

# The gift of Lent



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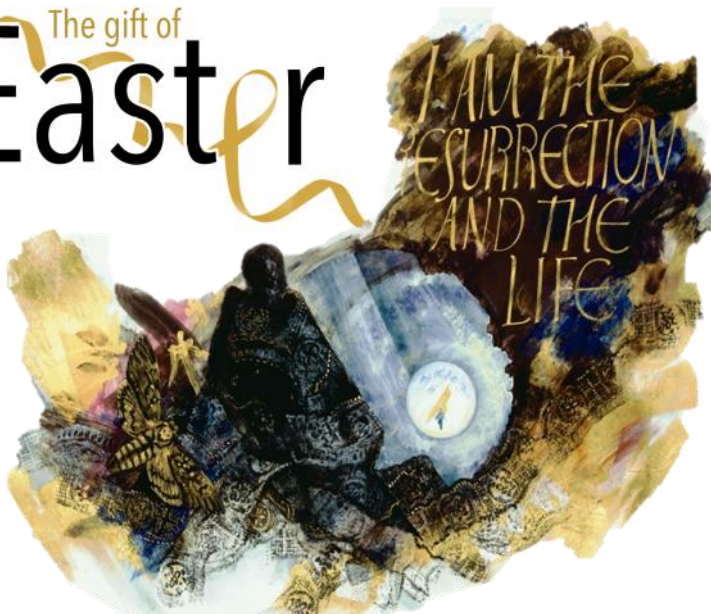
# The gift of Holy Week

“Every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the God of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”

James 1:17

How is God calling you to use your gifts during this season of Lent, Holy Week, and in our celebration of the risen Christ on Easter? Join us over the next 40 days as we explore the gifts God has given to you and allow your spiritual home to help guide, encourage, and inspire you. Through worship, music, prayer, education, fellowship, and weekday offerings - take a step to honor the gifts God has entrusted to your care. Scripture mentions that our gifts are like light, intended to illuminate the path before us and those we have the privilege of walking beside. On page 2 read how The Saint John's Bible will be used to illuminate and inspire in the coming months within and beyond our walls.

# The gift of Easter



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 THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE

## FROM THE RECTOR



Dear Friends,

With the season of Lent upon us, I'm looking forward to the many ways we will be exploring the gifts in our life and community - both the gifts we recognize and those hidden in plain sight. As a cradle Episcopalian (*someone who was born and raised in the Episcopal Church*) the idea of giving up something for Lent has been commonplace in my life. I've been surrounded by people who have given up chocolate, meat, coffee, or sweets during the 40 days of Lent.

As a teenager I was intrigued to learn two things about Lent that I've continued to ponder over the years. First, Sundays are considered feast days during Lent and do not count in the 40 days. Therefore, one could indulge on Sundays with boxes of chocolate and gallons of coffee without guilt or shame. While indulging once a week is technically possible, it can lessen the impact of a true fast. The second focus of lent that stuck with me was that one is to give up something during Lent to grow closer to God. Growing up this often raised the question, "How does giving up chocolate deepen your relationship with God?"

As a young adult, I was introduced to the idea of adding something into your life during the season Lent to help one grow spiritually. The concept of adding something resonated because it was easy to see how adding prayer, a Bible study, or a routine of worship could in fact deepen your relationship with God. Over the past several years loss has been a big part of our lives, so I continue to encourage the people of St. Michael's to add something into their life during the season of Lent. This year, we will be focusing on our gifts and one such gift in our community this season is The Saint John's Bible.

The Saint John's Bible is the first illuminated hand written Bible in English that has been produced in over 500 years. It took six artists and six calligraphers over 11 years to complete the project and I'm thrilled we have the Gospel and Acts volume on loan for the next several months. With over 20 trained docents in our community we will have numerous opportunities to share The Saint John's Bible within and beyond our walls. Join me on Wednesdays for the Lenten Soup Suppers and catch a glimpse of the Bible on Sundays during or after our morning services. During this season of Lent, as we joyfully anticipate the empty tomb, I pray you experience the power of Lent and the gift that it can be. See you on Sunday!

Faithfully in Christ, The Rev. Matt Holcombe, Rector

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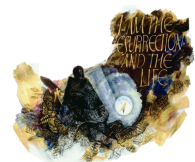
### THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE

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**"Baptism of Jesus"** appears at the beginning of Mark's Gospel and depicts the event that precedes Jesus being driven into the wilderness for 40 days and 40 nights. This powerful image can help connect us to the season of Lent which lasts 40 days. *Image Copyright 2002, The Saint John's Bible, Saint John's University, Collegeville, MN. Used by permission, All right reserved.*

**"Eucharist"** appears in Luke's Gospel and recalls the institution of Holy Communion by Jesus during the last supper with his disciples. This image can help connect us to the events of Holy Week and the command Jesus gave us to, "do this in remembrance of me." *Image Copyright 2002, The Saint John's Bible, Saint John's University, Collegeville, MN. Used by permission, All right reserved.*



**"Raising of Lazarus"** appears in John's Gospel and provides us with the view from inside the tomb looking out. *Image Copyright 2002, The Saint John's Bible, Saint John's University, Collegeville, MN. Used by permission, All right reserved.*



