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Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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Did You Know?

This Sunday At St. Michael's

- +Food for the Journey, Sunday, 13 Jan, 10:05 a.m.: Youth Mission Trips in 2013! (Please note that this is a change.)
- +Please keep in view...the Parish Annual Meeting, Sunday, 27 January at 12:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served.

Soul Journey: A Women's Gathering...

a letter to the people of St. Michael's from the Kay Lewis

Don't let the name scare you. This was formerly known as the "Tuesday Women's Bible Study" and it's still only for women and it still meets on Tuesdays.

Over the years we've studied different books and topics, but our recent quest of just studying a Gospel (Mark) seems to have struck a real chord with many women. I like to think that this is place where it's safe to ask any question and make any observation. We have women all over the spectrum in their life occupations and their knowledge of scripture. There's about 20 of us from young mothers to grandmothers... and that's the beauty of this group.

The truth is I've been a part of this group for over 20 years, and it is the most important thing that I do at St. Michael's. It absolutely gives me joy and renews me weekly.

I grew up in a very Bible-based tradition (oh, all right, as a Southern Baptist). I've read and studied the Bible all my life. I often make the joke that "In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is king." I'm just a one-eyed woman who loves how scripture points me to the One who loves me the most. And I love having companions on the journey. Hence, a Soul Journey.

But then a funny thing happened on the way to

...there are eleven children in the First Solemn Communion Class of 2013?

Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays

1.13 John Nicol,
Peter Bacher, Darryl
Dawson
1.14 Jacob Arms,
Mary Mathison
1.15 David Pepper,
Vanessa Vollman
1.16 John Kent
1.17 Kitti Quarfoot
1.18 John Totten,
Denise Vollman,
Denny Roper,
Kristina Roper,
Sophia Engel

Anniversaries

1.15 Julie & Shane
Allord
1.17 Tami & Mark
Zukowski
1.19 Barbara & John
Papamarcos

Rest in Peace

1.14 Stephen Wright,
Lucille Capulli
MacLennan, Helene
Dickson

study...community. We have shared joys and sorrows. We have blessed a cross and sent it to a fellow suffering sister in chemotherapy. We've dipped our fingers in water from the Sea of Galilee and remembered our baptism. We've delivered meals to each other. We have said, "Yes, I've been there; I know what you mean." We pray for each other constantly. And we've laughed, a lot...in the joys and in the pains & disappointments of life.

"Let us not give up meeting together...but let us encourage one another..." Hebrews 10:25

Soul Journey. Tuesdays. 9:30-11:30. The Library. Childcare. We would love for you to come and join us.

-Kay

From the Rector:



+ **Parish Annual Meeting**, Sunday, January 27, at Noon in the Community Room; a light lunch will be served

+**2013 Parish Budget Presentation**, Sunday, January 20, at Food for the Journey, 10:00 a.m.

Please mark your calendars now!

Additional information will be provided in the coming weeks.

In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Sue; Bonnie & Steve; Ed; Bob; Dolores; Teddy; Jackie; Paulette; Greg; Thom; Steve; Mary; Joan; Rollo; the Callahan family; the Battcher family; Barrington Township Food Pantry; military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Zane, Robert, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, and Taylor.

+Baptism: Sunday, 13 January, at the 10:45 a.m. service: Brittney Allen

1.16 Denis Chaudruc

1.18 Judy Fisher

+Bishop James B. Magness will ordain Elyse Gustafson to the Sacred Order of Priests on February 3 at 5:15 p.m. at the Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill, NC

+On the 7th of January, Anna Toll, mother of Marti Callahan, passed away. Services are pending.

+One of previous parishioners, Duane Battcher, lost his father, Marvin, on the 4th of January.

+RETRACTION (noted incorrectly in previous *Sword*): Bishop Epting's visit is April 28

+Thom Wibbels is home and on the mend after his recent illness and procedure.

+Bishop Anderson Elder Care Workshop is scheduled for the 9th of March. Please see Deacon Laurie Michaels for details.

