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From the Pastor's Desk:

More than a Sunday: A Season...A Way of Life

Eastertide (days and weeks after Easter) is a time filled with the sense of new life and spring—ideally with less snow and more green. During these days we look to signs of re-creation all around. Yet there is the lingering question, “What now?” What happens as Easter Sunday fades in our memory and life goes on? Christians—people of great faith—have long wrestled with this question.

In celebrating Easter there is the proclamation that Jesus has changed the world: taking on the political forces of the day, wrestling with and overcoming sin and evil, bringing new life to the people. The world—the cosmos, in fact—can never be the same. But, at some point in time, people needed to go back to work, the bills had to be paid, the food had to be made, the laundry washed, life had—has—to go on. We are left with the question, “How does this Easter change our lives?”

First and foremost, Easter re-fashions our world-view. In a world filled with fear, hopelessness, and places of death, Easter is a clear reminder that love and hope speak to us and through us. In the midst of what happened in Parkland, Florida, the mounting death toll in Syria, the news of racial bias at a coffee shop in Philadelphia, there is an Easter call that moves us beyond complacency; a call that pushes us beyond a sense of despair to a knowledge that the world can, must, and will be changed. Easter enlists each of us in a new way of

being. It is a world where care and compassion prevail; justice and peace take root among. It also becomes clear that there must be mini-Easters each and every day. When there is an act of hatred we look to an Easter of love and compassion. When there is injustice in word or speech we offer an Easter of mercy and renewal. And, if we view Jesus' mission to change the ways of the world, if we stand rooted in his life and teachings, we become the Easter people who are called to carry forth this hope and to be vessels of his resurrection charge.

The reality is that holding on to the “Hallelujahs!” of Easter and celebrating the mini-Easters are not easy.

In the midst of personal relationships, in life as a congregation, in dealing with our own health, or in the over-whelming events in our world and nation, it is easy to find ourselves going numb. Living an Easter vision and hope is a challenge.

It is then important to remember a second part of Easter, it is not an individual event.

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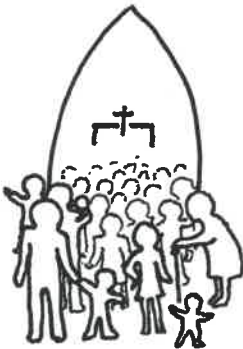
Easter is a communal context for life. The Marys, Salome, Peter, the beloved disciple, the eleven, all hear and experience resurrection in the context of community. When the challenges become too much for one person, Easter reminds us that this new way of life, of love, of hope for the world is found in the midst of a community. One of the challenges in American religion is that there is a sense of making it about “Jesus and me”—or, as is often the case today, about “just me.” The reality is that the Easter message is lived in community and a new world view—it is a message that extends to all and is about building and transforming the whole.

The question then surfaces amidst news and current events, beautiful and broken lives,

joyful and hurting personal experiences, “How will you make Easter known today?” How are you being called to live God’s witness of life today—at home, at work, at church, among friends, in the world?

The story of Jesus is alive among us and stands as an invitation to live our lives in this new day. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, holding the scars of the world, now call us to be a community alive with and for the transformation the world. We become the living witness and promise of Jesus life in the world.

Pastor Brad



Worship as a Family

Monday Nights | 7 pm

We’re planning something special! This summer consider setting aside Monday nights for your family to worship together at St. Michael’s as we intentionally create interactive and intergenerational worship opportunities.

More details to come and will be posted online at stmichaelselca.com

Summer Worship Schedule Begins May 27

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

Monday, 7:00 p.m. in the Courtyard Room

Please Note:

There will be no Monday evening service:

Monday, May 28, Memorial Day

Monday, September 3, Labor Day

The office will be closed these two Mondays.



The Sunday School class enacted the stories of Moses, Miriam, and Aaron as they learned about the Passover and Jesus sharing the Passover meal with his disciples.