## March and April Worship Schedule

**8:00 AM Holy Eucharist**

**10:30 AM Holy Eucharist** *Livestreamed\* with Children's Chapel*

March 5	Second Sunday of Lent	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *
March 12	Third Sunday of Lent	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *
March 19	Fourth Sunday of Lent	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *
March 26	Fifth Sunday of Lent	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *
April 2	Palm Sunday	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *
April 6	Maundy Thursday	7:00 PM *	
April 7	Good Friday Liturgy	12:00 PM *	
April 8	Easter Vigil	7:00 PM *	
April 9	Easter Sunday	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *
April 16	Second Sunday of Easter	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *
April 23	Third Sunday of Easter	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *
April 30	Fourth Sunday of Easter	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *

## Wednesday Healing Service

Every Wednesday 12:00 PM  
Meet in the Chapel

Join the clergy every Wednesday for a 30 minute Healing Service which includes anointing with Holy Oil, prayers, and Holy Eucharist. The Chapel is located downstairs and is accessible using the stairs or elevator.

## ASL Sundays

We are grateful to have an American Sign Language Interpreter monthly at the 10:30 AM service. ASL Sundays will be March 5 & April 9 Easter.

## Assisting Clergy

We are grateful for The Rev. Dr. Joanne Sanders, The Rev. Judi Sato (*top left to right*), The Rev. Winnie Mitchell, and The Rev. Paul Lautenschlager (*bottom left to right*) for assisting us with worship services during this season while our Associate Rector, The Rev. Angela Lerena is out on medical leave. The Rev. Dr. Joanne & Rev. Winnie are Assisting Clergy on staff. The Rev. Judi is the former Associate Rector and The Rev. Paul is a former Rector of St. Michael's. Please share your gratitude with them next time you see them around church. As a reminder, if clergy are not wearing a collar they are "off the clock" and have come to worship along side you. We are blessed to have them share their gifts with our community!



## Worship Online



Did you know our mostly volunteer AV teams ensures, on average, over 150 people are able to join us for worship on a weekly basis and for special events? We are grateful for our committed AV teams that ensures we are able to reach beyond our walls. A special thank you to our AV Coordinators; Rachel S., Russ H., Mike M., & Drew H., along with our regular volunteers; Andy L., Diane A., Jim A., Guy T., Jason D., Chad S., Steve S., Veronica B., and our youth volunteers Declan W. & Ethan C.! Watch online, anytime, anywhere on YouTube or Facebook. Visit our website [www.stmikeschurch.com](http://www.stmikeschurch.com) and click on "Worship Online" for viewing quick links.

On most Sundays during the program year (September - May) a Sunday Forum occurs from 9:15 - 10:10 AM in the sanctuary. The Rev. Matt Holcombe, our clergy team, and special guests will create space to help you explore, grow, and deepen your relationship with God and the world around you covering a wide variety of topics. Our Sunday Forums are livestreamed and available for viewing anytime, anywhere on YouTube and Facebook.



## The gift of Lent

During the month of March join The Rev. Matt Holcombe as we explore the gift of Lent. Each Sunday we will focus on different aspect of gifts and gradually go deeper and deeper into our exploration. If you miss a Sunday, don't worry - you can watch online or join us the following week.

### **Spiritual Gifts 101 - March 5, 9:15 AM "Counter Culture Gifts"**

How can you cultivate counter cultural gifts? As a society we are often rewarded for the gifts we possess that help us accumulate wealth, status, and promotions. Join the Rev. Matt Holcombe as we explore the gifts that society places value on and then we will take a look at the gifts we are encouraged to cultivate as Christians.

### **Spiritual Gifts 201 - March 12, 9:15 AM "Gifts in the Bible"**

The Bible mentions a wide variety of gifts, but what are they? Join The Rev. Matt Holcombe as we discover the gifts mentioned in the Bible from Abraham to Jesus and numerous prophets in between. Explore with Matt how the Bible can help encourage us to cultivate new gifts and be inspired by those who have come before us.

### **Spiritual Gifts 301 - March 19, 9:15 AM "What are your Spiritual Gifts?"**

Take a Spiritual Gifts Inventory and learn more about the gifts God has entrusted to your care. Bring a pencil and we will provide the inventory for you to complete during the Sunday Forum. Join us online? We will post the inventory that you can access online along with an answer guide.

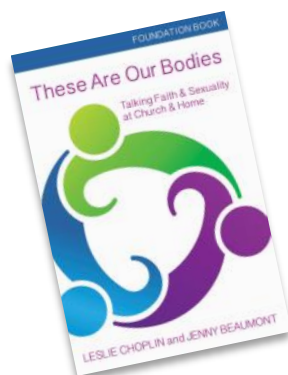
### **Spiritual Gifts For All - March 26, 9:15 AM**

#### **"The Gifts of God for the People of God"**

**Special Guest: Jenny Beaumont**



Jenny Beaumont is a Spiritual Life Coach, Deep Coaching Certified, Enneagram teacher, national EfM trainer, Created the curriculum "The Space Between Us", and is the Missioner for Adult and Life-long Formation for the Diocese of North Carolina. Jenny is a gifted retreat leader and speaker who enlightens and inspires ways to deepen your spiritual life. Join Jenny and The Rev. Matt Holcombe as we explore, "the gifts of God for the people of God" and what that can look like in your life. Jenny is also the co-author of *These Are Our Bodies: Talking Faith and Sexuality at Church and Home*.





