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A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

“Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!” The words of the fourth stanza of the hymn, “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” capture the spirit of the final days of our Lenten journey at St. Michael that included the five week study of “Making Sense of the Cross” followed by our midweek worship services. As April begins, so does Holy Week. We celebrate Palm Sunday, and during Holy Week we look forward to Easter Day.

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

HOLY WEEK – A TIME OF SERVICES, CELEBRATIONS AND FELLOWSHIP

- April 1 **Palm Sunday Service** begins at 10:00 a.m.
- April 2 **The Way of the Cross Service** begins at 7:00 p.m.
- April 4 **Rehearsal** for all involved in Holy Week Services at 6:00 p.m.
- April 5 **Maundy Thursday Service** with foot washing begins at 7:00 p.m.
- April 6 **Good Friday Service** with Adoration of the Cross begins at 7:00 p.m.
- April 7 **Easter Vigil Celebration** begins at 8:00 p.m. and will be followed by a champagne reception.
- April 8 **Easter Sunday** will begin with **Easter Breakfast** at 8:45 a.m. and **Festival Service** will follow.

During Holy Week there will be many volunteer opportunities. Plan to become a part of these days of worship and fellowship.

APRIL 6 – A MORNING EASTER EGG DECORATING PARTY

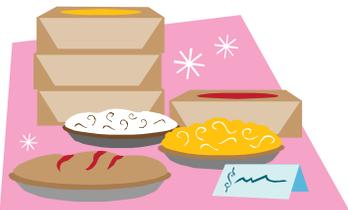
The Ministry to Society committee is having an Easter Egg decorating party! Young and young at heart are invited to join the fun on **Good Friday at 9:00 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Twenty Five dozen eggs need to be colored and decorated to benefit Downtown Daily Bread (DDB). On Easter Day each DDB client will receive an Easter bag filled with our decorated eggs and candy. The egg decorating party will be followed by an egg hunt in River Front Park and will conclude in Fellowship Hall with snacks and refreshments. If you have questions or need more information, please see any member of MTS.



APRIL 15 THRU 22 - FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING WEEK

This week will mark our fifth opportunity to showcase St. Michael’s welcoming ways and become part of moving homeless families into homes. As we host our guests this week, we will be in need of volunteers to prepare the evening meal, plan evening activities, and to stay overnight as a congregational host. Please consider how you can volunteer. The gifts of your time and your food make this ministry possible.

APRIL 24 – PRIMARY ELECTION DAY SOUP AND BAKE SALE



The Pennsylvania Primary Election is slated to be a heated one this year, and that could mean a big voter turnout. More people coming to vote means increased sales of our delicious soups and baked goods. All items for the sale are donated. If you are able to contribute soup or baked goods, please contact Lindsay Mills (lmills266@comcast.net or 234-6644).

All baked goods are offered in units of one dollar. If you are providing baked goods, we will happily package them for you. Soups are sold by the quart, and we can package them also. Soups and baked goods will be received from Sunday April 22 through Election Day.

Even if you don’t vote at St. Michael, stop by to purchase any of the items. Call us if you would like to reserve any of the items for pick-up during that day. If you are available to work anytime during the day, indicate so on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. We will be operating from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

THE KUHNERT ACTIVITY FUND

In recent months The Kuhnert Activity Fund has made possible for our church three fun time activities. In December St. Michael members, family, and friends attended a Christmas play. In February there was a luncheon and afternoon theatre performance, and in March a bowling party. May 11 the funds will be available for us to use to attend the John Michael Talbot Concert at St. Patrick Cathedral.

Your church council would like you to know more about the Kuhnert Activity Fund and how it is to be used. St. Michael Council President, Elizabeth Parker, has provided the following article for guidance on its use.

Guidance on Use of the Kuhnert Activity Fund

Background: The Kuhnert Activity Fund was established as a result of an unrestricted bequest. At the family's request, and Congregation Council's (Council) approval, these funds were dedicated for financial support to church activities. This is a non-reoccurring income and as with any bequest, use of the fund must have prior approval by Council.