St. Michael's Staff – Items of Note

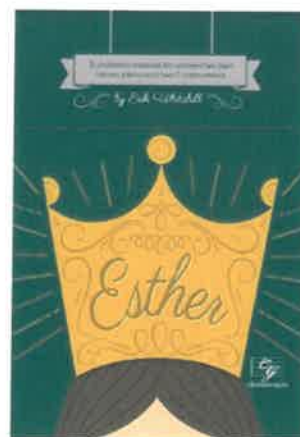
- ◇ On Monday, May 7, **Pastor Ali** will be returning from parental leave. We look forward to welcoming her back and also know that this will be a time of adjustment for her and their family.
- ◇ **Pastor Jay Carlson** will be with us at St. Michael's up to Memorial Day weekend. We give thanks for Jay's presence and support within the congregation during Pastor Ali's parental leave. It has been a wonderful gift to have Jay among us in preaching, teaching, and leading worship alongside Pastor Brad.
- ◇ **Megan Long** has served as the nursery staff person at St. Michael's since February 2015. This past month Megan shared with the Personnel & Administration Committee that she will be concluding her time in the nursery on Sunday, May 27. She is looking forward to time with family. We will be celebrating her tenure on Sunday, May 13, as part of the Sunday School teacher appreciation and Children's Education recognition.
- ◇ **Fernando Garcia** is nearing 25 years of service as custodian at St. Michael's. We will be celebrating with him on Sunday, June 3. Fernando has also shared with the Personnel & Administration Committee and the Property Committee that he will be retiring later this year. While an exact date is not yet set, we want to take this opportunity to celebrate his incredible work as a staff member. Join us on Sunday, June 3, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service for a blessing and an opportunity to give thanks for his service after worship.

2018 Musical

Performances of this year's musical, *Esther*, by Erik Whitehill, will take place on Sunday, May 13 at the 8:45 and 11:00 services.

Through the story of Esther (from the book of Esther, chapters 2-8), travel to the citadel of Susa where King Ahasuerus names Esther his new Queen and where Esther faces the decision of her life. Will the wicked Haman prevail, or will selfless Mordecai convince Esther to trust in God and save her people?

Please join St. Michael's students as they retell the story of Esther through word and music. Students will also help lead each service and provide music at each service. We look forward to seeing you there!



Library News

If you have not had an opportunity to peruse a volume of the St. John's Bible, a commissioned hand-written, hand-illustrated Bible, you should stop by the library to look at two full-color, page-by-page reproduction volumes that Carol & Lowell Erdahl have donated. The library also has a DVD about the artistry and painstaking

craftsmanship involved in the production of the original St. John's Bible. The DVD may be taken out for a week, but the volumes of the Bible will remain on display in the library. When you come in, you may also wish to check the "featured books" shelf for other additions to our collection.

Religion in Life

Join us for the following conversations Sundays from 10:00–10:55 a.m. in the Courtyard Room.

Sunday, May 6

The Dawn of a New Age:

Christ in a Pluralistic World

Professor Earl Schwartz

Assistant Professor of Religion, Hamline University

Sunday, May 13

Dismantling Colorblind Racism

Dr. Karen McKinney

Associate Professor of Biblical Studies

Bethel University

Sunday, May 20

Photography in Public:

A Tool for Community Change

Wing Young Huie

Artist & Community Leader

The Third Place

Faith in Daily Life

Faith in Daily Life will meet at noon:

Wednesday, May 2—Chianti Grill—Roseville

Wednesday, May 9—Thrivent Lunch Room

Wednesday, May 16—Grateful Table—St. Paul

Youth Mission Trip Youth & Parents Meeting

Wednesday, May 16, 6:30 p.m.

Youth and parents of youth who are traveling to New York City as part of the St. Michael's Mission Trip will be meeting on Wednesday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. to go over details and final plans for the trip.

Program Year Winding down

Several of our Children's, Youth, and Adult Education Programs will be taking a break over the summer. Please make note of these dates:

Children's & Youth Sunday School: Last Sunday of the program year & Teacher Appreciation, Sunday, May 13

Adult Monday Morning Ministries: Last Monday gathering for the program year is May 14

Faith in Daily Life will wrap-up for this program year on:

Wednesday, May 2: Roseville (Chianti Grill) Group

Wednesday, May 9: Minneapolis (Thrivent Lunchroom) Group

Monday Morning Ministries

Monday Morning Ministries will meet on Monday, May 14, at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall serving area. The group meets and discusses faith and current events. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Pastor Brad. This will be the last meeting this program year. The next meeting will be in September.

Women's Circles

Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 1st at 9:30 a.m. at church.

Elisabeth Circle will meet on Wednesday, May 2nd at 1:00 p.m. at church.

Save the date for our annual combined Circles lunch on Tuesday, June 5th at 11:30 a.m.

Desserters II Book Club

The Desserters II Book Club will meet in the Courtyard Room at church on Tuesday, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance.

