

The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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Do you, too, feel a calling to this ministry?

a letter to the parish from Kay Lewis, Kim Lessner, Kerry Kean and Carol Hebert, all of whom are attending Bishop Anderson House Lay Chaplain Training

After walking closely with a dear friend through the journey of her husband's dying and death, I was a changed person. I found myself wanting to have more "tools in my tool kit" for helping friends and family walk along difficult paths. So when the Bishop Anderson House Lay Chaplain Training program came onto my radar last November, I was primed to respond. (Kay - pictured top left)

After undergoing breast cancer treatment and being at my

Anniversaries**This Week****Birthdays**

- 4.15 Dave Evans
 4.16 Dillon Rejman
 4.18 Julianne
 Schultz
 4.19 Judy Heinrich,
 Charles Pehaligen
 4.20 Bradley Kean,
 Carol Schmidt,
 Steve Schultz

sister's side as she battled Guillain Barré Syndrome, I felt a call to do something. During these experiences, my path crossed with many of God's angels on earth. When I read about this training in The Sword, I felt a tug on my heart that maybe I could be there for someone and hopefully be one of God's earth angels for them. (Kim - pictured top right)

My husband and I are in the midst of loving, caring for and supporting our aging mothers. I also feel surrounded by friends and coworkers, who are in need of someone willing to listen. I felt called to this ministry with the hope of being better prepared to care for others in the way God intends for me to serve. (Kerry - pictured bottom left)

My daily prayer is to thank God for the many blessings He has given me and to ask or for His help to become the Christian He wants me to become. My call to take this class came in the form of an invitation from a fellow parishioner. It wasn't on "my" radar to take this class, but as I thought about it, I felt it was a whisper from God in answer to my prayer. (Carol - pictured bottom right)

This 14-week commitment on Wednesday nights, downtown at the Rush Campus, has been an amazing experience. Not only do we get to travel this journey spiritually and literally with a wonderful group of women, we are learning so much. We have top "experts" teach us about ministering to those with psychiatric conditions, cognitive disabilities, end-of-life issues, and older adults. Other topics have included: non-combative communication, active listening and addiction. We have no idea what God wants us to do with this... but we just knew we were supposed to do it.

Each of us believes in the power of the laity and this course is an excellent tool to help empower us on this journey.

Fellow pilgrims,

-Kay Lewis, Kim Lessner, Kerry Kean and Carol Hebert

If you are interested in this training, the fall session will be held in the western suburbs! The classes will be held on 12 consecutive Saturday mornings at Faith Lutheran in Glen Ellyn beginning September 7, 2013 at the church on 41 N. Park Blvd. To be a Parish Volunteer Chaplain means that a person is trained to share in the responsibility of caring for the elderly, the homebound, those in hospitals, persons with disabilities, the homeless, the hungry, those with catastrophic illnesses, the dying and those under stress - under the supervision of a Rector/Pastor or Professional Chaplain. For more information

Anniversaries**Rest in Peace**

- 4.14 Lawrence
 Dickson
 4.18 Julie Manning

contact bpandersonhouse@aol.com or 312.563.4825.

In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

The Mayberry family; the Bishop family; Claudia; Peggy; Sonji; Cleo; Kelsey; Allyson; Gina & Cliff; BH & family; Bob & the Geasey family; Mary & Bob; Ed; Scott; Eddie; Donna & Dave; Blaike; Leal; Karen; Rollo; Ben & Paulette; Amy; Scott; the Caruso family; the Schaefer family; safety & peace in South Sudan; Bishop Joseph; Families in Crisis program at Church of the Redeemer in Elgin; military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Zane, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, and Taylor.

+Congratulations to parishioners Pete Douglas and Sue Padula elected as Village of Barrington Trustees this week! Karen Darch, frequent visitor to St. Michael's, was also reelected as Village President.

Little Red Wagon

In the month of April the food in the Little Red Wagon will be going to help support the Families in Crisis program at Church of the Redeemer in Elgin. The needs are many. Besides the staples of canned fruits, vegetables and meat - special needs are rice, beans, cooking oil, flour, pasta and sauces. Diapers and children's clothing are a welcome addition. Monetary donations to help provide some of these items may be placed in the large canister attached to the Little Red Wagon.

Food for the Journey, 14 April at 10:05 a.m.

The Nicene Creed: What are we praying? (April 14th)

Almost every week we pray the words of the Nicene Creed proclaiming our beliefs about God as Father, Son and Spirit. This ancient creed comes from the 4th century and uses language which can feel abstract and foreign ('begotten not made'). So, why is it that this creed continues to be a cornerstone of our faith? What is it that we are we really saying about God? Father Kevin will lead us in an exploration of the Nicene Creed. Bring your questions...



Wednesday Nights in April... and early May (taking a break)

We will be taking a break from our regular Wednesday evening programs through the first week in May... Be on the lookout for more info in weeks to come!



Youth Fundraiser! Spring Flower Sale!

It's that time of year again to start thinking about all those beautiful flowers that will fill our yards this summer. Once again the youth will be doing there Annual Plant Sale to help fund upcoming mission trips this

summer. Order forms are available in the hallway and the church office or on the website. You may also download a form by clicking [here](#). We will take orders until 28 April, and the flower pick-up will be Saturday, 4 May.



AWSM (All Women of St. Michael's) is inviting you to a Great Gatsby evening.

