

# The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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7.28 Ann Parker

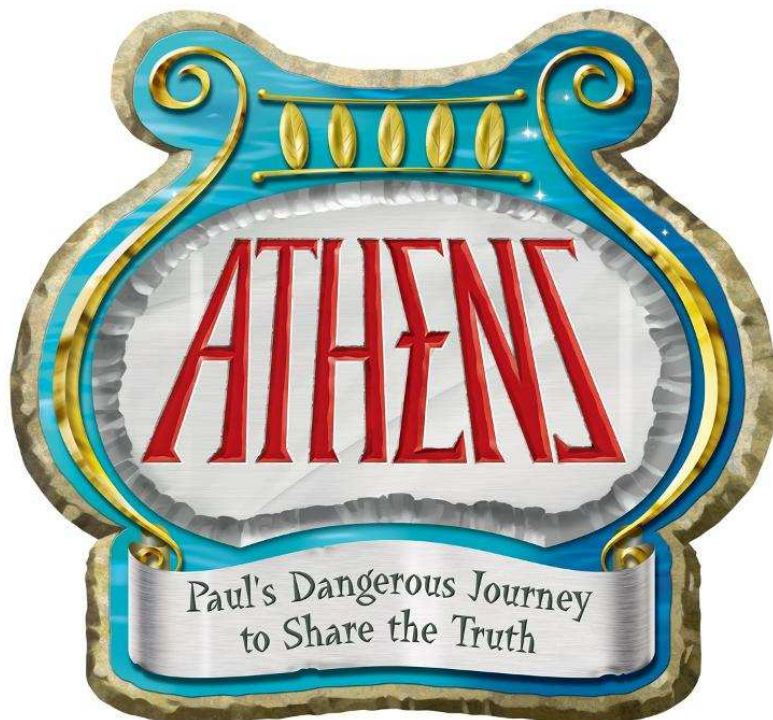
## Upcoming at St. Michael's:

- +This Sunday, Food for the Journey, introduction to the Gospel of Luke at 10:30 a.m. (following 9:30 a.m. worship)
- +Next Sunday, Food for the Journey, "Parables and the Pedal Points: Searching for the Kingdom of God" at 10:30 a.m. (following 9:30 a.m. worship)

## Then There Were Two!

*a letter to the people of St. Michael's from Nerissa Brueckbauer, Director of Children's Ministries*

Dear People of St. Michael's,



- 7.29 Phillip  
Quarfoot, Madison  
Greenlief
- 7.30 Arthur Lanham,  
Nicole Bacher
- 8.1 Will Brooks,  
Cam Sells, Macray  
Poidomani, Charlie  
Palmer
- 8.2 Patti Cross,  
Gayle Maraval,  
Taylor Madonia
- 8.3 Nancy Holmes

"God loves Vacation Bible School!" So goes the refrain in my head as we negotiate the challenges of pulling together and pulling off the program each year:

"God loves Vacation Bible School!" - upon finding out we would need to use a Port-a-potty for over 30 children because the plumbing was not functional one year.

"God loves Vacation Bible School!" - upon finding out that the 35 children scheduled for VBS on Friday had "blossomed" into 75 children on Monday, the first day of the program. (What a wonderful challenge to find!)

"God loves Vacation Bible School!" -upon finding out the previously tested "water bugs" did not, in fact, float, and the children were dishing out slimy, gooey pieces of Play-dough from the bottom of a tub. "Well, unlike our water bugs, Jesus did walk on water ..."

"God loves Vacation Bible School!" - upon finding out that one of the art projects included blowing raw eggs out of the shells causing an unbelievably sticky and, potentially, unhealthy activity. Praise God, no child actually became sick!!

"God loves Vacation Bible School!" - upon finding out that one of your key group leaders is going to be unable to attend three out of five days because he was tapped to caddy for a big golf tournament!