Social Ministry

Social Ministry May Calendar of Events

Rezek House Meal	Monday, May 7
Panera Bread Ministry	Weekly
Sandwich Making for Union Gospel Mission	Sunday, May 20
Habitat for Humanity Holy Hammers	May 11, 16, 17, 18 & 21
Global Health Ministry	Monday, May 14
Keystone Food Mobile Distribution	2nd Tuesday—May 8
Quilting and Bandage Rolling	2nd and 4th Wednesday— May 9 & 23

prophetic:

friday may 18
 Inside Out Faith
 Concert & Q&A with
**JENNIFER KNAPP and
 Nikole Mitchell**
 8pm at
 Westwood Lutheran
 Church

saturday may 19
 Faithfully LGBTQIA+
 Forum • Workshops
 with **JENNIFER KNAPP,
 ZED JENSEN, & More**
 9:30am at
 Edina Community
 Lutheran Church

saturday may 19
 Community Concert ft.
**JENNIFER KNAPP &
 SOUL BEAUTIFUL,
 TAYLOR SEABURG**
 6:30pm at
 North High School

**AMPLIFYING QUEER &
 COLORFUL VOICES**

sponsored by Redeemer, Westwood, Grace Northeast,
 Edina Community & St. Michael's Lutheran Churches

MAY 18-19, 2018 *with jennifer knapp*
 feat. zed jensen, jen nagel, soul beautiful, taylor seaburg, jibreel khumas & more

all events are FREE & open to the public | redeermpls.org/prophetic

St. Michael's is engaged with the work of Redeemer Lutheran Church as they live out their call to be a multicultural church with a commitment to the LGBTQ community as they become Reconciling in Christ. Together we celebrate with a weekend of music and learning.

children's & youth ministry events

SAVE THE DATES |

SUMMER 2018

JUNE 16-23 | NY MISSION TRIP

9th-12th grades register with Pastor Brad

JULY 8-13 | SUMMER CAMP

3rd-12th grades register online www.luthercrest.org



AUGUST 12-16 | DAY CAMP (VBS)

preK-5th grade registration opens April 1

6th-12th grade volunteer sign-up opens April 22

FAMILY PARK PLAY DAY

May 6 | Grades 1-5

Inviting families of grades 1-5 to celebrate the coming of Spring with an afternoon at the park! Weather permitting, bring lawn games and meet at Lexington Park from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. St. Michael's providing snacks.

SUMMER CAMP

July 8-13 | Grades 3-12

While the early bird rate has passed, you can still register online at www.luthercrest.org by creating an account. Completing grades 3-5 register as "Leapers". Completing grades 6-8 register as "Wet & Wilderness". Completing grades 9-12 register as "Blazers". Price is \$350. Luther Crest does not charge for 9-12 grades. St. Michael's provides transportation to Luther Crest on July 8.

DAY CAMP

August 12-16 | PreK-5th

Registration available to print off online at stmichaelselca.com and is available on the counter in the church office. Day Camp facilitated by Luther Crest camp. We will need adult volunteers to help with camp snacks and meals for Luther Crest staff. Prices for half-day are \$45 and full-day are \$85. Scholarships available. Student and adult leaders are free. **Register by May 20 for early bird \$10 discount.**

Questions? Contact Amy McGrew, Children, Youth & Family Interim Director, at youth@stmichaelselca.com

thank you
FOR HELPING ME
grow

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation

Last Day of Sunday School | **Sunday, May 13 at 10 am**

The Education and Youth Committees are planning something special!

Parents are invited to see what their child has been learning all year as well as join their 3 year olds through 7th graders in saying "thank you" to our volunteer Sunday School teachers.

Community Life Events

Progressive Dinner on Saturday—May 5th

The Cinco de mayo themed menu includes Chicken Fajitas with fixings and Mexican rice, and delicious desserts from Café Latte.

Cost is \$15.00 per person.

5:00 p.m.—meet at church for appetizers and beverages

6:00 p.m.—meet at host homes for dinner

8:00 p.m.—return to church for dessert

If there is adequate interest, child care at church can be arranged. Questions? Contact Grete Hanson.

St. Paul Saints Baseball Game—June 27th

Here is an invitation to all baseball fans at St. Michael's: We have 50 tickets to a Saints baseball game on June 27 with a tasty tailgate BBQ provided by the Saints front office. This is a summer baseball event that you don't want to miss. The Saints have promised a great tailgate meal to be served in the left field of the ballpark. They assured us that nobody will leave still hungry!

So...rather than piles of snow and freezing temps, think of outside summer baseball, T-shirts and shorts, and a warm, starry night in downtown St. Paul—as guests of the St. Paul Saints.

Game time: 7:05 p.m.

Price: \$35 per person

Tickets will be available soon—more details to follow.

Women's Exercise & Socialize Event!

