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Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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+16 September, Food for the Journey, How do we respond when the unthinkable happens? What role does our faith play?

+18 September, AWSM September Celebration, 7:00 p.m.

+19 September, Wednesday Evening Eucharist and Series, 5:30 p.m.

AWSM

All Women of St. Michael's

A letter to further illuminate another fine ministry at St. Michael's by Sue Barnum

Dear People of St. Michael's,

The AWSM (**All Women of St. Michael's**) group of this parish and its leadership team are energized and passionate about their involvement in numerous ministries and various women's events planned throughout the year! Women are connected to each other through a unifying name and gatherings that bring us together. **All** women of St. Michael's are included in this truly "awesome" group!

Did You Know?

...there were 15 LIFT (junior high) youth representing 8 different schools on Sunday and there were 10 SMUSH

(senior high) youth
representing 6
different schools on
Sunday?

Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays

- 9.16 David Poll, Jean Schoepke, Janet Anderson
9.17 James Bateman, Joe Madonia, Drake Imhoff
9.18 Edward Tilly
9.20 Joe Beuttas, Thom Wibbels
9.22 Melinda Knobe, Kathryn Ryba, Jeff Tolle, John Schmidt

Anniversaries

- 9.17 Karen & Dennis Malec
9.18 Jenny & Jay Welsh, Cynthia & Don Sykes
9.19 Jackie & Dick Kraus
9.20 Janette & Daniel Warner, Sue & Jim Pajakowski, Jacquelyn & Frank Napoleon, Julia & David Bishop
9.21 Robyn & Chuck Boetsch, Brooke & Patrick Raymond
9.22 Chris & Stan Pepper

Rest in Peace

- 9.19 Pierre J. Lareau, George Bachini, George Dickson
9.20 Erin Elizabeth Buckley



a July gathering of part of the AWSM leadership team included from left to right (standing) Katy Pepper, Kay Lewis, Ann Ross, Jane Dawson, Tina Summerfield, Marti Kahn, Michele Phillips, Annilee Quinlan, Adele Osmond, (kneeling) Sue Barnum, Sally Smith and Brooke Raymond

Our purpose is to bring the women of the parish together in meaningful ways that build and nurture relationships through events and gatherings that include fun and fellowship, faith and formation, and service. Five events are planned for this year. They include:

- September 18th:** September Celebration at Katy Pepper's home from 7-9 p.m.
December 4th: Advent Gathering at Michele Phillips' home from 7-9 p.m.
February 5th: Bunco Night at St. Michael's from 7-9 p.m.
February 23: Lenten Retreat at St. Michael's from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Lead by Deacon Laurie Michaels
April 20th: Spring Fling (format and time to be determined)

The AWSM Leadership Team consists of thirty women dedicated to planning, advertising, inviting, and orchestrating the events. There is great joy and fellowship in serving in this capacity, and we certainly have fun while doing so! We welcome anyone who would like to join us in these endeavors. But most importantly, come and join in our gatherings as we connect and reconnect with one another in friendship, faith, love, and the joy of being together.

If you have questions or want to learn more, please contact Sue Barnum (847.302.6989) or Michele Phillips (847.304.4107).

Join us for the Tuesday evening gathering. We hope to see you there! It's not too late to RSVP.

September Celebration
Tuesday, September 18th from 7-9 p.m.

Fun, food, fellowship, entertainment, "program" and more.

Katy Pepper's home
840 Forrest Drive
Barrington

Per last name, please bring something to share:
A-K.... appetizer
L-R.... bottle of wine
S-Z.... dessert

From the Rector:



Welcome (Back), Deacon Judy Heinrich!

It's been nearly a year since Deacon Judy's retirement from her excellent ministry at St. Michael's. At the time, I communicated that Judy and I would compare notes after Easter in the event that she might want to continue having *some* ministry at St. Michael's on a more limited basis (for her sake). It didn't happen right after Easter ... but Judy and Deacon Laurie Michaels and I have recently shared a series of conversations, as a result of which we'll be seeing Judy in some ministry roles again, including service as Deacon in the liturgies this Sunday, September 16. Welcome back, Judy!

