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## The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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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.)

**+ This Sunday, 9 September 9:00 a.m.**

**Service Blessing of the Back**

**Packs!....*read more below***

**+ Please Remember the Change in Schedule, This Sunday, 9 September 2012:**

- 7:45 a.m. Service
- 9:00 a.m. Service
- 10:45 a.m. Service

### 'SRLR'

*Pastoral letter from the Rector*

### Ministry Quicklinks

Our Website

### Did You Know?

...we have 80 children in the Children's Ministries

Dear People of St. Michael's

I know several people, including some at St. Michael's, who've taken on a challenge. They serve on the Barrington District 220 task force charged with introducing into the schools a program known as Social and Emotional Learning.

SEL, as it's often called, arose after the mid-1990s publication of Dan Goleman's best-selling *Emotional Intelligence: Why It Can Matter More Than IQ*. Illinois now

program ages 3 years through 5th grade?

### **Anniversaries This Week**

#### **Birthdays**

- 9.9 Grace Tilles
- 9.10 Callie Conners
- 9.11 Julia Osmond,  
Colin Nance
- 9.12 Douglas Moore,  
Tom Wood, George  
Tarulis
- 9.13 Scott Imhoff,  
Kevin Qualiardi,  
Michelle Bradtke,  
Jacque Napoleon,  
Winston  
Summerfield
- 9.15 Bridgit Maire,  
John Allen, Meghan  
Doran

#### **Anniversaries**

- 9.9 Betty & Paul  
Carrubba, Barb &  
Steven Hubbard,  
Lindsey & Matt  
Murphy
- 9.10 Janet & Thomas  
Sell, Dinnie & Dick  
Dickenson
- 9.11 Jennifer & Leon  
Lekai
- 9.13 Nancy & Jeff  
Moore, Ann & Bob  
Daly
- 9.14 Janet & Peter  
Bacher

#### **Rest in Peace**

- 9.9 Jack Fisher
- 9.10 Helene  
Herriman
- 9.15 Helen Peters,  
Louis Schirmer

requires the curricula of all public schools to incorporate SEL. The State Board of Education's related goals include: *self-awareness ... social-awareness ... skills to establish and maintain positive relationships ... decision-making skills and responsible behaviors in personal, school, and community contexts.*

A surge in interest in SEL here in Barrington a few years ago naturally followed the tragic series of local teen suicides. But I've heard that in recent parent surveys, interest in and support for SEL is waning. Parents are more interested in what they perceive to be core subjects - math, English, and science - perhaps believing these are really 'more important for success'. SEL standards, though recently included in District 220's new definition of student success, may be viewed as commendable but not equal to the world's competitive realities. In some of our schools the SEL materials remain largely or altogether untouched.

The SEL story in Barrington seems directly relevant to churches and Christians. The reason for being of any local Christian congregation could, I think, be described as 'SRLR': *Spiritual and Relational Learning and Response*. Think of it as Christ-centered SEL. Viewing the world through the eyes of Jesus, or through the long-view lens of our Judeo-Christian tradition, or even on the basis of the daily, dire secular news, what could be more important than Spiritual and Relational Learning and Response? You'd think churches would be packed.

But what the church offers directly competes with other perennial and compelling human motives, including career advancement, material acquisition and wealth development. I wonder if the secular schools have taken on SEL in part because the church has been so marginalized, if not altogether abandoned, by so many in our culture.

I also wonder, with gratitude, about all for whom the church is still at the heart of commitments. Perhaps many of us still here have been forced at some point, like the schools, to reexamine the usual standards of success. We're here to at least wrestle with, maybe even profoundly redefine, ultimate meaning for ourselves and our households.

- Patrick +

Also from the Rector

I devoted my letter to the above theme for a number of reasons, including: the many adult spiritual formation programs that are now starting up for fall; the start this Sunday of our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd ministry with young children; and the 'Come and Grow' mailing sent to all parish households this week - in invitation to 'SRLR' for all.

