

The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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- 9.1 Jessica Malec, Lisa Allen, Bill Chapdelaine
- 9.2 Gus Chapdelaine,
- 9.3 Kathleen Blair, Dolores Duncan

Upcoming at St. Michael's:

- +Looking further out, remember three services begin on Sunday, 8 September! 7:45, 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.!
- +Soul Journey: A Woman's Journey Bible Study begins, Tuesday, 10 September, 9:30 a.m., church library.
- +Spirited Sisters Book Study begins, Tuesday, 17 September, 7:00 p.m., church library.

Editor's note: Beginning this week and over the course of a few weeks, we will feature letters from Ministry Leaders with programs beginning this fall. We welcome any Ministry Leader interested in writing a letter to email: nbrueckbauer@stmichaelsbarrington.org



Twice as Nice

a letter to the people from Sue Barnum, Sally Smith & Kay Lewis

Dear People of St. Michael's,

In September two studies for women will begin! **Spirited Sisters** kicks off their book study on the **17th of September, Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m.** The group will be reading Cynthia Heald's *Becoming a Woman of Strength*. And the **Soul**

9.4 Colin Smith
9.5 Sheryl Romer,
Rollo Nessel, Tony
Poidomani, Tony
Belcore
9.7 Michelle Lanham,
Raj Mullick

Journey: A Woman's Journey will begin on the **10th of September, also on Tuesday, at 9:30 a.m.** The Soul Journey study group will be reading the Gospel of John. We are so fortunate to have two vibrant group studies beginning in the next couple of weeks. So, please read more below and welcome!!

Spirited Sisters Book Study

"The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him." 2 Chronicles 16:9

You are warmly invited to join the women and friends of St. Michael's this fall as for a 11-week Bible study of best-selling author and Bible teacher Cynthia Heald's *Becoming a Woman*



of Strength. Heald takes us into a deeper understanding of how, as we encounter the difficulties and

obstacles of life, we are empowered with inner strength through God's Spirit so we can do all things through Christ. This study is not only about understanding our weaknesses and God's desire to strengthen us for His purposes, but also about realizing our inclination to rely on our own strength and insight in making decisions and handling difficulties.

With quotes from carefully selected writers, real-life accounts of people who have demonstrated inner strength, and key Scripture verses, this Bible study encourages women to depend upon the strength of the Lord to commit, wait, seek, pray, serve, and persevere throughout life.

No matter what challenges we are facing we can be strengthened to do what is needed, because the Lord's strength is dwelling within us. Come and grow with us whenever you can; stand-alone discussions will be held in St. Michael's Library* on Tuesday evenings,

7:00-9:00 p.m.,



Sue & Steve Barnum

Anniversaries

9.2 Janet & Craig
Anderson
9.3 Frank Cesario &
Sophia Ts'o
9.4 Hayley & Mark
Eissler, Jayne & Pat
Kane
9.5 Katy & David
Pepper, B. Rae &
David Buckley, Jodi &
Bob Sundeen
9.6 Roxelyn & Richard
Pepper
9.7 Colleen & Dean
Maire

September 17 through

November 26. Books are available at And All the Angels.

Questions? Call Sally Smith 847-274-4622 or Sue Barnum 847-304-6989.

Rest in Peace

9.2 Roy Ziegler
9.6 Howard Johnson,
Adelaide Hunker



Sally Smith and her family

* On the last Tuesday of each month we will meet at the home of a Spirited Sister rather than in St. Michael's Library.



Kay Lewis

Soul Journey: A Women's Journey

will return to it's normal time on Tuesdays, beginning September 10th and running 11 weeks through November 19th (in the church library from 9:30-11:30 a.m.).

We're going to do a new gospel this year: the intriguing/deep/metaphorical book of John. This non-synoptic gospel holds many, many treasures for us. We'll pick out some highlights: Nicodemus, the Woman of Samaria, the Man born

blind, Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Mary Magdalene, light versus darkness, and of course, Jesus' new commandment - Just love each other!

Let's boldly go there and let it nurture our souls.

