



The Archangel Weekly

February 18, 2018

- Our Mission Statement -

"Following Christ's Example, Welcoming All, Strengthening Each Other, Serving the Community"



Welcome to Worship ... Please be sure to sign our guest book and the friendship pads when they are passed in the pew during the announcements.

Reserved Childcare Seating ... The burgundy chairs have been designated as **RESERVED SEATING** in the narthex, outside the sanctuary (**behind the rear sliding glass doors**). These seats are for parents or caregivers.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ... are available in the narthex for those needing a slightly larger print.

Please Remember Our Sick... with your prayers and cards: *Joe and Nancy Ross, and Jean Taylor, and Kay Wika.*

Please Remember Our Homebound ... with your prayers and cards: *Ora Carr, Jack Hillegass, Jack and Betty Wusinich, Leona Souser, Jesse Picard, Shirley Austin, Gretchen Jones.*

THOSE SERVING TODAY

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
GREETERS -----	Duane & Judy Erdmann	Kozel Family
USHERS -----	Art & MaryAnn Knechtel	Darwin Wika Eric Wika
LECTOR -----	Ray Foy	Carol Little
ACOLYTE -----	Catherine Stone	Clara Morrison
WINE SERVERS--	Chip Benjamin	Emily Singer
	Kathy Streamer	Kris Crickenberger
COFFEE HOSTS ---	Joe Weber	Carol Little
COUNTERS -----	Deb Tallman & Steve Lacombe	
ALTAR GUILD -----	Arlene Kozlowski & Diana Roberts	
FOLLOW ME CAPTAIN--	MaryAnn Knechtel & John and Peggy Fay	

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Church Staff

Rev. Frederick J. DeRasmo, Jr. ----- *Senior Pastor*
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Linda Lorgus ----- *Director of Music*
Bonnie McDonald ----- *Office Manager*
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Sharing a Greeting of Peace ... while we want to be a welcoming church family, before, during and after our worship services, we also want to be mindful that some people may not want to shake hands due to flu season concerns.

Please be respectful of those who choose not to shake hands at this time. Looking someone in the eye and greeting them with a smile (*without hand shaking*) also communicates the warmth, fellowship, and welcome that we all want to demonstrate.

Hand Sanitizer Stations ... it's Flu Season! Our two hand sanitizer stations are ready and available for use. There is a station near each of the main entrances to the church.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (*Sanctuary*)
9:15 a.m. Faith Formation
10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (*Sanctuary*)

MONDAY

President's Day-Church Office Closed

TUESDAY

9:15 a.m. Community Bible Study (*entire building*)
7:30 p.m. Brandywine Valley Chorale (*Sanctuary*)

WEDNESDAY

9:30 a.m. Wednesday Walk Bible Study (*Conference Room*)
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon (*Room 111*)
6:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (*Room 108-109*)
6:15 p.m. Jubilation Ringers (*Music Room*)
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (*Music Room*)

THURSDAY

Pastor Rick on Vacation
Pastor Adrienne's Day Off

FRIDAY

Pastor Rick on Vacation

SATURDAY

Pastor Rick on Vacation
8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (*Youth Room*)
6:00 p.m. Family Fun Night (*Fellowship Hall*)

SUNDAY

Pastor Rick on Vacation
8:00 a.m. Worship (*Sanctuary*)
9:15 a.m. Faith Formation
9:15 a.m. VBS Steering Committee
10:30 a.m. Worship (*Sanctuary*)
6:00 p.m. Confirmation at COA
6:00 p.m. Youth Group at COA

During the Lenten Season ... as the nature and mood of Lent is one of austerity and simple reflection, there are several things we will be observing for the next 40 days:

- **No Altar Flowers** - the absence of flowers during Lent will amplify the resurrection message of the Easter morning flowers.
- **No Altar Silver** - we will use ceramic vessels for serving wine and bread during Lent. Also, Communion will be served by intinction.
- **No Alleluia** - Because of the penitential character of the season, the word "alleluia" has historically been suspended during Lent's forty days. The joyful nature of alleluia is more appropriately reserved for our Easter celebrations when it is given full and jubilant voice.
- **The Color Purple** - Purple is typically associated with Lent, suggesting repentance and solemnity.