### **Anniversaries**

- 7.29 Stephanie &  
Richard Johns
- 8.1 Jane & Gene  
Dawson, Gail & Bill  
Baar
- 8.2 Christine & Hugh  
Robinson

And, so it goes! But none of these issues were really what I would call "showstoppers" to our efforts to bring a quality, safe Vacation Bible School to St. Michael's. However, during the last couple of years a paucity of volunteers threatened our ability to put on a good program. It turns out that St. Anne's Catholic Community had experienced a similar issue in the last two years. Thus, was born a partnership! Between the volunteers St. Michael's boasts and the volunteers St. Anne's boasts, we could come together and present a special Vacation Bible School experience for both parish communities and our neighbors! **AND THEN THERE WERE TWO!** What a joy it has been for us to get to know our partners and families from St. Anne's! We hope that this relationship continues for years to come!

### **Rest in Peace**

- 7.28 Ralph Smith
- 7.31 Arthur  
Anderson
- 8.1 John Ray
- 8.3 Charles Buckley,

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Peace,  
-Nerissa

## In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Dick; Ray; Tom; Mary; Cleo & William; Gary; Colin; Cassie; Jim; Steve & Barb; Rollo; Scott; Bob; Tom & Jan; Connie; Paul, Chris & family; safety & peace in South Sudan; Church of the Redeemer Families in Crisis, Elgin; military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Zane, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, and Taylor.

### Little Red Wagon

During July and August our food collection will be going to the Families in Crisis program at Church of the Redeemer in Elgin.

Their needs are many. Please help supply food in the Little Red Wagon to help fill one of those needs!

+Please keep the family of **Genevieve MacKeeby Capstaff** in your prayers following her death on Saturday, July 20. Genevieve was the mother of the Rev. Judith Heinrich, mother-in-law to William, grandmother to Bill Heinrich, Barbara Hubbard, her husband, Steve, and Audrey Poll, her husband, William, and great-grandmother to Victoria and David.

A Celebration of Thanksgiving for the Resurrection to Eternal Life for Genevieve will take place on Tuesday, July 30 at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 647 Dundee Avenue, Barrington at 11:00 a.m.

+Please keep the family of **Alexander Perry Paris** in your prayers following his death on Monday, July 22. Alexander was the husband of Joanne, father of parishioners Greg Paris, father-in-law of Melissa, and grandparent of Jackson, Campbell and Victoria.

A Celebration of Thanksgiving for the Resurrection to Eternal Life for Alexander will take place on Friday, July 26 at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 647 Dundee Avenue, Barrington at 10:00 a.m. Visitation will be held at Davenport Family Funeral Home, 149 W. Main Street, Barrington from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2013.

## From the Renk Ministry Partnership

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST FOR S. SUDAN...DIOCESE OF RENK

Tues., July 23, in a phone conversation with Bishop Joseph Garang Atem, Diocese of Renk, partner in covenant with St. Michael's since 1998, he reported further need of our prayers. Yesterday, July 22, President of S. Sudan, Salva Kiir, dismissed all ministers from their positions in S. Sudan, including Vice President Riak Machar. When asked if Bishop Joseph knew the reason, he said, "Only the

President knows."

(Click [here](#) to read more from the *Sudan Tribune*)

And, within a month's time, South Sudan will again stop oil production going to Sudan, causing further suffering for Sudan and S. Sudan.

"We don't know how things are going to be", he said. "In Renk, it is very hard being landlocked all this time (since April). We don't know when the border will reopen, and the civilians are the ones suffering. No fuel, food, medicine, supplies, and very high inflation due to black market smuggling. Renk Theological College is struggling with a lot of things. Students are unable to pay fees this term. We need your prayers. We don't know where our country is going now. But, we trust God, that things will improve. We don't know when."

Bishop Joseph returns to St. Michael's Sept. 5, for his annual visit. On the 29th, Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, he will be presenter at Food for the Journey hosted by the Morning Men's Group. He will be honored guest at South Sudan Soiree III to benefit Renk Theological College Scholarship Fund, Sept. 28. All Women of St. Michael's (AWSM) is planning an evening with Bishop Joseph to share the role of Sudanese women in the family, church, community, Sept. 10, at the home of Shan Atkins. The Men's Group is also hosting an evening with Bishop Joseph, Sept. 13, at the home of Todd Ross. Watch The Sword for announcements of more opportunities to be with the Bishop, while he's here in his home away from home, St. Michael's church community.

Sunday, Sept. 29 will be the occasion of renewing our 15-year Covenant of Relationship and celebrating the development of Renk Diocese and RTC throughout those years.