Join together on Saturday, May 12th at 9:30 a.m. for a fun, instructor-led exercise session followed by a festive beverage. Bring \$5.00, a water bottle, and a healthy snack to share. Sign up on bulletin board or just show up!

Yoga Devotion

April 30 -May 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. The cost is \$32 and can be paid at the first class. Make checks payable to St. Michael's. Questions? Contact Kathy Nockleby.

Summer Patio Series 2018

Join us for a summer on the patio with other women from St. Michael's! We will meet at different homes or patios around the Twin Cities, sipping summer drinks and having conversation around a book!

Kick Off Party June 7th 6 pm-8pm at Jone Tiffany's Home (call the church office for the address!) *Bring a snack to share and come ready to sign up for small groups at the kickoff party! Feel free to wear your swimsuit and enjoy Jone's pool! Plan to read the introduction on pages 11-17 for the kick-off party!*

Small Groups:

5 small group gatherings throughout the summer – Join whatever group works best for your schedule! Small groups will determine the time and meeting location of each meeting at the kickoff party!

Small groups will meet the 2nd & 4th week of the month:

Sunday Group: June 24, July 8, July 22, August 12, August 26

Wednesday Group: June 20, July 11, July 25, August 8, August 22

Thursday Group: June 21, July 12, July 26, August 9, August 23

2018 Summer Book:

Bread & Wine: a Love Letter To Life Around the Table, by Shauna Niequist
Available at amazon.com or your favorite book store!

"Bread & Wine is a collection of essays about family, relationships, friendships, and the meals that bring us together. Bread & Wine is a celebration of food shared, reminding readers of the joy found in a life around the table. It's about the ways God teaches and nourishes people as they nourish the people around them. It's about hunger, both physical and otherwise, and the connections between the two. With wonderful recipes included, from Bacon-Wrapped Dates to Mango Chicken Curry to Blueberry Crisp, you will be able to recreate the comforting and satisfying meals that come to life in Bread & Wine."

Hurray For Our Seniors!

Owen Carlson
Briana Cline
Nicholas Guiang
Emma Wermager



High School Senior Sunday is June 3rd at the 10:00 am service. We will congratulate our seniors and send them off with quilts handmade by St. Michael's quilters. Watch for bios of our graduating seniors in the June Messenger newsletter.

Thank you!

Thank you to the youth for preparing and serving a tasty and filling Easter breakfast!



To the parent and youth volunteers who did behind the scenes help with washing dishes, clearing tables, serving and supporting the youth—a big Thank You!

The generous funds raised (over \$1,800) will support the youth mission trip to New York City in June.



~ Brian Thompson and Amy McGrew

Budget Update from the Finance Committee

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Annual Approved Budget	\$821,457	\$821,457
Monthly Anticipated Budget	\$ 68,455	\$ 68,455
Year-to-Date Actual (as of 3/31/18)	\$215,923	\$208,728



Life of the Congregation

~ Former St. Michael's member, **Su Rehnberg**, passed away on March 20th. Her memorial service was held at St. Michael's on March 26th. Please continue to keep her family and friends in your prayers as they grieve.

~ We celebrated the baptism of Anders Eno during worship on a snowy April 15th. His parents are Greg and Kaisa and his big sister is Sylvia.



~ Gabriel Ferin will be baptized on Sunday, May 27th. His parents are Pastor Ali and Ben.

Thank you!

Friends at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Your gift of \$11,500 on March 26 helps us invest in the strength, stability, and self-reliance of the families who partner with Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity. For that, we are so grateful.

Thank you for your support!

Jackie Peak
Faith Relations Sr. Associate
Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:45 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Education Hour-- Birth through adult 11:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 12:30 PM Armenian Dance Rehearsal	30 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 4:30 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Yoga Devotion	1 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 9:00 AM Quilting 9:30 AM Sarah Circle 7:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics	2 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 12:00 PM Faith in Daily Life--Rsv 1:00 PM Elisabeth Circle 5:30 PM Youth Bells Rehearsal 6:30 PM Celebration Singers Rehearsal 6:30 PM St. Michael's Singers 7:30 PM Spirit Choir Rehearsal	3 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes 9:00 AM Quilting 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study 6:00 PM Chapel Ringers	4 7:30 AM Northern Voices Classes	5 5:00 PM Progressive Dinner
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Habitat for Humanity Twin Cities



Celebrating Easter with children's sermon on Easter Sunday



St. Michael's was the host site for a community breakfast and learning about immigration issues as they affect our neighbors.



Over 20 members of St. Michael's showed up to support the youth who organized the march against gun violence at the State Capitol.





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