing experience. I never thought I would be able to go on a trip like this.

Thank you, St. Michael's!

Faith in Daily Life

Faith in Daily Life will resume in August to complete the book *They Are Us*. The groups meet from noon to 1:00 p.m.

August 2—Chianti Grill-Roseville

August 9—Thrivent Lunch Room—Minneapolis

August 16—Grateful Table—Roseville (St. Paul group)

Save the Dates

BBQ & God's Work Our Hands Sunday will take place on Sunday, September 17th.

Our **Annual Bazaar** is scheduled for November 4th.



Social Ministry

Social Ministry Events

Panera Bread Ministry

- Weekly—volunteers rescue food that is about to be thrown out and redistribute to our local food shelf

Rezek House Meal

- August 7th —see information in next column

Sandwich Making for Union Gospel Mission

- August 13th —Volunteers of all ages meet after church, make sandwiches and deliver to Union Gospel Mission

Global Health Ministries

- August 14th & 28th —Volunteers meet on Monday at Global Health Mission and carry out a variety of tasks from sorting medical supplies, to putting together baby kits, to preparing shipments to go overseas. We would love more volunteers!

Quilting and Bandage Rolling

- August 9th & 23rd —Volunteers meet at St. Michael's and roll bandages for Global Health Ministries and make quilts for veterans, clinics, and other organizations.

School Supplies Drive

It's that time again to get students ready to go back to school. Social ministry will be collecting school supplies from Sunday, August 6 through Sunday, August 27. There will be a list of needed school supplies on the Social Ministry bulletin board.

Thanks for your help in this important service. Your generousness will allow many students to have a good start in the upcoming school year.



Rezek House Meal

The first Monday of each month, St. Michael's volunteers provide a community meal for the 15 residents at Rezek House, a transitional shelter for homeless youth. The next meal is August 7th! If you'd like to provide a meal for the youth, please sign up by contacting the church office at 651-631-1510 or going to the online sign up here: <http://stmichaelsca.com/volunteer.html> This service project is perfect for families!

Loaves & Fishes

If you would like more opportunities with Loaves and Fishes, there are needs for volunteers throughout the next couple months. They especially need volunteers the following dates in August:

Cooks Needed:

Wednesday, 8/2 & Thursday, 8/3

Servers & Cleaners needed:

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| Thursday, 8/10 | Tuesday, 8/15 |
| Wednesday, 8/16 | Monday, 8/21 |
| Tuesday, 8/22 | Monday, 8/28 |
| Tuesday, 8/29 | Wednesday, 8/30 |
| Thursday, 8/31 | |

You can follow the Loaves & Fishes' link to their Sign-up Genius for these positions online: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d44a5ab2fa1fa7-holy>

If you sign up to help cook, there will already be food available- the Site Director, Galen, will help you prepare the meal! The times are listed on the link. This would be a great opportunity to serve with new people!

Thank you for your generous service toward our neighbors in Minneapolis!

Thank you!

Thank You for your generous donation of books to the Free Little Library at Loaves and Fishes! If you would like to see the books in use, join us for night of service at Loaves and Fishes, September 18th!

For more information on how to get involved, contact ali@stmichaelselca.com.

With thanks to Carol Kriegler and Kathy Enzler, our church website is getting cleaned up for the start of the program year! We plan to go live with our new website during the month of August.

The website domain will remain the same (www.stmichaelselca.com) but the new website will be easier to use and mobile-friendly! Our deepest gratitude is extended to Jason Elliot who volunteered to keep the previous website up and running. Thank you for your time, skill, and passion!

Volunteer Opportunities in the Community



Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul is looking for dedicated volunteers for the "Opportunity Saint Paul" program, seeking to strengthen economic mobility in our community. Volunteers would be matched with a local non-profit and will be connected to a cohort of other volunteers for ongoing education, training, and community building. This is the perfect opportunity for someone looking for highly-engaged and ongoing volunteer work. For more information, go to <http://interfaithaction.org/opportunity> and fill out the "Volunteer Interest Form."

Retirement Transitions Small Group

**Are you approaching retirement or newly retired?
Join the Retirement Transitions Small Group!**

Retirement is a time of transition, finding the next stage of life. Much of our identity as adults is derived from our roles and responsibilities and the context of our work life often defines us. At retirement, we say goodbye not only to the role, but to the identity it has created. Our habits, behaviors, and how we define ourselves necessarily changes. Those changes can be refreshing and exciting, but can also feel bewildering and can leave one with a feeling of "now what?" Even the happiest and most anticipated transitions can come with a sense of loss, and certainly create a time of redefinition.

Please join us for a six-part series on approaching life's transitions, with a focus on retirement. This facilitated discussion group will meet two times a month for six sessions. This is an opportunity to talk with others experiencing similar transitions, and to share the wisdom of these changes among the group.

We will use as a guide the book *Transitions* by William Bridges, which will be available at the church

office for purchase. There will be discussion about a defined topic each meeting, with exploration of the topic by the group.

The group meeting will be held at 6:30 pm at church on: September 7, September 21

October 5, October 19

November 2, and November 16.

Sign up by calling the church office or on the bulletin board outside of the office. Books are \$12 and payments can be made out to St. Michael's with "Adult Education" in the memo line.





Good to Know...

Newsletter article contents submission deadline for the September issue is **Friday, August 18**. The team assembling the newsletter is scheduled on Wednesday, August 23.

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**Park and Ride**

Please note that ST. Michael's will NOT be a Park and Ride location this year. The 2017 locations can be found on the MN State Fair website.

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Follow us on Facebook!

"Like" St. Michael's Lutheran Church on Facebook as another way to stay up to date on community events!

Summer Worship Schedule

Through Labor Day Weekend

Sundays at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

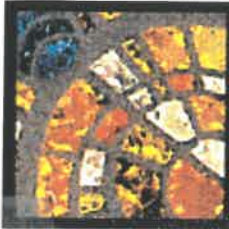
Mondays at 7:00 pm in the Courtyard Room

Worship on September 3rd at 10:00 am with Holy Communion

No worship on September 4th

Reminder: The Church Office will be closed September 4th in observance of Labor Day.

The program year worship schedule will begin on September 10th with worship at 8:45 am and 11:00 am.



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 30 Bible Day Camp Summer Patio Series Sunday Group 10:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 12:00 PM Bible Day Camp Kick-Off | 31 Bible Day Camp 7:00 PM Worship with Holy Communion | 1 Bible Day Camp 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics | 2 Bible Day Camp Summer Patio Series Wednesday Group 12:00 PM Faith in Daily Life--Rsv | 3 Bible Day Camp Summer Patio Series Thursday Group | 4 | 5 |
| 6 10:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion | 7 4:00 PM Rezek House Meal 7:00 PM Worship with Holy Communion | 8 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Social Ministry Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting | 9 9:00 AM Quilting & Bandage Rolling 12:00 PM Faith in Daily Life - MPLS | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Summer Patio Series Sunday Group 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sandwich Making | 14 8:30 AM Global Health Ministries 7:00 PM Worship | 15 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics | 16 Summer Patio Series Wednesday Group 12:00 PM Faith in Daily Life - St. Paul | 17 Summer Patio Series Thursday Group | 18 9:30 AM Deadline for September Messenger Newsletter submissions | 19 7:00 AM Church Council Retreat |
| 20 10:00 AM Pedretti Baptism 10:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion | 21 7:00 PM Worship with Holy Communion | 22 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:15 PM Executive Team Meeting 7:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics | 23 9:00 AM Messenger Assembly 9:00 AM Quilting & Bandage Rolling | 24 | 25 | 26 |
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