Bishop Joseph departs Oct. 24. PRAY, PRAY, PRAY



### **Food for the Journey, 28 July**

Introduction to the Gospel of Luke:  
Sunday 28 July at  
10:30am (after 9:30  
worship)

Each Sunday, we hear a

lesson from one of the four Gospels. Currently, we are working our way through the Gospel of Luke. Join us for an introduction to this Gospel. We will be working to get a bigger picture view of the important themes in this gospel.

## Food for the Journey, 4

### August

"Parables and Pedal Points:  
Searching for the Kingdom of  
God:"

Sunday, 4 August at 10:30 a.m.  
(after 9:30 worship)



Come and wonder with us on Sunday, Aug. 4. Here's your chance to explore the Kingdom Parables Jesus told (with a little help from J.S. Bach). What did they mean then? What do they have to say for us today? Where is the Kingdom? How do we get there? What do YOU think? Grab a cup of coffee and join us from 10:30-11:15. All are welcome.



## Vacation Bible School Registration Deadline Approaching

Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth begins on 5 August and ends on 9 August, 9:15 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. We are presenting this amazing experience for children ages 3 years

through 5th grade. **The deadline for registration is Wednesday, 31 July.** Registration forms are available by clicking [here](#), in the Church Office, on the St. Michael's website-

[www.stmichaelsbarrington.org](http://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org), or by contacting Nerissa

Brueckbauer at 847.381.2323 or

[nbrueckbauer@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:nbrueckbauer@stmichaelsbarrington.org). Journey with us!!!



## Music at St. Michael's this Summer

Greetings from St. Michael's Music Ministry! Even though the choirs are on break, we still have some exciting things coming up this summer. We have

some spectacular guest musicians joining us at the 9:30 services.

Here is a list of what is coming up:

July 28th Hannah Muzzy, harp

August 4th Jake Muzzy, cello

August 11th St. Michael's Summer Choir

August 18th Tom Clippert, classical guitar

August 25th Brandon Viliunas, trumpet

Our wonderful and talented organist, Thom Wibbels is on a much deserved vacation on the Sundays of July 14th and July 21st. We are pleased to have Jonathan Oblander filling in as our guest organist.



### **The Church Blessing (or not) of Same-Gender Relationships**

At its July 15 meeting, the Vestry reflected on the recently completed, three-part parish process and approved the form of a resolution which will be voted upon in August. Click [here](#) to view the proposed resolution. Otherwise, paper copies are also available in the Church's Office.

Vestry members will vote on this resolution at the August vestry meeting, which will be held on August 26. The results (including the number supporting, opposing, and/or abstaining) will be announced to the parish via various means, including the e-*Sword*. The outcome of the vote will represent the Vestry's recommendation (e.g., to allow or not allow) to the Rector for consideration, who then will determine the parish's position on the issue.

Still have questions or would like to make a comment? Email us at [talktothevestry@gmail.com](mailto:talktothevestry@gmail.com) or drop a note off in the Church office. If you do so, please indicate if your communication is only for the Vestry; otherwise, we'll add it to the published input we've received to-date. In these remaining weeks before the August vote, we continue to welcome parishioner feedback and hope we will hear from many parishioners who have not yet expressed their opinion. To date the vast majority of the input we have received has been supportive of this action.

Reminders - All materials are available to any interested parishioners. If you're interested, just send us a request to the same email address above or leave a message with Nancy Holmes in the Church Office.

### **Barrington Giving Days on August 3**

Our church friends across the street at St Mathews are sponsoring Barrington Giving Days and have some shortfalls in clothing offerings. They are especially seeking gently used:

Boys' pants: 4/4T,5/5T, 7-18 children's and men's waist sizes 26-38  
Girls' pants: 4,4T, 5, 5T, 7, 9-20 and juniors/women's 4, 14, 14-26

These clothes will be offered to needy families of District 220. Please drop of your items during office hours at St Matthews.

St Michael's would like to support their efforts by providing 10 volunteers to work the day of the event, 8:30 to 1 p.m. Sign up online at: <http://bit.ly/12r8cam>

Thanks for helping.