Types of activities: There is really no restriction on the types of activities for which the Kuhnert Activity Fund can be used. It is generally understood that activities using the fund should be ones that promote fellowship, spiritual growth, educational growth, or recreation.

How to request use of the Kuhnert Activity Fund: Any committee, group or individual may request use of the fund, but only Council can approve its use. Those wishing to use the fund should place it on the monthly Council agenda as soon as possible. This can be done by use of email, or any other written form. Requests should go to the Pastor, Council President, Vice President and Treasurer. When requesting use of the fund, the more information provided the better. If possible the following should be provided with the request for fund use.

- Description of the event
- Date, time and location of event
- Cost of event per individual
- The number of participants expected
- Estimated amount of funding requested **
- Any restrictions to participation. (maximum or minimum number of participants, age restrictions, physical requirements, etc.)
- When tickets must be purchased by or reservations made
- The name, phone number and email of the person(s) coordinating the event
- The church committee or committees that have been, or will be, involved
- How the event will be advertised
- Any additional information such as transportation, or meal arrangements

** In order ensure all members of the congregation can participate, it should be assumed that if approved, the Kuhnert Activity Fund will cover all costs. Should individuals wish to make a donation towards the event or cover their own expenses, they may do so. Any donations or contributions will go back into the Kuhnert Activity Fund for future use.

Consideration of a request: Once Council receives the request and supporting information, it will be placed on the next meeting agenda for discussion. Should time not permit bringing the request to the monthly Council meeting, every attempt will be made by Council members to consider the request and vote by e-mail. Last minute or late requests are strongly discouraged and risk the chance of not being approved. All requests must be made and approved prior to any commitments or purchases. Should an individual or group commit to an activity or up-front any costs prior to Council approval, reimbursement for personal expenses may not be possible and should not be expected.

If after discussion Council decides to approve use of the Kuhnert Activity Fund the Treasurer will be instructed to appropriate the amount from the Kuhnert Activity Fund. If an exact amount of funding is not known at the time of approval, Council may approve an amount not to exceed. It will be the responsibility of the event coordinator to finalize the amount needed and contact the Treasurer as soon as possible.

If Council decides not to approve a request, the event coordinator will be notified as soon as possible by a member of Council.

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Planning an event or activity: If possible, events or activities should be planned a minimum of one to two months in advance. This will help ensure there is adequate time for; Council consideration, advertisement of the event, participants to sign up, reservations (if necessary), working out any logistics, and making final arrangements and payment. The following steps can be used as a guideline of actions needed prior to the event.

- Identify an event or activity and discuss with appropriate committee
- Identify an event coordinator
- Estimate cost, participation, etc and write up request for Council
- Presented at Council meeting for discussion and approval
- Advertise – website, Facebook, bulletin board, Archangel, telephone, etc.
- Finalize participation
- Make reservations, payment
- Coordinate logistics with participants
- Attend event or activity
- Write article for Archangel ☺

Who may use the Kuhnert Activity Fund: The ministries of fellowship, education, outreach and hospitality extend beyond the church walls and include more than just registered members. As such, use of the Kuhnert Activity Fund is not restricted to members of St. Michael Lutheran Church. Family and friends may be invited to events or activities funded by the Kuhnert Activity Fund at no cost. Guests who wish to make a donation towards the event or cover their own expenses, may do so but will not be required to. Any donations or contributions will go back into the Kuhnert Activity Fund for future use.

*Approved by Congregation Council
St. Michael Lutheran Church
February 13, 2012*

STEWARDSHIP STEW

April is a very special month during this calendar year of 2012 for a number of reasons. The most important reason is that we celebrate the Day of Resurrection on April 8th. This special day and this Easter season remind us that we are Resurrection people, Easter people, people of hope. At Easter time we join with the saints of old and the saints of today in greeting each other with these words: ***“Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”***

The victory of Jesus over sin, death and the devil is at the very center of the Christian Gospel. If Christ had not been raised from the dead we would have to say with St. Paul that ***“your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.” (1 Corinthians 15:17-19).***

With confidence we believe with all the saints that because Christ lives, never to taste death again, we too shall rise to a new life that will never end! What hope and joy we have in Christ, especially when life on this side of heaven becomes painful with many disappointments and tears. In Christ, ***the best is yet to come!***

Another reason why April is special is that the deadline for filing our income taxes occurs during this month. Of course, for those who were looking for tax refunds, they filed early. For others of us who choose to wait we will have two more days of grace since April 15th is a Sunday, and April 16th is Emancipation Day in the District of Columbia. Our deadline is April 17th. Big deal, right???

