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Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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Trevor Fearon

8.6 Ali Pepper, Evan

Yerger, Hilary Schultz,

Cheri Walter

8.7 Robert Stoettner

## Upcoming at St. Michael's:

+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)

+Looking further out, remember three services begin on Sunday, 8 September! 7:45, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.!

## Vacare!

*a letter to the people of St. Michael's from the Rector*

Dear People of St. Michael's,

Brooke and I recently anticipated an eight-day vacation in Colorado that involved over 1000 miles of driving and seven separate destinations. We envisioned Colorado-like adventures such as hiking, zip-lining and whitewater rafting at several points along the way.

But the whole plan fell apart. Or, to be more accurate, we dismantled it. Brooke and I realized that what we most needed was down time. Rest. Slow mornings with nowhere to be at any particular time. Opportunities for some open-ended marriage conversations without distractions, time constraints or interruptions. We ended up going to one small, pleasant town (Salida) that was an easy drive from the Denver airport. Our only day trip out of town was for a long soak at a natural hot springs.

Vacations take a lot of different forms. I count myself among those who sometimes prefer the long journey, the boisterous family reunion, or a plunge into some stimulating adventure. But the English word *vacation* comes from the Latin *vacare*. One Latin dictionary says that it connotes being *empty, idle,*

8.8 Abigail Raynor,  
Jack Ward

8.9 William Poll, Ann  
LaBarge, Robert  
Stephenson

8.10 Edward Tilly,  
Katja Holtermann

*unoccupied, vacant, tree.*

As Christians we may be able to easily connect *vacare* to the biblical notion of *Sabbath*. Interesting - isn't it? - that when God distilled the most important commitments to just ten, the fourth commandment was about rest. (Exodus 20:8-11) And interesting - isn't it? - that in terms of simple word count, the commandment to keep Sabbath is the longest of the ten. The gifts of Sabbath rest, as classically understood in our Judeo-Christian tradition, include renewal of body, mind and spirit; opportunities to refresh and deepen our sense of relationship with God; and thoughtful review of our perspectives and priorities.

Whether you've been on a long adventure this summer or stayed close to home, whether you were gone a month or have only found a few hours here and there, I hope you've recently found some *vacare*, Sabbath. And I hope and pray it's been a blessing to you, a blessing that will transform you, stay with you in the months to come and also become a blessing to others with whom you share life, faith and ministry.

### Anniversaries

8.5 Pat & Jim Steed,  
Deanna & Bill Arms

8.7 Dolly & Richard  
Curran

8.8 Patty & David  
Dattilo, Carolyn &  
Jack Schaefer

*-Patrick+*

Also from the Rector:

+ Welcome back to those who returned on Tuesday night from the mission trip to **Jeanette, Haiti**, organized in conjunction with the Diocese of Milwaukee **Haiti Project**, [www.haitiproject.org](http://www.haitiproject.org). A phone text message that I received by a participant near the end of the trip read as follows:

*"Amazing trip!*

*We r exhausted but joytul.*

*God's grace overflowed*

*throughout these 8 days."*

### Rest in Peace

8.4 Robert

Treweiler, Karl  
Richardson

8.6 Nelson

Thomasson

8.7 Daniel Capulli,  
Stephen McClesky

8.10 Mary Louise  
Lutz

+ Meanwhile, the **Rockford middle school mission trip** continues through tomorrow, Friday. In case you're unaware, the base camp for the several projects being undertaken is **Emmanuel Church**, Rockford, and the social service agency through which the mission work is being coordinated is **Shelter Care Ministries**, [www.shelter-care.org](http://www.shelter-care.org), one of the dozen or so Episcopal Charities in the Diocese of Chicago.



## Little Red Wagon

During 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!

+ Father Kevin and I and others are continuing to plan gatherings and programs for the coming year related to **spiritual life and growth and Christian education**. We particularly welcome your thoughts about programs and leadership. For men of the parish, please note that we're planning a **men's retreat** at the **DeKoven Center, Racine, Wisconsin, Friday and Saturday, October 25-26**. Please mark your calendars - more information to follow.

+ **Here comes Bishop Joseph ... AND the 3rd Annual South Sudan Soiree**. Bishop Joseph Atem of Renk Diocese,



South Sudan, will be with us this fall from early September through late October. (He'll be travelling throughout the Midwest and East Coast in between numerous commitments here at St. Michael's.) The **Soiree** has been planned for **Saturday evening, September 28**. Please mark your calendars and consider how you may be able to contribute to making the event another terrific success.

