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Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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Did You Know?

...St. Michael's has just dipped into the waters of Facebook? You might want to "like" us at *St. Michael's Episcopal*

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.)

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Mission Impossible: The Mission of God and the Church
a letter from the Rev. Kevin G. Caruso, Curate

Dear people of St. Michael's,

Moments prior to a tape self destructing, a voice begins... "Your mission, should you decide to accept it, is..." **MISSION IMPOSSIBLE**

Between trips taken by our youth to West Virginia and Kentucky, an upcoming trip to Haiti, our connections with the Sudan, and the work of our Outreach Committee, we are constantly reminded of the deep needs of people in the world. This Sunday, we will once again be reminded about these deep needs as we are joined by the Rev. Lou Ness, the director of Shelter Care in Rockford (more info about Lou Ness and Shelter Care is included below). Lately, I have noticed a growing list of concerns in my own prayer life and with that a growing sense of feeling overwhelmed by the problems of the

Church Barrington, IL and watch as we try to get the hang of this social media stuff! It could be fun! - or funny?

Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays

8.19 Kerry Kean,
Maggie Wickman
8.20 Eway
McLaughlin, Sarah
Lewis
8.21 Jeni Younger,
Tom Rough
8.22 Rob Tomczyk
8.23 Brian Rough
8.24 Katy
Pepper, Nathan Wirth
8.25 Pete Douglas,
Heather Belcore,
Ellie Wintringer

Anniversaries

8.19 Christy & Bryan
Cressey
8.21 Melinda &
Larry Knobe, Jeni &
Jay Younger
8.22 Ann & Terry
Parker
8.23 Maria & John
Kuechmann, Peggy
& Bob Blass,
Marjorie & Mark
Pullinger

Rest in Peace

8.19 Gustie Olson
8.21 Christopher
Brashear, Virginia
Kenney
8.24 Maribelle
Byrum, Jane
Edmunds
8.25 Frances
Holmboe

world. In the face of global financial insecurity, rising food prices caused by drought, wars, and (add your own concerns here), we are often left to wonder, *what can I really do?* Sometimes, serving those in need can feel like an impossible mission, a mission we are ill equipped for, even when it is what we are called to.

Some of my own recent reading has reminded me that the notion of a Church's mission is be embedded in a sense of God's mission. If God's Mission is what God is up to in the world, the role of the Church is to discover where God is acting, and join in that work. One place Christians have consistently found God at work is in the midst of worship and the gathering of the faith community. In that sense, the Church is itself a part of God's mission, a part of the way God is acting in the world.

And yet, we also know God is not confined to working inside the walls of churches. Rather than being overwhelmed by ALL the problems in the world, perhaps we might ask the more specific question: *How is God calling us, as the people of St. Michael's, to join in God's mission?* What is it that we are to do, here and now? Perhaps, by letting go of the need to solve all the problems of the world, even as we recommit ourselves to joining God in the specific places and the particular ways we can, we prepare ourselves to truly be Christ's hands and feet in the world.

***Brothers and Sisters in Christ, your mission, should you decide to accept it, is...
to realize that we are each called to join in God's mission to restore the world by serving God and God's people how you can, when you can, where you can.***

May you be Christ's heart and hands in the world.

- Kevin+

**Guest Preacher Sunday August 19th: the Rev. Lou Ness,
Executive Director of Shelter Care - Rockford**

<http://shelter-care.org/>

The Rev. Lou Ness will join us as a guest preacher and be available after worship to share with us about her ministry at Shelter Care in Rockford. From their website: "Shelter Care was established in 1984 as an outreach ministry of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in downtown Rockford to respond to the growing population of homeless in the Rockford metropolitan area. A year later, it was honored with the designation as a Jubilee Ministry Center by the National Episcopal Church. Shelter Care is affiliated with Emmanuel Episcopal Charities and the United Way. It is the mission of Shelter Care Ministries to provide shelter, awaken hope and honor dignity in every person who seeks comfort, support or

assistance through our programs. Our focus is on individuals with a chronic mental illness and families that are homeless in the Winnebago/Boone county area."

From the Rector:

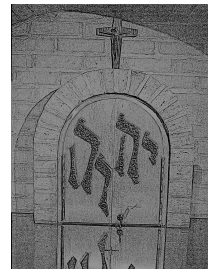
JOIN US FOR TWO CONVERSATIONS ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP AND MINISTRIES FOR 2012-2013.