***Please take some time to review the various related ministries explained in this Sword and elsewhere.***

Regarding the 'Come and Grow' brochure mentioned above, I want to set aside a separate THANK YOU to parishioner and layout artist extraordinaire Cam Sells for her patience and skills, on which the whole project relied

**In the Parish family**

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Kim; Bridget & Jim; Brian; Megan; Abby; Jack; Linda & Chuck; Rick; Jennifer; Cynthia; Andie; Jeff; Gary; Steve; Phil; Terry; Sandy; the Zamudio family; Sina; Nicolas; William; Alfred; Lee; Mary; Bishop Joseph, Roda, Michele & Grace; Amy; the 3rd Battalion 5th Marines & families; Wauconda-Island Lake Food Pantry; military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Silas, Zane, Robert, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, Arielle, Taylor, Tim and Jake.

+ Michael Kelly, father of parishoner Virginia Qualiardi, father-in-law to Al Qualiardi and grandfather to Kevin and Brett, passed away recently. Services for Michael Kelly will be September 10th at 10:00 a.m. in Oklahoma.

+Many of you at the 9:30 a.m. service were able to hear a short update given by Ann Ryba about many of our friends in Mississippi and Louisiana, including Pat Baird, affected by Hurricane Issac. If you were not able to hear Ann's update, you may read her news by clicking [here](#). Thank you, Ann.



Squirrel on the Altar in the Columbarium

**+Items found at the Parish Picnic.** Please contact the Parish Office.

Swim goggles; black umbrella; blue, divided plastic pill or vitamin container.



**Little Red Wagon in September**

The Wauconda-Island Lake Food Pantry is a blend of two adjoining towns with area churches supplying the volunteers to serve those in need. The



**We continue to offer up our Hands for Haiti!**

One more gentle reminder that it is still not too late to contribute to the Mission Trip to Haiti. Financial Donations and School Supplies are still needed.

We are delighted to announce that we have collected **\$1,640** towards our financial goal of **\$3,275!** We are at about **50% of our goal.** Please prayerfully consider if you can help us reach 100% of this goal.

**This Sunday is our last to collect school supplies! There are two large, yellow boxes outside of the Community Room and a wagon in the Church School Hallway for any last minute donations.**

pantry is open six mornings a week and two evenings. It serves over 200 families a month. During the month of September the Little Red Wagon donations will go to this neighboring pantry. Inventory items needed are: cereal, crackers and cookies, pasta and sauces, canned fruit and vegetables, rice, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo and soap. There is a colorful container on the wagon for cash donations to supplement special needs.

### **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



### **Saturday Morning Bible Study**

Come join us to discuss and discover what God has revealed in Scripture and how the Word applies to us and our lives today. We will study The Acts of the Apostles, the historical record of

the early church as it was formed and led by Spirit-filled men and women who spread the gospel of the crucified and risen Lord from "Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."(Acts 1:8) We'll supplement the study with *The Acts of the Apostles: The New Daily Study Bible* by William Barclay. Books will be available in And All the Angels gift shop.

We gather at St. Michael's, in the fireplace room, from 7:15-9:00 a.m. Our first two gatherings will be on Saturdays, September 15 and 29. We then gather the first and third Saturdays of each month through May.

Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32)

Questions? Contact Sue Barnum or Tim Murray.

### **Faithful Harvest Community Churches Providing Fresh Produce to Local Food Pantries**



The Compassion Commission, sponsored by Barrington Area Ministerial Association (BAMA), has targeted Saturday, September 8, (10 am- noon) for a gathering of fresh food produce from area gardens. Representatives from the local food banks will be on hand to accept the donated food and to tell their individual stories and specific needs.

There will also be "information booths" to help people learn about composting, raised bed gardening, master gardener tips etc. If your congregation (or individuals from your congregations) would like to have a booth to share information and education in a related area, WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU COME!!!

Please contact Amy H (ahenderson521@gmail.com), Rhoda A (rasche617@aol.com) or Sue M (smullen@stmatthewbarrington.org) if you would like to participate with a booth.