Join The Rev. Matt Holcombe & Saint John's Bible Docent Coordinators, Mary Hattick & Linda Page, on Wednesdays during Lent for our popular Lenten Soup Suppers. We will gather for dinner and fellowship followed by a teaching/experience with ...



**5:30 - 7:00 PM**

March 1

March 8

March 15

March 22

March 29

April 5

Each week we will interact with The Saint John's Bible in a different and unique way. We may explore the history of The Saint John's Bible, experience illuminations in silence or share with those around us, we will look at digital images from other volumes, and making the most of our time together.

Can you make soup or help set up or clean up? Are you planning on just bringing your appetite on Wednesdays? Either way, please RSVP online to let us know you are coming. If you have specific questions about Lenten Soup Suppers, please contact Jennie Wandfluh, Events Coordinator at [jennie@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:jennie@stmikeschurch.com) or call the church office 719-598-3244. All are welcome, especially guests and friends.

[www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup)

**Weekday Opportunities to Worship & Learn during Lent**

- Tuesday Compline Online 8:00 PM
- Tuesday Contemplative Prayer Online *Monthly* 2:30 PM
- Wednesday Bible Study 12:30 PM in the Chapel
- Thursday Compline Online 8:00 PM
- Friday Evening Prayer Online 7:00 PM

Visit [www.stmikeschurch.com/groups](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/groups) of links to join online.

**Private Confession**

Did you know Episcopal priests hear private confessions? To schedule a 15 - 30 minute private confession with The Rev. Matt Holcombe (Monday - Thursdays) please contact him directly at [matt@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:matt@stmikeschurch.com). The form we will follow is in The Book of Common Prayer Page 447 "*The Reconciliation of a Penitent*".

**NEWCOMERS**

**Newcomer Class**

9:15 - 10:10 AM

All newcomers, visitors, and guests are invited to join Linda Kean, Newcomer Coordinator, and the clergy monthly for our "Let's Get Connected" newcomer class. All are welcome.

**March 19, (Class #3) "Let's Get Connected & Involved"**

**April 16, (Class #1) "Episcopal Church 101"**



**Welcome New Members**

A special welcome to our newest members.

We are so glad you are here!

**Reilly & Dee Gallagher**

**Johnathan & Deborah Farmer**

**David & Kimberly Newberry**

**Tamsin & Noah Whitesell**

**Annette Zook**





## Palm Sunday, April 2

Weather permitting, join us 5 minutes before the 8:00 & 10:30 AM Services outside as we process into the church with palm fronds and song. On this day we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey to fulfil the prophecy of Zechariah, *“Tell the city of Zion, look, your king is coming to you! He is humble and rides on a donkey and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”* There will not be education for all on Palm Sunday.

## Palm Sunday Brunch, April 2

9:00 AM & 11:45 AM

Join us after the 8:00 & 10:30 AM services for our traditional Palm Sunday Brunch. Can you help prepare, serve, or clean up? Sign up online to help [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup). No RSVP needed to enjoy breakfast and fellowship. \$ Donations accepted. Bread making for children & youth at 9:15 in St. Andrew’s Hall with Owen Cops. All are welcome!



## Maundy Thursday, April 6

7:00 PM Foot Washing, Eucharist, & Stripping of the Altar

The 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service will be in-person and livestreamed. This service is the first service in the “Triduum” (the term used most frequently used to refer to the Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil services). Foot washing is optional and following the Eucharist and stripping of the altar, we will begin our Garden Watch over the next 16 hours.

## Garden Watch, April 6 - 7

8:00 PM (April 6) to 12:00 PM (April 7)

After the last supper Jesus and his disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane where the disciples were asked to stay awake with him. Our Garden Watch is a unique opportunity for parishioners to sign up for a 1-hour time slot to sit in the church, pray, meditate, and stay awake with Jesus. Sign up online at [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup). There will be two available slots for each hour.

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## Good Friday, April 7

12:00 PM Liturgy & Passion Reading

1:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Join us at noon for the Good Friday Liturgy, the Passion Reading, Homily, and Prayers. Following the service we will walk the Stations of the Cross at 1:00 PM. Please meet in front of the church, weather permitting. The Stations of the Cross tell the story of Jesus being condemned to death, his journey to Golgotha, and crucifixion.

## Easter Vigil, April 8

Saturday, 7:00 PM

The Easter Vigil concludes the Triduum and consists of several unique parts. A new fire is lit, the Exsultet proclamation is sung, and Scripture lessons are read. New converts to the faith are baptized and welcomed into the household of God and we conclude with a festival Eucharist. If you are interested in getting baptized, please contact The Rev. Matt Holcombe by Sunday, April 2. This Easter Vigil service will be livestreamed.