All parishioners are welcome to take part in either or both of two upcoming conversations about our Sunday worship and ministries plan for the coming school year. The first conversation will be in the context of an agenda item for the **Vestry meeting that begins at 7:00 p.m. on Monday on August 20th.** The second conversation will be the substance of our weekly **Wednesday night program, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on August 22.** The plan for the coming year will be finalized after these conversations and **the transition to our school-year schedule will begin Sunday, September 9.**

Subject to the outcome of the two conversations, the current proposal includes use of the same schedule and elements as for the 2011-2012 school year, with two possible modest changes. First, we're exploring the benefits and liabilities of moving the starting time of the last Eucharist to 10:45 a.m. (as has been done in the past at St. Michael's). Second, we're wondering how to improve on our already-good Food for the Journey (adult spiritual growth/education) program. Specifically, we are wondering about options in response to parishioner feedback about tension between the positive inherent qualities of the program itself and the negative stresses related to the *schedule* of it (starting last year at 9:45 a.m.). Many thanks to all who have taken part in past deliberations and those who will join in the conversations this week. I intend to communicate our final plan by next Sunday, August 26, at the latest.

For the most recent Sunday Worship working draft document, please click [here](#) .

-Patrick+



In the parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Mary Ann, Erin, Katie, Cynthia, Kevin, Andie, Brianne, Matt, Lee, Mary, Pat, Kim, Bridget & Jim, Brian, Megan, Abby, Terry, Bishop Joseph, Roda, Michele, Grace and Amy, 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.

+You may recognize a familiar face at the Barrington Public Library come the 27th of August! Sam Adams-Lanham has been hired as an Assistant Librarian! Sam is currently pursuing her Master's in Library Science at Dominican University.



*Parishioner and future entrepreneur,
Miss Ella!*



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 clothing. No other church donates food to this program; so it is important that we



Project Saturdays Continue & Project in a Box

by Todd Ross, Buildings and Grounds

"Many hands make the work lighter and go faster"
Don't forget Project Saturdays continue on 18 and 25 August! If you plan to work on one of these Saturdays, please contact Todd.

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

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

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.



**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

*"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, Common People in the Hands of an Uncommon God* 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 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.

*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:

Sunday, 19 August, @ 8:30 a.m.--Breakfast and Fellowship at Starbucks on Hough Street. We will dine and enjoy conversation, and then walk to church. Hope to see you there!



Sunday, 19 August, 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.--LIFT Back to School Bowling Party at Brunswick in Deer Park. We will start with a pizza lunch at church and then depart for the bowling alley. Please let me know if you are attending by Friday at the latest. PLEASE BRING--the completed permission slips & \$10 to cover the cost of bowling.

Little Angels Preschool News

Little Angels Preschool has had a busy summer! We had seven weeks of successful summer camp! The children and teachers endured some of the hottest days on record, but still seemed to enjoy the time outside riding tricycles, playing in the sand and even in the sprinkler a few times! We added two year olds to summer camp this year and they all seemed to have a fun time being at preschool with the "big kids"! We are now gearing up for the start of the 2012-2013 school year. Classrooms are being painted, floors waxed and materials organized in anticipation of the children



New Window Signage



Summer Camp 2012

beginning school on September 4th. We have added a Pre-K class and a two day three year old class this year. We do still have openings in several of our classes so if you know someone or have a neighbor looking for a preschool, please pass our name along. Hope you all noticed the new sign on the glass entrance windows of the church and on the preschool entrance doors. They certainly make the Preschool's presence known here at St. Michaels! The Preschool website may be accessed by clicking [here](http://www.littleangelspreschool.org).



Save the Date.....All St. Michael's adults are invited to attend Little Angels NEW Fall Fundraiser...Oktoberfest which will be held on Saturday, October 13th at 7:30 pm at McGonigals Pub. There will be a live and silent

auction of items donated by the community and our preschool families. If you are an alumni family or just want to donate to the preschool, we welcome any donation...ball game tickets, vacation homes, monetary donations, or gift cards to go in the auction baskets. Please contact Caren Hunter at chunter@stmichaelsbarrington.org if you have something to donate. Look for more details along with a reservation form in the bulletin in the weeks ahead. Thanks in advance for your support.

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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

Contact Info

St. Michael's Vestry

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

Pete Douglas, Lora Gier, Amy Magro, Dave Evans

Dale Griffith, Sean Harrington, Pat Kane, Mike Savage

Cristy Cressey, Bob Gilbert, Michele Philips, Lance Marcinek

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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