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## The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

23 August 2012

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### Some Upcoming Events:

(Details about these and other events may be found in this newsletter or future newsletters. A more comprehensive list of upcoming events may be found at the end of the newsletter.)

- +Last Project Saturday, 23 August, Buildings and Grounds
- +Parish Picnic! Sunday, 26 August!
- +Haiti Sunday, 26 August
- +Next Sudan Soiree II Meeting at the Lindeens, Monday, August 27, 7:00 p.m.
- +Wednesday Evening Series, 29 August, Everybody Sings!
- +RMP Meeting, Thursday, 30 August, 7:00 p.m., *details below*

### Food for the Journey

*Pastoral letter from the Rector*

Dear People of St. Michael's,

What a change! We recently installed a new type of bird feeder outside the kitchen window of our home. Suddenly we have goldfinches! Many of them! And more nuthatches than before. But alas, the cardinals we were hoping to lure haven't shown much interest - yet.



Planning our spiritual growth and formation programs for the coming year at St. Michael's is a bit like trying to figure out what feeders we should put out, and with what food. You may wonder: are we mainly trying to attract nuthatches, or cardinals? Well, in our case at St. Michael's, neither. Maybe you could say we're on the lookout for swallows ...

## Did You Know?

...Kay and Randy Lewis attended some of the official ceremonies at the London Olympic Games? Wow!

## Anniversaries This Week

### Birthdays

8.26 Thomas Sell  
8.27 Dennis Malec,  
Shane Allord, Mike  
Willis  
8.28 Caitlin  
Donohue, Melissa  
Buckley, Lora Gier,  
David Perrine  
8.29 Stanley Pepper,  
Bruce Keclik, Brooke  
Gunderson, Mason  
Darrow, John Cesario  
8.30 Ceres Locher,  
Gwynne Johnston,  
Paula Tipton-  
Sinnema, Anne-  
marie Kampert  
8.31 Steve Mathison,  
Rich Mattes  
9.1 Jessica Malec,  
Lisa Allen, Bill  
Chapdelaine

## Anniversaries

8.26 Jane & Daniel  
Eftax  
8.27 Brehan &  
Damian Bonham  
8.28 Susan & Joe  
Madonia  
8.30 Susan & Bill  
Ferry, Jacquelyn &  
Steven Knoop

## Rest in Peace

Let me explain. When it comes to attracting and feeding *humans* at St. Michael's, I think it's fair to say that we're already doing a fair to excellent job with the rarer species - those natively drawn to things spiritual. But most 'birds' out there rarely come to any of our feeders - the numerous programs we plan and put in place apart from our Sunday worship, throughout the week, to nourish the souls of members, newcomers, or any who are hungry.

We'd like to believe that what's in our feeders is not just more filler, more commitment, more frenzy, more 'should'. We'd like to believe we're serving up the 'bread of life' that Jesus has been describing in Sunday Gospel lessons from John throughout the past month. We'd like to believe that this bread will renew your spirit and bless you in all your endeavors - with a miraculous leftover amount to freely share with others who hunger.

As you learn in coming weeks about our various 'feeders', I hope you might at least consider a fly-by. Maybe even partake. And be satisfied.

*Rules about restraint*

*There is nourishment like bread  
that feeds one part of your life,  
nourishment like light for another.*

*There are many rules about restraint  
with the former, but only one rule  
for the latter. Never be satisfied.*

*Eat and drink the soul substance  
as a wick does with the oil it soaks in.  
Give light to the company.  
- Rumi, 13th c.*

- *Patrick* +

## Also from the Rector

2012-2013 Sunday Worship & Ministries Plan in Place -  
Begins September 9

**+ 7:45 a.m.** Holy Eucharist, Rite I

**+ 9:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist, Rite II (contemporary music, all-generations)

+ 9:45 a.m. - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (ministry with young children)

- LIFT - Middle School Youth Group program (Sturtz House)

8.30 Sarah Van  
Hagen

- Sermon in the church (no adult program alternative)
- + 10:05 a.m. - Food for the Journey (adult spiritual growth & formation programs)
- + **10:45 a.m.** Holy Eucharist, Rite II (more traditional music)
- + 11:45 a.m. SMUSH - Senior High Youth Group program (Sturtz House)

This past Monday evening (August 20) the Vestry reached a strong consensus about a recommendation to me for the Sunday worship and ministries plan for the coming year, summarized in the schedule shown above. The consensus came quickly after someone sagely noted that no plan will be perfect and the best we can do is our very, very best calculation (even though rough) that includes a) our most important values as a faith community, b) our many constituencies of parishioners (often with very different interests, ideas and wants), and c) available resources of time, personnel, space and money. Oh, and the calculation also included d) directly addressing the elements of Sunday that seemed to have been causing the most parishioner concern, while also not changing so much that mayhem would result.