## Easter Sunday, April 9

Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Join us and invite family and friends, as we celebrate the feast of Christ's resurrection with our Adult Choir, Bell Choir, Brass, and a festive Eucharist service! Don't forget to bring a bell to ring each time we say "Alleluia!" To help decorate the church or to give the gift of music, consider making a donation in memory or thanksgiving of loved ones. The 10:30 AM service will be livestreamed. There will be no education programs on Easter.

## Easter Egg Hunt, April 9

Sunday, 9:30 AM

All children in elementary school and younger are invited to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please meet in St. Andrew's Hall at 9:30 AM and don't forget to bring a basket or bag to collect eggs. There will be different egg hunting sections for different age groups. To help us fill hundreds of eggs with sweet treats, please consider dropping off individual wrapped candy to the church office on or before April 2 (please no peanut candy). No RSVP needed to hunt eggs. Come as you are!



## Easter Flowers & Music Donations

Due March 30



Give the gift of music or donate Easter flowers in memory or thanksgiving of loved ones. This Easter we are excited to provide you with a new opportunity to honor loved ones by helping to sponsor the brass for the 8:00 & 10:30 AM Easter Sunday services for \$25 - \$100. Easter flowers can also be dedicated in memory or thanksgiving of a loved one for \$25 each. Please complete the online form by March 30 or call the church office and speak to Diane 719-598-3244 with questions. Names will be printed in the Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday bulletins. Pay online and select "Easter/Christmas Donation" or with a check Memo: "Easter Donation."



## Monmouth College Chorale Concert

Tuesday, March 7, 7:00 PM

The Monmouth College Chorale will present a concert at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, as part of the group's spring break performance tour to Colorado. The 31-member choir, directed by Dr. Tim Pahel, will perform a wide variety of literature, from classical to folk and multicultural music.

Please help support them by attending this wonderful event! If you are able to provide a dish for their potluck dinner sign up [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup). Donations will benefit Monmouth College Chorale and St. Michael's Music Ministries. This event will be livestreamed on St. Michael's YouTube & Facebook accounts. Go to our website [www.stmikeschurch.com](http://www.stmikeschurch.com) for viewing links.



## Interdenominational Festival Chorus & Chamber Orchestra of the Springs

Saturday, April 22 (Earth Day) 2:00 PM, First United Methodist Church

**"The Gift of Life" by John Rutter**

St. Michael's Adult Choir is thrilled to represent the Episcopal Church as part of the Interdenominational Festival Chorus's inaugural concert. "The Gift of Life" is choral work by John Rutter consisting of Six Canticles of Creation. This is a six-movement work celebrating the living earth, of creation, and of life itself, offering a kaleidoscope of moods from contemplative and prayerful to majestic and inspirational. Please join us in celebrating Earth Day with this wonderful tribute to God's creation. Tickets are \$15 and will be available in the coming weeks. Please purchase tickets in advance.

## Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Sundays, 9:45 - 10:30 AM

St. Michael's Adult Choir sings a variety of styles during Sunday worship. We perform two concerts per year with orchestra. We are a fun supportive group welcoming all levels. All are welcome to attend Thursday rehearsals. Please contact [amalia@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:amalia@stmikeschurch.com) with questions.

*Please note: No Choir rehearsal on March 24.*

**Do you play an instrument?** Contact Amalia to offer your gifts during our Sunday morning worship service or for one of our special services we offer throughout the year.

## Cherub Choir Rehearsal

Sundays during Children's Chapel

Singing Sunday, April 30, 10:30 AM

Our Cherub Choir (Ages 4 and up) rehearse during the 10:30 AM Children's Chapel monthly. The Cherub Choir will be singing on Children & Youth Sunday, April 30 during the 10:30 AM service. Questions? [amalia@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:amalia@stmikeschurch.com)

## Youth Singers

Our youth singers are invited to sing during the 8:00 or 10:30 AM Services.

Please contact Amalia Dobbins at [amalia@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:amalia@stmikeschurch.com) to learn more.





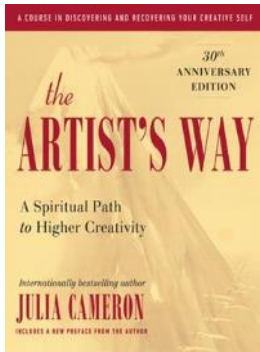
## The Gift of Spiritual Direction during Lent Wednesday's & Thursday's in March

Sue Caruthers, Spiritual Director, will be available in the Prayer Room on select dates during the month of March. Discernment appointments are open to anyone, 30-45 minutes each with a topic of your choice. Please call Sue to schedule your appointment 719-649-3520. Wednesdays 1:00 - 3:00 PM on March 1, 15, & 29. Thursdays 6:00 - 8:00 PM on March 9, 23, & 30. Brought to you by *The Well*. Go to [www.stmikeschurch.com/thewell](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/thewell) to learn more.