**St. Matthew's** will be highlighting their SIGE (Special in God's Eyes) group that participated in their raised garden project this summer.

Think about what great things God can do through us as congregations in our community to help people in need.



**Foyers Sign-up begins Sunday, September 9th and will run through October following all services.**

In Foyers, groups of eight gather for four meals over the course of the year, once at each participating household. Come as a couple, or sign up with a friend; all are welcome. Hosting can take place at a park, your home, the church, or a restaurant. The goal is to keep the meal simple, keep time limited to 2-3 hours, and to keep old friends while making new ones. You may also sign up via email at Janette.Warner1@gmail.com anytime. Call Janette with any questions at (847) 516-3235.



**Blessing of the Backpacks!**

On **Sunday, 9 September** we will bless the backpacks of our **students (of any age!)** during the **9 a.m. service**. So pack 'em up and move 'em out to church on Sunday the 9th!

**SOUL JOURNEY: A WOMEN'S**



*soul journey painting*  
by tim mooney

## GATHERING

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 Library.

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.



*passion* by  
kathy thaden

## SPIRITED SISTERS TUESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 25, 7:00 p.m.

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 at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Annilee Quinlan**. Subsequent gatherings will be held in the 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.

### **From Our Children's Choir Director and Youth Minister**



*little singers needed!*

*On a trial basis , Kara will hold a Sunday morning Children's*

*Choir rehearsal from 8:15-8:45*

*a.m. If you are available and*

*interested, please join her in the chapel at*

*8:15 this Sunday, 9 September.*



LIFT Worship & Formation, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

SMUSH Worship & Formation, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Hope to see everyone this Sunday, 9 September!



**Renk Ministry Partnership News  
Bishop Joseph Garang Atem - Travel  
Diary Week II**

*Renk Theological Students* Bishop Joseph is most thankful for the prayers of St. Michael's on his travels. This past week he has been in Juba, capital of the Republic of South Sudan, where he met with Archbishop Daniel

Deng Bul (1st Bishop of Renk) and Bishop Hilary Garang (no relation), Chair of the Theological Ed. Committee of the Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS). They met for 3 hours to discuss the future of Renk Theological College, its relationship with St. Michael's, and a goal for self-sufficiency in the upcoming years.

On Wednesday, Sept. 5, he meets with staff of USAID (U.S. Agency for International Development) at the American Embassy in Juba, which is hosting this meeting, for the purpose of advocating for the people of Renk Diocese and refugees in desperate need of food, shelter, medicine. Phil Darrow has been involved in assisting Bishop Joseph in the development of a relationship between USAID and Renk. Bishop Joseph will address priorities of these basic needs as the situation continues to deteriorate at an alarming rate in Renk County...and Renk Diocese itself. The highway at the border between Sudan and South Sudan has been closed preventing food and basic commodities from coming to Renk. Food that does come to Renk through the 'black market' costs over 50% higher than before independence, making it unaffordable for the average citizen of Renk. Pray that USAID responds to Bishop Joseph's report on this crisis by finding the means to solutions and ways that make it possible to confront this problem.

A week from now, Bishop Joseph will be in Nairobi, where he has an appointment at the American Embassy, Dept. of Immigration, to apply for his visa to be in the U.S. from Oct. 10 to Nov. 19. He has meetings in Nairobi with partners in theological education to benefit students at Renk Theological College.

Pray for Bishop Joseph's safety and well being in his travels; pray for the Diocese of Renk in his absence and for the students at RTC; pray for peace between the Republics of Sudan and South Sudan.



### **Prayer Vigil Service**

**7 September, 7:00 p.m.**


You are invited to help pray for an end to the violence that is ravaging our communities, our nation and our world.