## **Contribution Statements for Second Quarter 2013**

Contribution Statements for Second Quarter 2013 have been mailed to all parishioners as of July 18. Please take a moment to review your statement for any donation discrepancies between our records. If you have not received a statement or find a discrepancy on your statement after reviewing, please contact Kim Lessner at the parish offices, 847-381-2323, ext. 16 or via email [klessner@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:klessner@stmichaelsbarrington.org). Thank you!

### **From Our Youth Minister**

#### **THIS WEEK:**

**Tuesday 7/23-7/30**--Haiti Mission Trip. Please pray for our missionaries who departed this morning. There are three youth serving on this trip!

**Sunday, 7/28**--Breakfast and Worship. We will meet at Cook Street Coffee at 8:30 and then walk to the 9:30 service.

**Sunday, 7/28--Friday, 8/2**--LIFT Mission Trip to Rockford.

#### **UPCOMING:**

**Saturday 8/3**-Barrington Giving Day the Summer Edition. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! Please let me know if you are able to help from 8:00 am-3:00 pm.

**Friday 9/25-9/27**-Episcopal Diocese of Chicago New Beginnings Retreat for Middle School Students at St. Lawrence in Libertyville.

**Friday 11/1-11/3**-Episcopal Diocese of Chicago Happening Retreat for High School Students at Trinity, Wheaton.

**July 9th-13th**, 2014-Episcopal Youth Event at Villanova University in Philadelphia. There will be between 1500-2000 Episcopalian High School students from around the globe getting together to worship, play, have fun, and celebrate being Episcopalian!



### **Donations Needed!**

**As a part of our mission trip to Shelter Care, an Episcopal Charity, in Rockford, we are gathering some toiletries to bring with us to create care packages for residents, job**

**hopefuls, and the homeless. We are looking for 1) Shampoo & Conditioner 2) Body Wash/Soap 3) Toothpaste 4) Adult toothbrushes in particular. Please bring your donation to church on Sunday, 7/28. Many thanks for your support!**



**The Prayer Shawl Ministry** will gather on **Tuesday, 30 July, from 7-8:30 p.m.** in the church library. We knit and crochet shawls for comforting, scarves and hats that will be matched with gloves for the holidays, and lap blankets for wheelchair patients. All are welcome. Several of

us gather at Boloney's starting around 5:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.



### **The Great Paint Petition**

My father once told me, "If you aren't making mistakes, you are not doing anything!" Well, I certainly must be **DOING A LOT** this summer! In my "enthusiasm" to move the Welcoming Public Spaces initiative along, I made the decision to paint some **proposed** color blocks on the walls of the parish and ask for feedback. Evidently, this was not a preferred approach! I was asked to revisit the plan, and the result is **The Great Paint Petition** delineated below. I ask for your indulgence, grace and participation. (Please be gentle - remember, paint for me in my twenty years in the Navy only meant "Haze gray and underway." I am **WAY** out of my comfort zone here!)

Please take the time to examine the paint samples provided in the



notebook on the wall outside of the Community Room. Rank samples in order of your preference (you do not have to rank every color, if you do not wish to do so) on the sheets provided. The colors are assigned numbers on the back of the sample sheet. The colors will possibly be used throughout the parish in various locations - the Community Room entrance, the hallway outside of the church office, the hallway outside of the library, the bathrooms and the church office. If you have a suggestion for a particular color in a particular space, please feel free to note it. We want to hear from you!

Ranking: 1-10, please use any number between 1 and 10

1 connotes "Perfect Pick"

5 connotes "Tolerable"

10 connotes "What were you thinking? UGH!!"

Thank you!!!! Nerissa

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**MARK your Calendars!**  
**AWSM (All Women of St. Michaels) presents**  
**Tuesday September 10, 7:00 p.m.**  
**"An Evening With Bishop Joseph"**  
**Back to Fall Event**

Come enjoy fun and fellowship with your AWSM sisters and then  
join a discussion  
centered on women's needs and their role in South Sudan.

At Shan Atkins' home in Long Grove.  
Donations will purchase much needed mosquito nets for Renk  
women and children.  
Details to follow.



**Upcoming Events**

+23 - 30 July, Haiti Mission Trip

+28 July to 2 August, LIFT Jr. High Mission Trip to Rockford

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

## Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Pentecost 10

Hosea 1:2-10, Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13

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