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*Spiritual Direction*  
during Lent

<b>Wednesdays</b> <b>1:00 - 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Thursdays</b> <b>6:00 - 8:00 PM</b>
March 1	March 9
March 15	March 23
March 29	March 30

Brought to you by: **The Well**  
Request an appointment 719-649-3520



## Creativity, Spirituality & the Artist's Way

April 15 - May 27, Saturdays, 10:30 AM

Come join us on a weekly journey during the Season of Easter using the book, *The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity* by Cameron. The book was written to help people with artistic creative recovery, which teaches techniques and exercises to assist people in gaining self-confidence in harnessing their creative talents and skills. Join facilitator Phyllis Delaney April 15 thru May 27 on Saturday mornings from 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM to share and learn from each other. We will learn to discover, pay attention to, and expand our

understanding of who we are as creative people. Questions? Email [Phyllis windancer44@gmail.com](mailto:Phyllis.windancer44@gmail.com). Sign up online [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup). Brought to you by *The Well* [www.stmikeschurch.com/thewell](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/thewell).

## The Gift of Lent: Deepening our Intimacy with God

By Sue Caruthers, *The Well* Imagining Team

We have an inherent longing for closeness to God, but it can sometimes be hard to realize how much God longs for closeness with us in return. If we see God as a distant authority figure, our image may need some updating. God yearns for our presence so deeply that we can have trouble absorbing the beams of light that characterize this great love. When we sit down to pray, God has probably initiated the call to spend time with Him in a very personal way. He reaches out to each of us, not with a demand, but with a holy invitation to be a friend in a vibrant relationship. Think about the gifts our closest friends give us—comfort when we are sick or grieving, laughter during play, feedback when we need it, celebrating on special occasions, and above all, listening from the heart when we need to bear our souls. God is certainly present in the love of our friends but also reaches out to us personally with gifts of mercy, forgiveness, moments of awe, and love for us exactly as we are, warts and all. How can we walk this path of intimacy with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit? One way is to cultivate the practice of centering prayer, often called prayer from the heart. Centering prayer is like sitting down with a close friend and just being together with no need to talk. We sit with God in silence and listen. What a gift it could be during Lent to spend 20 minutes a day knowing that God is closer than our very breath. Thought interruptions will come up but can be welcomed as opportunities to dismiss them with a sacred word such as “God” or “love” and sink again into a deep connection with God. (To learn more, read *The Heart of Centering Prayer* by Cynthia Bourgeault.) May the gift of Lent this year awaken us to how deeply God desires our friendship and how we can build intimacy in this Holy relationship. How awesome is that!



## Youth Service Day

Saturday, March 4, 2023

Middle & High Schoolers are invited to join Episcopal Youth from around the Diocese of Colorado in a day of service on March 4. We will be traveling up to Denver to serve at the St. Clare's Ministry which supports people experiencing homelessness and poverty in the Denver area. They do this by offering meals, clothing, and spiritual support to all who come through their doors. Please arrive at St. Michael's at 8:00 AM for departure and we will return between 5:00 – 5:30 PM. Please contact [Owen@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:Owen@stmikeschurch.com) with questions or register online [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup).



## Family Movie Night

Friday, March 24, 6:00 - 8:00 PM



Come join us for a family movie night! We'll have a movie theatre popcorn machine to keep our bellies full and our fingers buttery along with our night of fun. Movie requests are

being accepted! Email Owen to let your request be known and head over to the registrations page to let us know you are coming! [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup)

## Lent Sunday School: Visualizing Lent

Sunday's During Lent, 9:15 – 10:10 AM

Children & Youth are invited to join us for our Lenten Sunday School series. Thanks to our friends at Illustrated Ministry, we have lessons and accompanying posters that vary in size from 3 feet to 6 feet for our young people to color and use to spur conversation and learning about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus! We will be meeting in St. Andrew's Hall downstairs. See you there! All children in Pre-K through youth in High School are invited. Once our children & youth complete these masterpieces, we will hang them up for our community to enjoy.



## Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 9

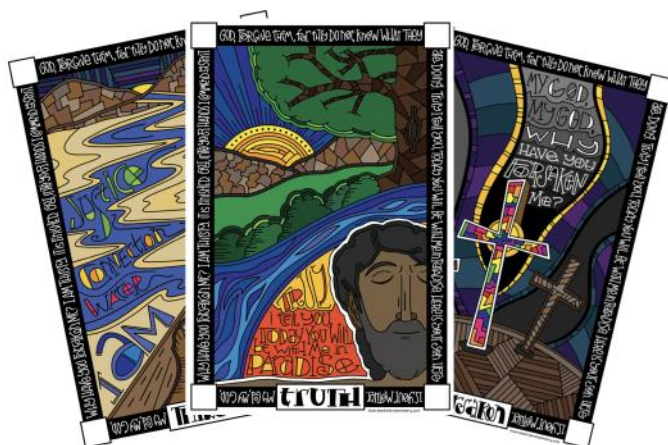
9:30 - 10:15 AM

Want to get your wiggles and giggles out before (or after) our Easter Morning services?

We've got the perfect idea! Come join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at St. Michael's. Eggs will be spread all over the back lawn and plaza area. We hope to see you there. In the event of inclement weather (snow, etc.) the Egg Hunt will take place inside.