Thom Wibbels update. Those in worship last Sunday know that our new Organist, Thom Wibbels, was admitted to Sherman Hospital on Friday, September 7, due to some acute fatigue and abdominal pain. Thom benefitted from good care and is now home with a good prognosis, though he'll likely miss our worship this Sunday, September 16, as well. There being no supply organists available for this Sunday (after an extensive search!), David Baker has arranged for us to be joined by professional pianist, conductor and accompaniment coach **Aaron Albin**. Get well, Thom! Welcome, Aaron!

P.S. My apologies to Thom for having misspelled his name for weeks now! Ouch!



**THIS Sunday's Food for the Journey -
How do we respond when the unthinkable
happens? What role does our faith play?
Sunday, 16 September**

John Yerger, a long-time parishioner of St. Michael's and former Senior Warden, will reflect on how he has answered these questions in his own life. To quote Jim Bullion last week "This is not to be missed..."

**NEXT Sunday's Food for the Journey, Sunday, 23
September - Cata-what-sis? How we help Children
nurture their relationship with God.**

THIS IS NOT ONLY FOR PARENTS!!! The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is NOT your normal Sunday School program. At St. Michael's it has been an approach to Children's formation that has shaped generations of children. Come learn about the foundational insights and principles which underly the Catechesis. Whether you are a parent with a child in Catechesis, or not, this time will provide insight into the ways in which as adults we help the children of St. Michael's have a lively and deep relationship with God.

In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Rick; Jennifer; Cynthia; Bree; Theodore; Dolores; Wilma; Thom; Jim; Colin; Judie; 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, Zane, Robert, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, Arielle and Taylor.



**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



+Arielle Johnston, daughter of Gwynne and Susan Johnston, has arrived home from deployment to Afghanistan. Upon arrival at Fort Bragg, her sister Emeline and Emie's husband John welcomed her home. Arielle's name has been included in the Prayers of the People each week. Gwynne and Susan

those in need. The 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.

included the following message with the picture above, "Thank you for all your prayers and support." Welcome Home, Arielle!

+Clark Beverly sends us the following update about his nephew, Silas Betten, who many parishioners may remember so eloquently addressing the congregation about his experiences in Afghanistan. "Sgt. Silas Betten has finished his military career returning home last weekend with his new family to Seattle, Washington. St. Michael's supported Silas and his platoon with care packages while spending two tours in Afghanistan. He is very grateful. While serving he received three Army Commendation medals (one with Valor). He hopes to be in the Chicago area in mid october and will definitely attend St. Michael's to extend a very personal thank you."

+The following obituary appeared in the *Barrington Courier* and is included because many members may remember Miss Nancy Watt:

"Miss Nancy Watt
December 30, 1928 - August 24, 2012

Nancy Watt

Nancy Watt, 1928 - 2012, born in Evanston, IL . She grew up in Barrington, had an early love of writing and had four years BA, Northwestern University. She was a typist in business, and the family traveled by car to New England inns, antiques and the ocean annually, and Williamsburg, VA and Washington D.C..

Nancy was active with churchwomen in the building of St. Michael Church in Barrington. She wrote two books of poems, 'Luminare' and 'Defend the Children' and several decades of letters and contributions for human and christian charities and causes. Nancy liked walking and was active in food and toys for Christmas at the fire station, the food pantry, and the Barrington Area Library, voting for good schools and investments in. She left a message 'Have heart'.

Funeral Information

Services for Nancy will be private."

+The Battcher family is headed to Louisville, KY!