***Some additional and more specific information will be provided soon.***

### **Who was that preacher, anyway, and what about that poem?**

If you were in worship last Sunday, you know that the guest preacher we'd been looking forward to welcoming, the Rev. Louissett 'Lou' Ness, fell ill and couldn't be with us. In the context of the sermon I offered on short notice, I included a poem on which several parishioners gratefully remarked. It's short, and reprinted below. Meanwhile Mother Ness sent me a note thanking you (and me) for our understanding and letting us know she's well on the path to recovery from a severe bronchitis.

#### **Outwitted**

"He drew a circle that shut me out-  
Heretic , rebel, a thing to flout.  
But love and I had the wit to win:  
We drew a circle and took him in!"

- Edwin Markham, 1915

### In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:  
 Mary Ann, Erin, Katie, Cynthia, Kevin, Andie, Brianne, Matt, Lee, Mary, Kim, Bridget & Jim, Brian, Megan, Abby, Terry, Bishop Joseph, Roda, Michele, Grace and Amy, John, Jack, Linda & Chuck, Rick, Jennifer, Redeemer Family in Crisis Program, military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Silas, Eric, Zane, Robert, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, Arielle, Taylor, Tim and Jake.



+ Emmie Phillips was a part of a music group recently awarded the "fleadh" (fiddle) championship in Ireland!! She is pictured at the left. Way to go Emmie!

+This Sunday please join us for the Baptism of  
 Charlotte Rose Barton and Elizabeth Anne Barton  
 Parents: Clare & Ken Barton  
 at the 9:30 a.m. service! We welcome the newly baptized!

+Wedding News:  
 Megan Bollman & Ryan Marchand married on 11 August 2012.  
 Meghan Frelk & Christopher Schnell will be married on 1 September 2012.



### Little Red Wagon in and August

Church of the Redeemer's Families in Crisis Program serves the needs of about 25 families - financial, food and



### Final Project Saturday & Project in a Box

by Todd Ross, Buildings and Grounds

"Many hands make the work lighter and go faster"  
**Don't forget Project Saturday on 25 August! If you plan to work on this Saturday, please contact Todd.**

**Project Saturday: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM** with lunch and beverages provided. Needed materials, tools and supplies will be on hand.

clothing. No other church donates food to this program; so it is important that we gather an abundance the three times a year that we do it. Clothing (especially children's) is also gladly received. Important foods needed are rice, dried beans, corn, tomatoes, sugar, flour, cereal and canned meats. Personal and household items are also appreciated. Our drive for these things will run July through August. Monetary donations can be dropped into the large can attached to the Little Red Wagon.

**Project in a Box:** on any given work day, contact Kim Lessner for access to organized boxes of supplies for those who prefer a non-Saturday time.

To help us gauge food & beverage and help availability please sign up outside the Community Room or call/email Todd Ross 847-540-0652, tdd.rss@gmail.com



**Parish Picnic!....it is time to go to Cresswood Farms on Sunday, 26 August at 11:00 a.m.!**

Swimming, softball, volleyball, pony rides, games, fellowship and good, old fashioned picnic fare.

What you will need to bring:

- blanket or lawn chairs
- meat to grill
- a dish to pass

Maps to Cresswood Farms will be available in the narthex and the church office on the 26th.

**Hands for Haiti (yours! thank you!) - please take part August 26!**



**11 souls from St. Michael's** have made a commitment for the October mission trip to Haiti. Now all are asked and encouraged to help make the trip a success. Our **Hands for Haiti Sunday, August 26 will feature:**

- an ingathering of school supplies (please use the very large red wagon in the narthex to place supplies),
- an invitation for your financial donations to help with trip expenses; and
- an altar font art project. All children we will asked to leave a handprint on two special altar frontals: one for St Michael's and one that we will be take to Haiti as a gift from St Michael's to the parish of St Marc's in Jeannette.

Here's our wishlist:

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:**

Crayola crayons (24 count box) - many boxes (other brands are okay)  
 Spiral-bound notebooks (single subject)  
 Construction paper  
 Preschool writing paper (it's like newsprint with lines)  
 Loose-leaf paper (wide rule)  
 White glue (not glue sticks)  
 1/3rd cut file folders - two or more boxes  
 Chalkboard erasers (not chalk=that is actually available in Haiti)  
 Blue / black / red pens  
 Wood pencils - many boxes (St. Marc's uses 1500 pencils per year)  
 Pencil sharpeners (either individual or larger for classroom use)  
 Erasers  
 Markers (many-color packs) for the teachers  
 Stickers - "star" stickers and reward stickers in French (English is okay)  
 Power strips for the computer lab

**FINANCIAL DONATIONS:**

Financial donations to help St. Marc's with the purchases they can make in Haiti (like chalkboard paint) ( \$500.00)  
 Financial donations to assist with travel expenses for our St Michael's team (\$2300.00)  
 Financial donations to purchase art supplies (\$475.00)  
 Financial donations for the priest's discretionary fund at St Marc's.