## Candy & Eggs Needed!

Donations of individually wrapped candy are needed to help fill hundreds of eggs. Please drop off in the church office on or before April 2.



## Spring Youth Retreats

April 21-23

Middle & High Schoolers

This Spring, our middle & high schoolers will have two separate retreat opportunities! Our middle schoolers are invited to join together with middle schoolers from all over the diocese for an overnight trip at St. John's Cathedral in Denver. This will be a great opportunity for our middle



schoolers to meet new friends and experience large group community on the diocesan level! Registrations open March 8. Our

high schoolers will be going on their own separate adventure this weekend! Save the date and details will be shared once plans finalize! Check the Children, Youth, and Families eNews for those updates!



## Children & Youth Sunday

Sunday, April 30

Back this Spring! Our children & youth are always invited to participate in worship, but for this Sunday they will fill all of the service roles: ushers, greeters, lay readers, acolytes, and more! Children & Youth of all ages are invited to participate. Adults, come worship and help us spotlight our children and youth! Check your emails for a sign-up link in April.

## YES Service Trip to Kansas City, MO

YES (Young Episcopalians in Service) is back and will be travelling to do important and meaningful work in Kansas City, June 1-4, 2023. This week long service experience is open to rising 7th graders to graduating seniors. Owen will be one of the adult leaders on the trip and the cost is \$400 per participant (offset by scholarships and fundraising). Email Owen for more details and/or if your youth is interested [owen@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:owen@stmikeschurch.com).

## Senior Send-off & Celebration

Sunday, May 7, 10:30 AM Service

Are high school seniors thinking about the end of the school year already? Come help us celebrate them on May 7 during the 10:30 AM Service with a meaningful sending blessing and gift from St. Michael's. Seniors must schedule a meeting with Owen, prior to May 1, to learn about Send-off Sunday, as well as the Senior Scholarship that is awarded to all graduating seniors from St. Michael's. Email [owen@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:owen@stmikeschurch.com) to ensure your senior is included in this celebration.

## Parenting Small Group

First Sunday of the Month

9:15 - 10:10 AM (March 5, April 2, May 7)



"Shame dies when stories are told in safe spaces." This is the centering principle of the time we spend together during our

parenting small group. This group is a way for parents to be together, share experiences, and have conversations about what being a parent looks like today.



## Gather: Pikes Peak

Young Adult Ministry

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 PM



Are you a young adult looking to for a community to dive deeper into your faith? Our St. Mike's young adults have partnered with Gather to engage in fellowship, worship, and discussion about faith and the world around us. Reach

out to Owen for more details. Gather meets at **The Peel House** @ First Lutheran Church, 1515 N Cascade Ave. Questions? Contact: [owen@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:owen@stmikeschurch.com)

## S.M.A.S.H. Pioneers Museum

March 3, 11:00 AM

It has been several years since S.M.A.S.H. (St. Michael's Active Senior Happenings) toured the Pioneers Museum and there have been many changes. Join us for an early lunch, 11:00 AM, at Jack Quinn's Irish Pub, 21 S. Tejon Street. And then a short 4 minute walk to the museum for our guided tour that begins at 12:30, 215 S. Tejon Street. RSVP online [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup).

## Turkey & Greece Pilgrimage

Information Session, March 20, 6:00 PM



Join the Rev. Matt for an unforgettable journey to the lands of ancient treasures and Christian history as we walk where Paul, John, and other apostles walked. Travel dates Aug. 30 - Sept. 9.

Information, brochures, and travel details are online: [www.stmikeschurch.com/pilgrimage](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/pilgrimage).

## 20s & 30s Group Theology On Tap

Friday, March 3

6:30 - 8:00 PM



St. Mike's 20s & 30s are invited to gather at Bristol Brewing company for Theology on Tap with the Rev. Matt! Do you have burning theological questions? Do you want to hear what your peers are wondering about in their faith lives? If you answered yes, (or just want to hang out with your St. Mike's family) then come join us on Friday, March 3! Register online at [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup) to let us know you are coming.

## The People Who Read

3rd Wednesday, 6:00-8:00 PM

March 15 & April 19

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month to discuss books selected by the members of our group, both fiction and nonfiction. A rotating host provides the meeting space and some beverages, members bring shareable snacks and book discussion questions. All are welcome! Email Jennie [jennie@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:jennie@stmikeschurch.com) or Linda [linda@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:linda@stmikeschurch.com) with questions.

**March 15** - Host: Charlotte Mapes

*Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

**April 19** - Host: Guy Theriot

*Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Kimmerer

## St. Patrick's Day Fish Fry

Friday, March 17, 5:30 - 7:30 PM



St. Mike's BBQ Ministry is hosting a fish fry and all adults are invited. Please join us for a time of fellowship and frivolity as we celebrate the patron saint of Ireland. Suggested donation of \$10 - \$15 per meal. Questions? Bob [robert.wettemann@gmail.com](mailto:robert.wettemann@gmail.com). Please RSVP online [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup).