Duane took a new job with Donan Engineering and has been working for them since June 4. He commutes home on the weekends. Kathy reports, "The time we've spent in the area so far we've enjoyed and believe we will be quite happy living there. It will be hard to leave the good friends we've all made, but, as you know, it's not too far to drive!" They plan to relocate in mid-October. We will miss you, Kathy, Duane, Maggie and Nolan!

+We have added more Items found at the Parish Picnic. Please contact the Parish Office.

Swim goggles; black umbrella; blue; divided plastic pill or vitamin container; large white Cost Plus World Market Platter; two stacking Summer 2012 melamine bowls (one white, one light blue); one white towel imprinted with the board game "Twister."



We are delighted to announce that we have made our Hands for Haiti financial goal of over \$3,200! Thank you, St. Michaels!



Foyers Sign-up continues Sunday, September 16th 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.



**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

Wednesday Night Series Continues September 19th

[come as able to any part of the evening]

5:30pm Eucharist

6pm Dinner (bring something to share)

6:30pm Conversation

7:45pm on your way home...

Forum: ***The Riddle of James*** - Can you earn God's grace? How does what we DO relate to our FAITH? Martin Luther, one of the great theologians of the Reformation, is reputed to have said, "I refuse [James] a place among the writers of the true canon of my Bible." What was it that got Martin Luther so incensed? And why then do we continue to read the book of James (we have been reading it for the past 3 weeks)? Father Patrick will begin our time together with some observations, and conversation will follow.

If you are interested, here is some background reading you can do in advance of our conversation:

-an article by William Barclay on [James](http://www.religion-online.org/showchapter.asp?title=1112&C=1173) <http://www.religion-online.org/showchapter.asp?title=1112&C=1173>

-a GREAT resource from [Luther Seminary](http://www.enterthebible.org/newtestament.aspx?rid=59)

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From Our Youth Minister and Children's Choir Director



Sunday, 9/16--SMUSH Haiti Support Service Outing. Following Communion at the 10:45 service we will leave to purchase power strips & school supplies to support St. Michael's Haiti Ministry efforts.

WHAT TO BRING: Completed permission slip (click [here](#) to download a permission slip) and \$ donation toward the purchase of power strips. Please let me know if you plan on attending so I can plan for transportation.

Friday, 9/21--LIFT Night at the Movies. We will meet at the church at 6:00 pm to go to the movies. We will plan to return around 9:30. Adults, I will need another chaperone. Please let me know if you are interested.



As we had a good participation this last week, there will be another Sunday morning children's choir rehearsal from 8:15-8:45 am on 9/16. If you are available and interested, please join Kara in the chapel at 8:15.



St Michael's hosts our annual blood drive on Tuesday, September 25, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Heartland Blood Centers is the sole provider of all blood products to the Chicagoland Veterans Hospitals.

In addition to the gift of knowing you have provided life-giving blood for someone, all donors will receive a \$5.00 Wal-Mart gift card.

Nancy Carney will have a sign-up sheet on Sundays at church, but even better, click here [Donate Blood Registration](#) to sign up online. Look for the Blood Drive-mobile in front of the church on Dundee Ave. on the 25th. Please give the Gift of Life!



**FALL FORMATION:
Veterans of St. Michael's**

Thursday, October 11th at
1900, in the Library of St.
Michael's

All Active Duty or Veterans are invited to come, share a time of fellowship and stories with one another. Questions? Contact Jim Tammi, 847.382.4262.



**Come help support St. Michael's Little Angels
Preschool Annual Fundraiser!**

"Oktoberfest" will be held on October 13, 2012 at 7:30pm at McGonigal's Pub in Barrington. The event will feature a live and silent auction that include a spa basket, fitness basket, vacation homes, sports memorabilia, landscaping packages, Ravinia tickets,

etc. Tickets are open to all St. Michael's families [response cards are located in the narthex and in the church office]. If you cannot attend the event, but would still would like to support the preschool, any monetary or gift donations are accepted. Please contact Lindsey Murphy at ljohn07@hotmail.com or Jenn Newman at gnewman1@mac.com for more information.