+Bishop Anderson Lay Chaplain Training Program promoted in the *Sword* recently: 4 people from St. Michael's have shown an interest. Details are available on the diocese website or by calling Deacon Laurie Michaels. Deadline for sign up (limited enrollment) is nearing.

Please Note Change:

Food for the Journey, Sunday, 13 Jan, 10:05 a.m. :

Youth Mission Trips in 2013...

Each year, our youth go out in to the world to learn what it means to be Christ's hands and heart in the world. These trips are a part of our Outreach Ministries and have a long history at St. Michael's. Come learn about our upcoming service trips to Rockford and Minnesota. Whether or not you are planning on participating, we believe learning about what takes place provides an opportunity for all of us to grow as people of faith and to support those young people taking on this ministry.

Food for the Journey, Sunday, 20 Jan, 10:05 a.m.: 2013

Parish Budget Presentation by Parish Treasurer John Davis

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ARE BACK... (In Epiphany: Ideas Worth Spreading - reflecting on TED talks)

Worship (5:30pm) * Brown Bag Meal (6pm) * Conversation (6:30)
Come to any part of an evening who show up for it all...

During Epiphany, we will be talking using a series of videos about Ideas Worth Spreading (from TED talks) to reflect on how our faith intersects with conversations in the world at large. The first week we will be reflecting on a presentation by conductor Benjamin Zander. It is titled The transformative power of classical music, but it is about so much more. This 20 minute presentation has been viewed more than 3 MILLION times. Join us to discuss what this powerful presentation has to teach us about being a people of faith. We will be watching the entire video on Wednesday night, but if you want to watch it in advance, you can follow this [link](http://www.ted.com/talks/benjamin_zander_on_music_and_passion.html): http://www.ted.com/talks/benjamin_zander_on_music_and_passion.html.



And All the Angels After the Holidays Sale

40% off of all Holiday Merchandise
30% off of all Holiday Books
20% off of all Nativities

Please come down to the lower level to take advantage of these low prices!

The angel gift shop helped to donate books to Bishop Anderson House!
Thank you for your patronage.



Stand Up and Be Counted! *or* Does Our Church Database Have YOUR Family Membership Record Correct? *or* Are your adult children living on their own, moved away, not attending on a regular basis?

342 Member/Family
- 12 Updated Member/Family Profile Sheets
3 30 Member/Family still to be counted!!!!

Please! We need your help to ensure that we have the most up-to-date information on the church database. This database is the source we use for all of our current members, those considering membership, and many others with whom we connect. It is vital to have updated information to ensure all parishioners receive important information like the Annual Meeting packet and so that we may verify our voter list used at the Annual Meeting. In order to make this effort as efficient as possible, you have three options:

- fill out a Member/Family Profile Sheet by clicking [here](#) or
- you may go to the website and go to the Home Page, then follow the the directional bar at the top to "About Us," then follow the drop down to "I'm New" and "Getting Connected." Under the heading "Explore Membership" you will find the link to the form.
- or you may pick a form up in the back of the church and return it to Nancy Holmes in the Church Office

We are asking that you update your information no later than Friday, 18 January. Thank you!



Parish Potluck

20 January, 5:00 p.m.

Spaghetti is on the Menu!

Last Name A-K Bread or Dessert

Last Name L-Z Salad or Side Dish

Sign-up sheets outside the Community Room this
Sunday, 13 January

All ages, please join us for spaghetti and fellowship!

From Our Youth Minister and Children's Choir Director

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 1/13, 9:00--LIFT Worship

SUNDAY 1/13, 10:00--LIFT & SMUSH Mission trip meeting in the Sturtz House. Please plan on attending if you wish to participate in either trip this summer. (This will take the place of LIFT formation. Middle school students not planning on attending the mission trip should stay with their families.)

Sunday 1/13, 10:45--SMUSH Worship & Formation

Sunday 1/13, 5:30-7:00 Confirmation in the Sturtz House

UPCOMING:

Saturday 1/19, 1:00-5:00--Feed My Starving Children Service Outing. Please let me know if you plan on attending.