# 40 Giving DAYS OF LENT 2023

## 40 Days of Giving

### Outreach Donations During Lent

Give yourself the gift of helping others this Lent. Pick up a reusable bag in the Gathering Space along with the list of donation items needed by our Outreach Partners. Donate 1, 5, 10, or all 40 items on the list. Every donation makes a

difference and supports those in our local community. This year donations will benefit Partners in Housing, The Lord's Dinner, Care & Share Food Bank, Mercy's Gate, Tessa, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Food Bank, ASD20 Family Resource Center, and Inside Out. Financial donations can also be made. Please indicate "40 Days of Giving" in the check memo or in the notes if giving online. Please drop off donations April 2 - April 9 to St. Mary's Hall or the church office. If you have any questions you can contact a member of the Outreach Committee or call the church office. Thank you in advance for your generosity and making a different.

## 2023 Outreach Grants

**What is an Outreach Grant?** A financial gift from St. Michael's to an Outreach Partner or initiative that supports relief efforts, rehabilitation, or development beyond our walls.

**Where does the money come from?** Each year St. Michael's Vestry approves a budget that allows our clergy, staff, and lay leaders to carry out the mission of our church. When the vestry approved the 2023 budget for the church \$30,000 was given to the Outreach Committee to make a difference beyond our walls. \$29,000 was set aside for grants and \$1,000 for administrative costs for support our Outreach ministries. Because of your generosity we've been able to increase the Outreach Grants from \$20,000 in 2020 to \$30,000 in 2023.

**Who is on the Outreach Committee?** St. Michael's Outreach Committee consists of parishioners that are liaisons between St. Michael's and our numerous Outreach Partners in the community. Susan Futey is the Outreach Chair, Andy Laffely is the Vestry Liaison, and there are several "at-large" members, along with Deacon Gary.

During the February Outreach Committee Meeting the following grants were approved and will be distributed during 2023.

- \$1,000 - Academy School District 20 Family Resource Center
- \$1,000 - Care & Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado
- \$1,000 - Episcopal Relief & Development Turkey & Syria Earthquake Relief
- \$1,000 - Hope is Alive Sober Living Mentoring Program
- \$2,000 - Inside Out Youth Services
- \$1,500 - Kairos Prison Ministry
- \$3,000 - Laundry Love (Westside)
- \$3,000 - The Lord's Dinner
- \$4,000 - Partners in Housing
- \$1,000 - We Fortify Tiny Home Village
- \$700 - St. Michael's Eco-Justice Creation Care
- \$500 - Spiritual Journey Prison Ministry



## Coffee Hour Training

Sunday, March 19

9:30 - 10:00 AM

Do you have the gift of hospitality? Do you enjoy cookies, coffee, and conversation? If so, this is the group for you! Sunday Coffee Hosts play a vital role in our weekly worship experience. If you would like to learn how to host coffee hour or to become a regular volunteer, join us on Sunday March 19 from 9:30 - 10:00 AM in the Kitchen by the Gathering Space. Questions? Contact Jennie@stmikeschurch.com.

## The Caring Freezer

Our newest meal ministry at St. Michael's is called "The Caring Freezer." This ministry helps provide meals to community members who need a little help for various reasons. The need may be based on a temporary situation, such as a family illness or an ongoing situation where a home cooked meal would be most welcomed. Help keep the freezer stocked with meals such as casseroles, stews, and soups which can easily be defrosted and heated.

Meals can be; frozen store-bought meals, home cooked/baked and then frozen meals, pre-assembled and then frozen meals. For meal ideas visit our Pastoral Care website page: [www.stmikeschurch.com/pastoralcare](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/pastoralcare). If you would like to prepare a meal, please sign up online and 1. **Package well** to avoid freezer burn. Use either a well covered disposable casserole dish (8x8 or 9x13) or a freezer bag. 2. **Label the meal** with the a Meal Label (download online or complete a Meal Label when you drop off). 3. **Deliver the meal** to the Main Kitchen Caring Freezer any time during the month for which you sign-up. Questions? Contact the Caring Freezer Coordinator, Ama Couch at [amacouch@gmail.com](mailto:amacouch@gmail.com).



## Caregivers Support Group

1st & 3rd Saturdays

2:00 PM

Our Caregivers Support Group offers support, help, and comraderie for caregivers that care for a spouse, child, parent or friend. All are invited to attend and join this group. For more information contact Bill Daughton, Caregivers Support Group Leader at (719) 373-3590 or [wdaughto@uccs.edu](mailto:wdaughto@uccs.edu).



## Cookies & Sweets Needed

Sundays & Special Events

Please consider making 1, 2, or 3 dozen cookies and drop them off in the Main Kitchen Freezer. Please put cookies in a zip-lock bag, label bag, and if you have any questions call the church office 719-598-3244 or please contact [Jennie@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:Jennie@stmikeschurch.com). No need to sign up ... just bake and drop off! Thank you!

## Sunday Volunteers Needed

Each Sunday we need over 25 volunteers to help with our worship services and provide hospitality. Let us know you can help by signing up on our website [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup).