We hope to see you all on August 26. There will also be a collection box for school supplies at our Haiti corner outside the Community Room if you would like to drop off any donations in advance.



**SOUL JOURNEY: A WOMEN'S GATHERING**

starts back up on **Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.** beginning **September 11** and running for a 10-week session through **November 13**. We will offer babysitting at the church while we meet in the

*"Soul Journey" Library.*

*Painting by Tim*

*Mooney*

Come and set aside some renewal time for yourself with other women, of all ages and all walks of life.

We have shared and cared together and welcome anyone who might need a spiritual oasis in the craziness of life. We will be continuing our study of the Gospel of Mark, so just bring any translation of the bible that you have.

Important caveat: You do not have to have ANY knowledge of the bible to join us. Jesus said, "Don't be afraid; only believe." (Mark 5:36)

Any questions? Call me.  
Peace, Kay Lewis @847-381-7820.



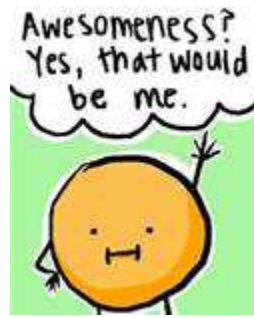
**SPIRITED SISTERS TUESDAY  
EVENING WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY  
BEGINS SEPT. 25 at 7:00 p.m.**

***"Passion" by Kathy  
Thaden***

Women and friends of St. Michael's, you are warmly invited to join the Tuesday Evening Women's Book Study this fall. Each weekly discussion is conveniently structured to be independent of the prior weeks' discussions, so there is no need to worry if you did not read the previous chapters. You can pick up a copy of Max Lucado's *Cast of Characters, Lost & Found* at the church bookstore and start reading at any point.

Each chapter depicts different Biblical characters who encounter God or Jesus and are forever transformed. Those familiar with Lucado's style will appreciate his phenomenal ability to deliver simple yet powerful insights by taking common passages and people and revealing them in a whole new, inspiring and relatable light. Lucado resets these stories in uniquely inspiring ways that help you get inside the hearts and minds of these characters, and that makes you stop and think about how your experiences, personality, and character traits intersect with those of these Biblical persons... thus awakening many incredible commonalities. In spite of their many faults, flaws and sins, God used these ordinary people to change the world. Come discover how God also wipes away our sin, making the common extraordinary, and transforming the direction of all of our lives, just as He did with and through these Biblical characters.

This Spirited Sisters study will begin on Tuesday, September 25, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Annilee Quinlan. Subsequent gatherings will be held in Church Library (except for the 4th Tuesday of each month - alternate locations TBA) . Contact Sue Barnum (847-304-6989) or Sally Smith (847-274-4622) for further details.



## **AWSM (All Women of St. Michael's) "Save-the Date" News!!**

Our fall gathering for all women of the parish will be held on Tuesday evening, **September 18, from 7-9:00 p.m.** at the home of Katy Pepper. Mark your calendars now and plan on joining us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and reconnecting with others. Look for more details to follow in the very near future.

Our Advent gathering will be held on Tuesday evening, **December 4, from 7-9:00 p.m.** at the home of Michele Phillips. Mark your calendars now for another fun and fabulous women's gathering during this special season.



## **MUSICIANS WANTED!**

The Music Ministry Program here at St. Michael's is looking for musicians for all of its ensembles for the Fall! If you are interested in joining St. Michael's Choir, Cantor Choir, Bell Choir, or sharing your musical gifts in any other way please contact David Baker at [dbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:dbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org).

*David Baker,  
Director of  
Music  
Ministries*

Rehearsals for St. Michael's Choir begins this coming Thursday Night at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome! Especially those who have never been a part of a choir before. Rehearsals for the Cantor Choir begin on Sunday September 9th at 8:15am.

## **News from our Youth Minister**

### **THIS WEEK:**

Saturday, 25 August @ 6:30 p.m.--SMUSH School Year Kick-Off Lock-In. The lock-in will end by attending worship on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. We will be enjoying some fellowship, games, food, and discussing plans for this year. I'm happy to announce that Judy Tammi, Paul Carrubba, and myself will all be chaperoning the event. Please bring--sleeping gear, PJs, a change of clothes, snack to share, and games and/or movies. PLEASE let me know by Friday afternoon if you plan on attending!

Sunday, 26 August, Worship @ 9:30 a.m. (There will be NO off-site breakfast due to the SMUSH lock-in.)