## In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:  
Mary; Cleo & William; Gary; Colin; Cassie; Jim; Steve & Barb; Rollo;

Scott; Bob; Ross; Evelyn; the Bullion family; John; Hugh; Jackie; Tom & Jan; Connie; the Heinrich/Hubbard/Poll family; the Paris family; 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.

+Please help celebrate the Baptism this Sunday for **Hunter Vockell** at the 9:30 a.m. service. His parents are **David and Kelly Vockell**. He is also the great-nephew of **Patricia and David Dattilo**.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Ruth Silver has a certified therapy dog?

Meet **Aberdeen** (calling card below!)



<p><b>Aberdeen (Abbie)</b> Nationally Certified Therapy Dog</p> <p><b>Breed:</b> Collie</p> <p><b>Birthday:</b> March 28, 2007</p> <p><b>Loves:</b> Chewing on antlers</p> <p><b>My Human:</b> Ruth Silver</p>	
<p>To schedule another visit, or for more information about JourneyCare's Canine Therapy program, please email <a href="mailto:volunteers@journeycare.org">volunteers@journeycare.org</a></p> 	<p><i>JourneyCare Therapy Dogs offer comfort and companionship to patients in need.</i></p> <p><b>I enjoyed visiting with you today!</b></p>

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+**John Brueckbauer** recently completed orientation and registration at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. While there he was fitted for uniforms because he has a Naval ROTC scholarship and will be sworn in on 25 August 2013 in Madison.

### **Food for the Journey, Sunday, 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 Mission Outreach Assistance**

Over 80 Children will attend Vacation Bible School this week from St. Michael's, Little Angels Christian Preschool, St. Anne's Catholic Community and the neighborhood!



Please keep the children and the volunteers in your prayers this week. Follow us on Facebook at **Vacation Bible School-Paul's Journey**.

Each year we encourage the children of VBS to lead the way in a mission outreach project. This year we were asked if we could assist **LYDIA HOME Chicago** by **collecting backpacks and school supplies for the children they serve as they get ready to *Journey Back to School***. This year, LYDIA has a need for **51 backpacks and supplies for older and younger children**. This is a tall order! In an effort to do the best and all that we can, we invite the parishioners of St. Michael's to also participate. Outside the Community Room we have a board with specific backpack requests. Please take a paper backpack off the board, if you can help. There are also lists of school supply needs available. **We ask for the donations to be returned by Sunday, 18 August**. We have chosen LYDIA HOME because this allows children to help other children in the Chicagoland area. LYDIA is a national, Christian multi-service agency in operation for 90 years. Their mission is to strengthen families to care for children and care for children when families cannot.



### **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:

August 4th Jake Muzzy, cello

August 11th St. Michael's Summer Choir

August 18th Tom Clippert, classical guitar

August 25th Brandon Viliunas, trumpet



### **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.



### **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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**Upcoming project which  
will shut down the  
Community Room  
entrance.**

Beginning on Monday, August 12, a concrete and brickwork project will secure the Community Room entrance. The project is

anticipated to last until Friday, August 23. During that time, the Community Room entrance plaza will be taped off and no access will be allowed. The parking stalls along the sidewalk area just to the east of the plaza will also be in use for a staging area and equipment storage.

**Men's Fellowship Event, 7:00 p.m., Friday, 13  
September**

On September 13th. there will be a men's fellowship barbecue at Todd Ross's home with Bishop Joseph. Please mark your calendars now!



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*Lawrence Hall Youth Services*  
MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO LAST A LIFETIME

*Fall Gala 2013*

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 SENATOR HEATHER STEANS  
 AND  
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 WINSTON & STRAWN LLP

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 LEADER - \$2,500  
 SUPPORTER - \$1,000 (TABLE OF 8)  
 FRIEND - \$150 (INDIVIDUAL TICKET)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT  
 JULIE KEROUAC AT JKEROUAC@LAWRENCEHALL.ORG OR 312-399-1902

BUSINESS CASUAL

## Upcoming Events

- +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.
- +8 September, back to three service schedule on Sundays
- +10 September, AWSM Fall Kick-Off Event
- +13 September, Men's Fellowship Event, 7:00 p.m., at the Ross Home

## Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Pentecost 11

Hosea 11:1-11, Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

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