Sunday 1/20--LIFT Breakfast out at Cook Street Coffee following worship

AWSM (All Women of St. Michael's) Bunco Night



Little Red Wagon in January

Thank you to those who kept the Little Red Wagon filled in December with many good things for the Families in Crisis at the Church of the Redeemer. But the wagon is now empty and ready to be filled to assist the Barrington Township Food Pantry. Its special needs are cereal, crackers, jelly, tea, instant coffee, dish detergent, bath soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Monetary donations are also helpful to the Food Pantry Fund.



**Tuesday, February 5th
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.**

St. Michael's Community Room

**Come for the fun, laughs, and fabulous fellowship!
No Bunco experience necessary!**

More details to follow soon.

**Help, Thanks, Wow (Amen)
An Overnight Lenten Retreat for Women
Friday, February 22 to Saturday, February 23
Camp Stronghold, Oregon, IL**

Drawing from the themes in Anne Lamott's latest book *Help, Thanks, Wow*, we will explore how these three simple prayers can help us get through tough times, everyday stress, and the hard work of living in our fast-paced culture. Led by Deacon Laurie Michaels, the retreat will provide opportunities for individual reflection, small group sharing & discussion, yoga, art, walking meditation, worship & song.

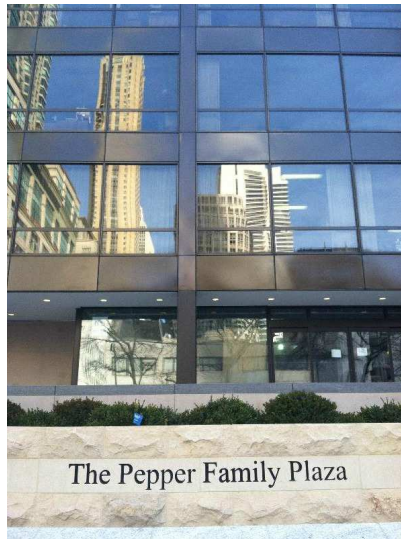
Space is limited so sign up soon! The cost is \$55 a person (double room) and scholarships are available. For details and registration, link to the registration form [here](#). Registration forms are also available in the church office and on the church website.

Dads and Kids Movie Night on February 22nd

in the Community room at St. Michael's. More information will follow. Please contact Shane or Julie at sallord@hotmail.com or 847.359.6074 if you are able to help.

The Pepper Family Plaza is beginning to take shape at the Diocese of Chicago Center.

This beautiful public space is part of the extensive revisioning and renovation of the complex that also includes St. James' Cathedral (at 65 East Huron in Chicago, just a few blocks from Watertower Place). In the photo to the [left], the city skyline can be seen in the glass of the diocesan center. A spacious new welcoming area that connects the diocesan center to the cathedral has just opened in the past week and is the lower portion of the building in the picture to the [right], with ongoing construction in the foreground. www.episcopalchicago.org.



Registration for the 2013-2014 School year had begun.

Church Members are welcome to register with our in-house families thru January 18. We will open registration up to the public on January 22nd. Please see the registration form [here](#) for information on the classes we will be offering. Additional information is available on our [website](#) www.littleangelpreschool.org.



From the Altar Guild

Thank you to everyone who made a donation towards flowers for our Christmas display. It was a wonderful sight! Don't forget that you can sign up anytime during the year to donate towards flowers in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for birthdays, anniversaries, etc. There is a black sign up binder on the counter by the front door. Without your help our work isn't possible!

Upcoming Events

- +Wednesday, 16 January, Wednesday Nights, 5:30 pm Eucharist, Chapel
- +Sunday, 20 January, Parish Potluck, 5:00 pm, Community Room
- +Sunday, 27 January, Annual Meeting, 12:00 pm, Community Room
- +Tuesday, 5 February, AWSM Bunco, 7:00 pm, Community Room

Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Epiphany 1 Isaiah 43:1-7,
Psalm 29, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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