Taxes have been a cause of pain and stress for many generations, even centuries. It was that way in the time of Christ. When his enemies tried to trap Jesus with the question of whether or not it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, Jesus wisely asked them to show him a coin. He asked them whose portrait and inscription was on the coin. ***“The emperor’s,”*** they replied. Then Jesus said those famous words: ***“Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” (Matthew 22:21)***

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The words of Jesus remind us that all authorities (even those we may not like) have been instituted by God. For the Christians of the early New Testament times the governing power was from Rome, a very corrupt and anti-Christian power, and yet Christians then and now are to submit to the governing authorities, even those which seem so corrupt. So, we pay our taxes as Christians, but we also pray that our leaders would lead in God-pleasing and people-blessing ways. Therefore, we vote (another reason April is special this year – our Primary Election Day is Tuesday, April 24th), we stand up for our faith and values, we make our voices heard, and we do whatever we can to help raise our nation to higher moral and spiritual ground.

April is also a special month because it provides us with 30 more days to follow the second command of Jesus to give unto God what is God's. We do this by being wise and faithful stewards of all that God has entrusted to us to manage in a way that brings glory to God and blessings to those around us. This stewardship includes the good management of the seven "T's"—time (86,400 seconds each day), talents (abilities), treasure (money), testimony (our sharing of the good news of Jesus), touch (our relationships), tissue (care of our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit), and trash (care of God's creation).

With the power and presence of the Holy Spirit let's go for it, Christian stewards, because ***our calling is to manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes, and strive for excellence in all we do.*** Dear fellow stewards, a joyous and blessed Easter to you all!

PARISH REGISTER

For just as the body is one and has many members...

Dave Harnish transferred his membership to Christ Lutheran Church, South 13th Street, Harrisburg. Please keep Dave in your prayers, as he is welcomed into his new church family. We pray God will continue to bless and encourage him in his faith journey.

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED IN APRIL

Martin Luther purportedly began each day reminding himself, "I have been baptized!" By water and the Spirit, each of us who are members of the Church has been called to faithfully live as the Body of Christ in the World. We rejoice with the following members of St. Michael Church who celebrate the anniversary of their Baptism during the month of April:

John Stoner	April 2	Keith E. Miller	April 3	Keni Atticks	April 3
Judy Darr	April 10	Terrell Archer	April 10	Ethan Mills-Ramm	April 11
Richard Miller	April 12	Susan Wesley	April 17	Andrew Fuller	April 18
Rachel Winegar	April 21	Ken Umbenhauer	April 27		



TREASURER'S REPORT: FEBRUARY 2012

February Income	\$10,445.63	YTD Income	\$131,147.76
February Expense	(\$11,689.79)	YTD Expense	(\$21,054.61)
Difference	(\$1,244.16)	Difference	\$110,093.15

APRIL READINGS AND PRAYERS

April 1—Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 50:4–9a Psalm 31:9–16 Philippians 2:5–11 Mark 14:1—15:47

Prayer of the Day: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

April 5—Maundy Thursday

Readings: Exodus 12:1–4[5–10] 11–14 Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 John 13:1–17, 31b–35

Prayer of the Day: Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

April 6—Good Friday

Readings: Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16–25 John 18:1—19:42

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

April 7—Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Vigil

Readings: Romans 6:3–11 John 20:1–18

Prayer of the Day: Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

April 8—Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day

Readings: Acts 10:34–43 Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24 1 Corinthians 15:1–11 Mark 16:1–8

Prayer of the Day: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

April 15—Second Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:32–35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1—2:2 John 20:19–31