Create Peace - End Violence  
A Community Prayer Service

Friday, September 7, 7:00 PM


St. Paul United Church of Christ  
401 E. Main Barrington, IL

Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Barrington, Illinois,  
invites you to a wine and cheese reception for  
Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb of Bethlehem





**Bethlehem to Barrington**  
**Friday, September 21, 2012**  
**5 to 7 p.m.**  
**The Garlands of Barrington**  
**1000 Garlands Lane off Highway 14**

Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb explains that he is a Palestinian-an Arab-a Christian-and a Lutheran pastor who was born and raised in Bethlehem. He has been the Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church in Bethlehem since 1988. An acclaimed author and speaker, Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb is the recipient of numerous international awards for his work for peace in the Middle East.



Pastor Raheb will talk about the International Center in Bethlehem and his dreams of bringing peace through culture, education, health and wellness.

A free will offering will be received to support Peace in Bethlehem. Tax deductible donations may be made payable to Lutheran Church of the Atonement.

There is no fee for this event but registration is required by September 18 by contacting Lutheran Church of the Atonement, 847-381-0243 or [churchoffice@churchofatonement.org](mailto:churchoffice@churchofatonement.org)



## All Women of St. Michael's (AWSM) September Celebration

Join us for an awesome time of fun and fellowship for women to connect and reconnect

**Tuesday, September 18th 7-9 p.m.**  
Home of Katy Pepper  
840 Forest Drive  
Barrington

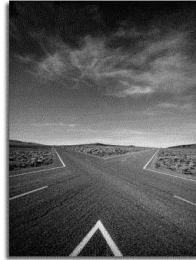
Per last name, please bring  
something to share:

A-K appetizer

L-R bottle of wine

S-Z dessert

Need a ride? Contact Ann Ross at  
847.540.0652



## Sunday

### Food for the Journey (10:05am-10:40am)

Stories from the Crossroads: People and Places  
which have shaped our Faith

To be on the journey of faith is to have been  
helped along the way. It is to have met people and  
had experiences which have allowed us to know

God's love. To kick-off our Food for the Journey series, **Kathy Randolph** (our Sr. Warden) and **Frank Compton** will share about significant moments on their journeys of faith. This Sunday will be a great opportunity to learn more about fellow parishioners and provide an opportunity to reflect on the significant experiences and relationships which have been our food for the journey. [Please note, if you have children in the Catechesis, will be allowed to continue working in their rooms (an extra 10minutes) until the Food for the Journey Program ends at 10:40]

## Wednesday Night Series Continues September 12th

5:30pm Eucharist

6pm Dinner (bring something to share)

6:30pm Conversation

7:45pm on your way home...

Reflections on the BESTSELLING BOOK OF ALL TIME: The  
Bible in an hour or less...

What could a book written over 2000 years ago have to do with my life? Have you ever wondered: Who wrote the Bible? How do we decide what gets read in Church? What does it mean to call it 'inspired'? How have Episcopalians traditionally read the Bible? Whether you have never read the Bible, or read it frequently, this conversation is an opportunity to explore the history of the Bible, to explore what it means to both read this work critically and as a holy text. It is a book full of contradictions and passages which are difficult to understand. Many of the most significant differences between Christians are rooted in questions about how to make sense of the Bible and its place in our lives. Although, one thing Christians throughout the ages have agreed on is that it is a book of vital importance and a book which has the power to transform lives.

Join us for a conversation in which we will dive into these questions...

### Upcoming Events

- +Soul Journey Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study to resume Tuesday, 11 September, 9:30 a.m.
- +Wednesday Evening Eucharist and Series Continues, Eucharist at 5:30 p.m.
- +Saturday Morning Bible Study, Saturday, 15 September, 7:15 a.m.
- +All Women of St. Michael's September Celebration, 7:00 p.m.
- +Exploring Sacred Music in the Anglican Tradition 2012-2013 program begins 23 September, watch for details!
- +Spirited Sisters Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study to resume Tuesday, 25 September, 7:00 p.m.
- +Octoberfest, October 21st. at 4:00 p.m., *50! Something*

### Revised Common Lectionary Year B, Pentecost 15

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23, Psalm 125, James 2:1-10, 14-17, Mark 7:24-37

### Contact Info

St. Michael's Vestry

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