Save the date for the 50! Something Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 21st any time after 4:00 p.m. We'll meet at the church for good conversation and appetizers, brats, dessert and coffee. A sign-up sheet will be available in early October.



West Side Alive!

Join Chicago churches of diverse denominations in West Side Alive!, a celebration of children and youth. We will come together for blessing and prayer that all may have fruitful lives without fear of violence. We will have a short church service-including music from a choir directed by Walt Whitman of The Soul Children of Chicago-followed by games and a fellowship meal. Bishop Lee will be among the officiating clergy.

All are welcome to participate in the choir by signing up on the CROSSwalk website (<http://www.crosswalkchicago.org/west-side-alive.html>) and joining the rehearsal on Saturday, September 15th from 1 to 4 pm at St. Agatha's Catholic Church

Event Information: Sunday, September 16th, 4:00 p.m., St. Agatha's Catholic Church, 3147 W. Douglas Blvd.

From Renk Ministry Partnership

Bishop Joseph Garang Atem -Travel Diary Week III

The good news from Bishop Joseph is that his application for a visa from the U.S. Consulate in Nairobi, Kenya, was accepted today, Sept. 11, and he will pick it up Sept. 12. This completes the process opening the way for his arrival in Chicago, Oct. 10. He is thankful for our prayers. Bishop Joseph will return to Renk for 3 weeks to be with his family and the people of Renk.



the waiting room at Renk Clinic

He calls for us to pray for Roda, Michele and Grace, who each have malaria. Dr. Paul at Renk Clinic is also sick, as are most of the people now during the rainy season. From *Voice of America News*: "Thousands of South Sudanese who had been living in the capital of Sudan, Khartoum, are returning home. They can only enter South Sudan through Renk crossing. And, that is where thousands have

remained, unable to continue their journey home because of a lack of money. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) runs three transit camp primary health clinics in Renk. Health and living conditions in the town are deteriorating. The stranded returnees are becoming increasingly desperate to leave (Renk) and go home. Unfortunately, the outlook is not promising."

Pray also for the Presidents of Sudan and South Sudan to sign an agreement on *Four Freedoms* -- *freedom of residence; freedom of movement; freedom to undertake economic activity; freedom to acquire and dispose of property* -- due to be signed the end of September.

And, keep the students and staff of Renk Theological College in our prayers as they close their academic year this month.

Upcoming Events

- +Saturday Morning Bible Study, 15 September, Saturday, 7:15 a.m.
- +All Women of St. Michael's September Celebration, 18 September, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
- +Exploring Sacred Music in the Anglican Tradition 2012-2013 program begins 23 September, Sunday, 6:30 p.m.
- +St. Michael's Blood Drive, 25 September, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- +Spirited Sisters Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study to resume, 25 September, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
- +Octoberfest, October 21st., Sunday, at 4:00 p.m., *50! Something*

Revised Common Lectionary Year B, Pentecost 16

Proverbs 1:20-33, Psalm 19, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38

Contact Info

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Kathy Sawyer Randolph - Sr. Warden, Shan Atkins - Jr. Warden

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Dale Griffith, Sean Harrington, Pat Kane, Mike Savage

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John Davis - Treasurer, Craig Anderson - Clerk

Joe Schmidt, Youth Representative Madelyn Lanham, Youth Representative
Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Patrick Raymond, Rector; The Rev. Kevin Caruso, Curate; The Rev. Laurie Michaels, Deacon; Caren Hunter, Director of Little Angels Christian Preschool; David Baker, Director of Music Ministries; Tom Wibbels, Organist; Kara Joy Baker, Youth Pastor & Director of Children's Choir; Nerissa Brueckbauer, Children's Education Director & Communications Coordinator; Kim Lessner, Parish Operations; Nancy Holmes, Parish Administrator & Rector's Assistant; Jeff Schirmer, Sexton.

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