## Name tags are cool ...

New to St. Michael's or have you lost your name tag? Fill out a Name Tag Request Form at the welcome table or contact the front office 719-598-3244. Name tags can be picked up on the whiteboard in the hallway outside the sanctuary. Take your name tag with you, keep it in your car, and wear it whenever you are in the building. If you forget your name tag we have sticky name tags at the welcome table in the Gathering Space.



# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## March Birthdays

March 1 Jim Dennison  
March 2 Al Creel  
March 2 Mary Beth Shively  
March 3 Russ Howell  
March 3 Pam Kellen  
March 3 Katie Trevillian  
March 3 Pete Wilson  
March 5 Joel Pugh  
March 5 Doug Swanson  
March 6 Kristy Callihan  
March 6 Jackson Sears  
March 8 Donald Anderson  
March 8 Andres Morrison  
March 10 Donald Bryant  
March 10 Ronald Chernak  
March 10 Eloise McDaniel  
March 12 Leni Colvard  
March 12 Charlie Fasterling  
March 12 Annette Zook  
March 13 Cole Callihan  
March 13 Erik Littleton  
March 13 Jody Thome  
March 14 JoAnn Dobson  
March 14 Marianne Jenkins  
March 14 Michele Nesbitt  
March 16 Leslie Darling  
March 16 Danny Raider  
March 16 Kent Waterman  
March 17 Linda Clark  
March 17 Amara Llaña  
March 18 Stephen Dierks  
March 18 Marsha Harmon  
March 18 Chris Hause  
March 18 Juliet Newcomer  
March 18 Carolyn Scott  
March 18 Carolyn Shipley  
March 19 Stacy Cowell  
March 19 Phil McDaniel  
March 20 Rich Koshak  
March 20 Thomas Stoller  
March 20 Marilyn Wright  
March 21 Scott Callihan  
March 22 Emily Dickerman  
March 22 Rev. Judi Sato  
March 23 Linda Calloway  
March 24 Katy Kolodziej  
March 24 Karen Stubbs

March 25 Ethel Simpson  
March 26 Jenny Liebowitz  
March 27 Nate Koshak  
March 27 Chad Mason  
March 28 Charlene Butson  
March 28 Carolyn Cumby  
March 28 Emily McElyea  
March 30 John Clark  
March 30 Ashton Lerena  
March 30 Jayden Lerena  
March 30 Time Niemeyer  
March 30 Molly Sutherlin  
March 30 Ann Tillman

## April Birthdays

April 1 Mary Ferner  
April 2 Aliza Anderson  
April 2 Greg Capell  
April 2 Claire Kulbitski  
April 3 Kay C Mast  
April 3 David Underhill  
April 4 Emma Kean  
April 4 Janet Reichert  
April 5 Andrew Keen  
April 5 Steve Liebowitz  
April 6 Bob Chandler  
April 6 Amy De Lourenco  
April 6 Ray Ferguson  
April 6 Ella Kean  
April 7 Saúl Cowell  
April 9 Jan Smith  
April 12 Christian Pettigrew  
April 12 Joshua Pettigrew  
April 12 Debbie Robertson  
April 13 Kyle Trevillian  
April 14 Martie Geanopoulos  
April 14 Bob Poli  
April 15 Nancy Engel  
April 15 Drew Fenton  
April 16 Rev. Joanne Sanders  
April 17 Molly Parker  
April 17 Mary Dee Weigel  
April 18 Olivia Pachter  
April 18 Lesley Priest  
April 20 Eric Sorge  
April 21 Shawna Shepherd

April 22 Jeannie Calhoun  
April 22 Jon Richardson  
April 23 Mary Lou Perry  
April 24 Ed Hanemann  
April 25 Veronica Bélanger  
April 25 Susan Maltby  
April 26 Karen Hinkin  
April 28 Linda Dameron  
April 28 Leeha Wood



## March Anniversaries

March 1 Don & Lania Bryant  
March 1 Kent & Linda Waterman  
March 5 Linda & Michael Weidner  
March 12 Jon & Josephine Richardson  
March 19 Jason Holpuch & Kristen Petersen  
March 31 Greg & Marcy Capell

## April Anniversaries

April 2 Jeff & Justine Smullen  
April 8 Dan & Shawna Shepherd  
April 17 Pam & John Priest  
April 20 Bob & Linda Kean  
April 23 Laurel & Roger Burritt

*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, we apologize. Please email Linda at [linda@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:linda@stmikeschurch.com) or call the church office 719-598-3244 so we can update our database with your correct information. Thank you!*

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## Holy Week & Easter

April 2, **Palm Sunday** 8:00 & 10:30 Services  
Palm Sunday Brunch 9:00 & 11:45 AM

April 6, **Maundy Thursday** Service 7:00 PM

April 6, **Garden Watch** 8:00 PM to  
April 7, 12:00 PM

April 7, **Good Friday Liturgy &**  
Passion Reading, 12:00 PM

April 7, **Station of the Cross**, 1:00 PM

April 8, **Easter Vigil**, 7:00 PM

April 9, **Festive Easter Eucharist**  
8:00 & 10:30 AM

April 9, **Easter Egg Hunt**  
9:30 - 10:15 AM

April 10, **Church Offices Closed**

*(All are welcome & invite a friend)*