Pastor Rick will be Away ... on vacation February 22- 26. He will return to his office on Tuesday, February 27. If you need Pastoral assistance, please contact Pastor Adrienne, 610-347-1696 ext.112; or the Church Secretary, 610-347-1696, ext. 110.

ELCA Draft Social Statement Women and Justice TODAY & Next Sunday – 9:15 a.m.

Pastor Adrienne will lead ... discussion on the recent *Draft* Social Statement of the ELCA: **Women and Justice**. The draft document has been made it available for review, and input from congregations in 2018. The final draft will be voted on by delegates attending the 2019 Churchwide Assembly next year. You are invited to join us. You can download and read the statement by going to the link at: <http://elca.org/womenandjustice>. We will gather in the Conference room. Please join us today for some lively discussion!



Giant Gift Cards ... As you prepare celebrate Presidents Day, let Giant help you with your plans. Remember to buy your Giant Gift Cards from St. Michael. When you buy your groceries and other supplies with a Giant Gift Card purchased through St. Michael, **5%** of the card's value stays with St. Michael. If interested in purchasing a card, contact Amy Bossong at 484-888-5108. **Remember**, you must buy these cards through St. Michael for the Church to receive the credit.

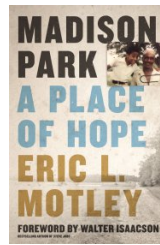


Family Fun Night ... join us for an evening of family fellowship on Saturday, February 24, 6:00 p.m. Bring an internationally-inspired dish to share. We'll pop in a movie for our littlest family members. Everyone else will compete to win gold for their family in the **ST. MICHAEL FAMILY OLYMPICS**. Watch the kiosk in February to RSVP.



Easter Flowers ... We will have a variety of flowers available for purchase this year. Help make our celebration of Easter and Renewal bright and festive. Order forms for the Easter Flowers can be found on the credenza under the picture board. You may also contact the church office in the days ahead as well.

Empty Bowls Event ... The annual Kennett Area Community Services Empty Bowls event will be held on Thursday, February 22. Learn about food insecurity and what KACS is doing to eliminate hunger in our community. You can attend either the lunch event from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or dinner from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. A simple meal of soup, salad and bread is planned. For ticket information: call the Kennett Food Cupboard at 610-925-3556 or visit their website at www.KACSONline.net. All proceeds will benefit the Kennett Food Cupboard.



Lenten Book Discussion ... Join Pastor Adrienne and Deb Parker for a series of three Sunday mornings in Lent, March 4, 11 & 18 during the Sunday School hour to discuss Eric L. Motley's book *Madison Park: A Place of Hope*. Eric Motley grew up in the freed slaves' town of Madison Park, Alabama. From this beginning in the black community, he rose to become a special assistant to President George W. Bush. His story is an odyssey of grace and gratitude--a charming, engaging, and deeply inspiring memoir that reveals the amazing power of faith--in God and each other.



Women of St. Michael ... Thursday, March 1 at 10:00am the women of St. Michael will meet at Twin Pines Health Care Center in West Grove for a Sing-Along with the residents. If you would like to participate in this outreach ministry, please call Jean Hillegass for more information.



Music Notes ... Rehearsals of special music for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday take place during the month of March. Please join us on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. or Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. if you would like to participate in this special music, please contact Linda Lorgus or look for the sign-up sheet on the music bulletin board.



Thank and Encourage ... educators in Southern Chester County as part of our Lenten project, Give, Serve, Restore with the Constellation Network and more than 20 other churches. Notes and directions are on the tables in the Archangel Café this week and next week, February 25.

Mercy: The Role of Christians in Homelessness and Poverty...

You're Invited ... The confirmation class and youth group are hosting Matthew Works, a homeless speaker, activist, and artist on Sunday, February 25, 6-8 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Advent. After hearing Matthew speak, we will share dessert and an intergenerational conversation about mercy, love, justice, and charity.



Calling All High School Youth

The Gospel According to the Simpsons.

A new series begins **February 25** in the Youth Room. Join us at **9:15 a.m.** to watch some video, casual conversation, breakfast treats and some great fellowship. What light can Homer and Bart shed on the Gospel? You'll be surprised, that's for sure! Join us!!!!