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

April 22—Third Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 3:12–19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1–7 Luke 24:36b–48

Prayer of the Day: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

April 29—Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:5–12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16–24 John 10:11–18

Prayer of the Day: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Palms, are sponsored to the Glory of God

In memory of

Earl and Kathryn Fackler by Lloyd and Shirley Kramer
Irene Lutz by Susan Wagner
Parents, Edie and Aaron Miller, Will and Mary Eberly by family
My parents, Violet and Oliver Miller by Kenneth Miller
Grace and Samuel Wentz by Susan Wagner



In honor of

Annie, Dane, Carleigh, and Peyton by Guy Kehler and Lindsay Mills
Children and grandchildren by Bonnie Schell
Director of Music, Dan Deitzel III, and the Church Choir by Norma Ickes
Members and friends of St. Michael by Lennie and Mary Whitcomb
Our St. Michael's family by Chris, Sue, Matt and Corey

Easter gifts are offered in celebration of Resurrection Life

To the Glory of the Risen Lord by:

Clair Gunnet Jr.
Sonya, Vera and Scarlett

In memory of:

Cyril and Linette Archer by the Archer family
Helen Ardery by sister, Vera Mink
Josephine and Reno Benedetti by MaryAnn Benedetti
Ruth and Dan Capp by Lloyd and Shirley Kramer
Michael P. Cline by Debra Cline
Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cover by Dick and Sarah Miller
Earl Fackler by Lloyd and Shirley Kramer
Sam and Betty Harm by John and Susan Wesley
Ken Harm by Pat Harm
Brother, Howard, by Dick and Sarah Miller
David and Famie Keefer by Ken Umbenhauer
Benny Laucks by Louise Palmer
George and Jennie Lehman by Ken Umbenhauer
Pap Pap Mink by Scarlett
Lynn Mueller by Guy Kehler and Lindsay Mills
Parents and grandparents by Bob Gerberich
Vickie Harm Slippey by Pat Harm
Jerry Smith by Dottie Smith
Barbara Thomas by The Humperdinck-L-Ettes
Alvin and Eva Umbenhauer by Ken Umbenhauer
Frank and Esther Wesley by John and Susan Wesley



In honor of:

Andrew and Nicholas Fuller by Gramy and PaPa

Pat and Amy Fuller by Mom and Dad

Our grandchildren, Luke, Jordan, and Anya by Lloyd and Shirley Kramer

Wynn Grace and Libby Wagner by Susan Wagner

Grandchildren by Dick and Sarah Miller

Tiny Miracles Animal Rescue by Lennie and Mary Whitcomb

Patrick and Christine Quinn by Mary Quinn Whitcomb

For This Holy House

In memory of:

John H. Joseph by Marlene S. Joseph

In honor of:

Lauren Mary McGettigan by Marlene S. Joseph

John Joseph McGettigan by Marlene S. Joseph

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Sunday Schedule

8:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Service of Word and Sacrament

11:15 a.m. Fellowship

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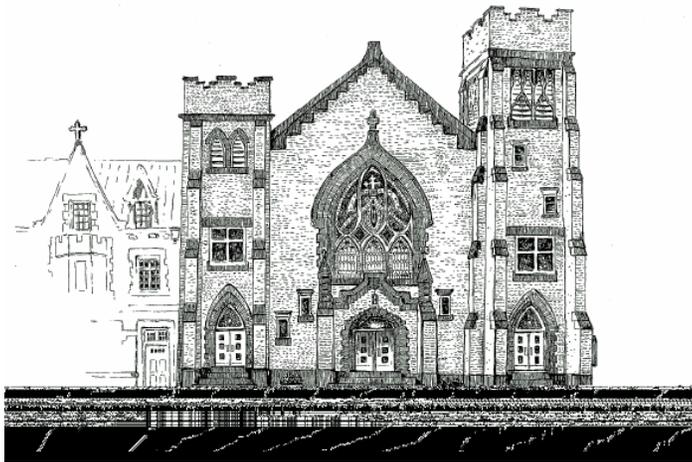
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