Sunday, 26 August @ 11:00 a.m., Parish Picnic--Following worship the youth have been asked to head over to the Cressey Farm early in order to help with last minute setup. If you are interested in pitching in to help out, you can let me know on Sunday morning at church.

## UPCOMING:

Sunday, 9 September @ 9:00 a.m.--Fall Programming Kick-off. We are back to meeting at 9:00 a.m. (LIFT) & 10:45 a.m. (SMUSH) for worship & formation.

**For All Women of St. Michael's (AWSM)**

Friday, August 24, 11:00 to Noon, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Private Dining Room, an opportunity to gather for ecumenical prayer, followed by lunch (if you choose).

"United in Prayer" has grown out of Church Women United of Barrington. Contact Jackie Kraus for further information, or a ride. Jackie can be reached at 847.381.5518 or [kraus.jackie@yahoo.com](mailto:kraus.jackie@yahoo.com)

**Renk Ministry Partnership Meeting and News**

RMP Meeting, Thursday, 30 August, 7:00 -9:00 p.m., St. Michael's Conference Room. Open meeting -- all are welcome! Contact Jackie Kraus, 847-381-5518, for information.

**Bishop Joseph Garang Atem and Bishop Lee.**

The mission and ministry of the Renk Ministry Partnership (RMP) is oversight and communication related to the Covenant of Relationship (1998 to present) between St. Michael's and the Diocese of Renk, Episcopal Church of Sudan, Republic of South Sudan. Since this Covenant began, St. Michael's and Renk Diocese have worked with, prayed for, visited each other, and grown into a particular partnership of support for Renk Theological College. St. Michael's has opened the way for partnerships between 10 churches in Chicago and Renk, including the Companion Diocese Relationship between Chicago and Renk, now in its 11th year.

Bishop Joseph Garang Atem, 2nd bishop of Renk, and former principal of Renk Theological College, makes annual visits to Chicago to renew these partnerships. He arrives Oct. 10 for visits throughout the diocese. At the invitation of Bishop Lee, he will join the clergy of the diocese for their annual conference, and attend Diocesan Convention, Nov. 16 & 17.

The South Sudan Soiree Planning Committee is excitedly at work on the 2nd annual benefit at St. Michael's, Nov. 10. Bishop Joseph will be honored, as well as Fr. Jacob Panchol

Majok, Dean of Student Affairs at RTC, currently studying at Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA.

The RMP meeting, Thurs., Aug. 30, 7-9pm, St. Michael's, in the conference room, will report on the current crisis between South Sudan and Sudan, and how Renk is impacted; will plan for welcoming Bishop Joseph; will vision for the future of the Covenant. ALL persons interested in learning more, thinking about becoming involved, are invited to join in this meeting. Contact Jackie Kraus, 847-381-5518, for more information about the Covenant. Contact Ellen Lindeen, 847-382-1084, to volunteer for "An African Eve", Nov. 10.

*\* Jim Lenz called to invite folks from SMEC to just go to lunch and Sanfilippo estate or just estate.*

*Cost for lunch = \$20.00*

*Cost for Sanfilippo = \$25.00*

*Folks should contact Crystal Plummer asap at the diocese 312-751-4215.*

**Bishop's Associates Chicago Northwest Tour 2012,  
Saturday, 8 September (Spoiler alert: St. Michael's is  
one of the stops on the tour!)**

The 2012 Diocese Bishop's Associates tour will target the northwest suburbs. Visit churches in Palatine, Barrington and Barrington Hills and then visit the unforgettable Victorian Palace, estate of nut and snack king Jasper Sanfilippo in Barrington Hills. Cost is \$89.95 all inclusive - lunch at Chessie's/111 Grille. For more details, click [here](#)



Come

Sing

Vote



Share

A gathering to sing and to explore music for our upcoming 9 a.m. Sunday worship services, to sing and share opinions & questions, and to sing some more.

Wednesday, August 29

Eucharist at 5:30 p.m.

Simple Dinner Provided at 6:00 p.m.

Sing and Talk, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Children & Youth Welcome!



## Upcoming Events

- +Project Saturday, 25 August, Buildings and Grounds
- +Haiti Sunday, 26 August, details are above.
- +Next Sudan Soiree II Meeting at the Lindeens, Monday, August 27, 7:00 p.m.
- +Wednesday Evening Series, 29 August, Everybody Sings!
- +Thursday Evening, 30 August, RMP Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- +....looking ahead....Soul Journey Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study to resume Tuesday, 11 September
- +....looking ahead....Exploring Sacred Music in the Anglican Tradition 2012-2013 program begins 23 September, watch for details!
- +....looking ahead....Spirited Sisters Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study to resume Tuesday, 25 September
- +Octoberfest, October 21st. at 4:00 p.m., *50! Something*

## Revised Common Lectionary Year B, Pentecost 12

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14, Psalm 111, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58

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