Saturday, April 20th, 7 - 10:30pm in the Community Room. Enjoy appetizers while you listen to the live music of BHS' Big Phat Quintet. As the night goes on, the music and dance floor will heat up! Appetizers, dessert, coffee, tea, soda and water will be provided. Charge: \$20 per person. Roll out your boa and pearls. Spats and flapper dresses optional. Adults only please. Advanced ticket purchases will be greatly appreciated. Tickets will be on sale after all services on Sunday, April 14th. Questions - please contact

Sue Barnum, sbbarnum@comcast.net or 847-304-6989.



"Catch the Spirit"

St Michael's members are continuing their strong support of Bishop Anderson House, and a group of 16 fun loving folks have already signed up to attend the "Catch the Spirit" benefit on Sunday, April 28 at Scoozi in Chicago. Tickets are \$125 and include drinks, multi-course meal, wine and the opportunity to support the caring ministries of Bishop Anderson House. You can purchase YOUR ticket at www.bishopandersonhouse.org. Or, look for **Ann Ryba after all services on Sunday, April 14. She will be selling event and raffle tickets and will even be able to accept credit cards!** Your contributions sustain our "bedside work," as volunteer and professional chaplains comfort the sick on a daily basis.

We will again rent a charter bus to transport guests to and from St Michaels to Scoozi for the benefit. Email Ann Ryba to save seats for you on our 24 passenger bus. The cost will be \$20 per person, just bring cash or a check (made out to Ann Ryba) on the day of the bus ride. Plan to be at St Michael's at 4:20 for a 4:30 departure. You are welcome to bring a beverage, but must use plastic glasses. We will load up for departure at 9 and should be back at St Michael's by 9:45 or so.

Article from the Renk Ministry Partnership Team

Greetings from Fr. Jacob Panchol

"One hundred billion greetings", from Fr. Jacob Panchol Dean of Student Affairs at Renk Theological College, and currently a student at Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS) in Alexandria. He is pictured here with the international students preparing to graduate on May 20. They are from Liberia, Philippians, Haiti, Tanzania, Israel....and South Sudan.



Fr. Jacob sends his appreciation for the faithful support of St. Michael's people that keeps the doors open at RTC. Following his graduation from VTS May 20, he will return to Renk and his position at RTC. He asks for special prayers during the final days of his studies, especially for the completion of many papers due before that time.

Fr. Jacob's email address is jacobpanchol@yahoo.com. Messages of encouragement will be of great help.

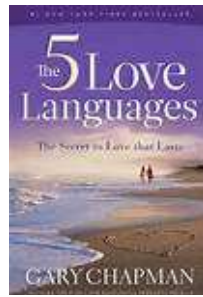
It's Time to Celebrate! Dedication of St. James Commons - 25 April!

On Thursday, April 25th, Bishop Lee will formally dedicate St. James Commons, the transformed home of the Episcopal Church in Chicago. Accessibility updates means that everyone can participate at every level, from the newly ramped and landscaped plaza to the Wi-Fi equipped Gallery and Welcome Center on the ground floor, to the spacious Great Hall on the lower level.



Financial support has been strong for this project, which welcomes people into the Episcopal Church. As new pledges come in, funds are directed to work that reaches out: missions and parishes, our

companion dioceses, and outreach work in our own back yard. Come see what it's all about. And if someone asks you to help out, please say YES!



"The Marriage You've Always Wanted" A Seminar with Dr. Gary Chapman

Lutheran Church of the Atonement will be hosting Dr. Gary Chapman for a seminar, "The Marriage You've Always Wanted," Saturday, September 21st from 9:00 a.m. -3:30 p.m.

Many of us are reluctant to make plans so far in advance, but Dr. Chapman is a highly-sought-after speaker who typically fills larger venues than this. This seminar is being announced to local churches before it is announced to the general public.

Dr. Chapman's best-known work is The Five Love Languages. Written over twenty years ago, it remains a best-seller today. Dr. Chapman combines faith, wisdom, compassion, and humor in a well-paced day.

The best way to sign up for this is via Atonement's website, www.churchofatonement.org.

From Our Youth Minister

THIS WEEK:

Saturday 4/13, 9:15-12:00--Confirmation Outing to BAPS Hindu Temple

Sunday 4/14 , 9:00 am -- LIFT Worship & Formation

Sunday 4/14 , 10:45 am -- SMUSH Worship & Formation

UPCOMING:

Monday 4/15, LIFT Mission Trip Deposit Due

Ribfest - Save the Date!

Saturday, 22 June, 4:00 p.m.!

Ribfest



Lost and Found Platters, Dishes and Containers

Please look for any platters, dishes or containers that you may have left in the Community Room kitchen in the last few months. We have quite a collection. All items not claimed by the 28th of April will be given a ride to Goodwill!



The Community Meal

The Community Meal is a FREE meal hosted once a month at various churches and community centers in and around the Barrington area. Come because you are too busy to cook, wanting to get to know your neighbors or want a warm meal.

This Month's Meal:

Thursday, April 18, 2013

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church

416 North First Street

Cary

5-7 p.m.

What's Happening in April?

- We will be serving spaghetti and meatballs, salad, dessert and a taste of community!
- SS Peter & Paul's youth group will be serving the meal. They prepared baked goods and created CM aprons.

We welcome our Cary neighbors!

Upcoming Events

- +20 April, Saturday AWSM Great Gatsby Event 7:00 p.m.
- +28 April, Sunday, Flower Sale Orders Due
- +28 April, Sunday, Bishop Anderson "Catch the Spirit" Spring Fundraiser
- +28 April, Sunday, Bishop Epting's visit, Confirmation and Reception
- +4 May, Saturday, Flower Orders Delivered

+5-9 August, Monday through Friday, Vacation Bible School, 9:15 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.

Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Easter 3

Acts 9:1-6; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

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