Who are the women who come to Soul Journey? Well, for starters they span the gamut from age to situations. And they're the nicest bunch of women you'll find. These ladies really care for each other and we have room on the couch for you.

We'll have childcare so that you can come and fill your cup. Come and try us out, even if you've never come, or if it's been a long time. Welcome (back)!

Any questions, call Kay Lewis 847-381-7820.

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!

Also from the Rector

+We *Still* Have Dreams! Yesterday, August 28, marked the 50th anniversary of the 'I have a dream' speech delivered to over a quarter million souls from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC, by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Churches in many communities took part in various commemorations.



Through a coordinated effort, many Episcopal congregations throughout the nation played music and/or rang bells at the same moment the speech was begun in 1963. We were able to join in at St. Michael's because of Kara Baker's willingness to try her hand(s) at *We shall overcome*' on the St. Michael's carillon.

+Vestry Concludes Question of Blessing Same-Gender Relationships. As many members of the parish already know, the proposed resolution shared in July with all parishioners was moved and approved by the Vestry at its meeting this past Monday, August 26. The related letter mailed to all parishioners the following day, August 27, includes remarks about opportunities for continuing parishioner responses plus a copy of the full resolution, and some explanatory notes, all of which may be read by clicking [here](#) .

+Coming Buildings & Grounds Improvements. At its August 26 meeting, the Vestry approved \$128,000 in capital funds expenditures that will result in numerous improvements in and around St. Michael's in the coming months. The funds included \$108,000 in special capital projects gifts (in addition to normal pledges) from a number of parish households; \$12,000 from our general Memorial Gift fund; and the \$8,000 grant money received

this past spring from the Barrington Area Community Foundation. Improvements will include replacement of all the concrete work at the main church entrance facing Dundee Avenue (to begin by mid-September); improvements in our hot water delivery systems; numerous improvements to lighting, flooring and other features in hallways and other public spaces; and beginning work in earnest to significantly improve the acoustics in our Community Room. Although \$128,000 is a lot of money, a number of important projects, such as a much-needed new roof for the rectory, await additional funds. Please speak to the wardens, treasurer or clergy if you are in a position to make a special capital projects gift. And in any case look forward to some rewarding improvements around St. Michael's.

In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Steve & Barb; Evelyn; John; The Paris Family; Hugh; the Heinrich, Poll and Hubbard families; Jackie; Brittani & Chris; Madelyn; Bryan; the Bateman family; Cindi & Mike; William; Tom & Jan; the Bullion family; George & Adonna; Connie; Paul, Chris & family; Ted; Marion; 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.

+**Beth Mayland and her husband Jon Shemmell** are the proud new parents of **Jaden Eric Shemmell**, born 22 August 2012, weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces. They live in Dunedin, New Zealand. Very proud grandparents are former St. Michael's members **Leslie and Jim Mayland**. They have been waiting for many years to be grandparents! Son **Nathan**, a professional trombonist in New York City since 1991, is now Uncle Nate! Everyone is happy, and it is reported that the new baby has a good set of lungs!

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Vickie, Al and Zach at JL Beanery on Mackinac Island this summer!

+Longtime member and his son laid to rest this Sunday:

Interment in the garden columbarium for **Frank Blanchard and Brian Blanchard** will be held on **Sunday, September 1 after the 9:30 a.m. service**. Frank's daughter, Bridget, and her family will be here for the service.

In 2001 Frank moved to Bellingham, WA to be closer to his daughter and her family. He died peacefully on May 6, 2011 at the age of 84. Donations in Frank's name may be made to Whatcom Hospice House, 2806 Douglas Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98225.

Frank's son, Brian, died on February 15, 2013 in Annapolis, MD. at the age of 58. He will be buried alongside his father and mother, Zoe Ila.

+Received from **Sue Mullen** at St. Matthew Lutheran Church:
"St. Michael's congregation,

On behalf of Barrington Giving Day and the site coordinators at St. Matthew, we would like to thank you for the use of your parking lot for

volunteers for the event.

With 247 families attending and close to 100 volunteers the parking lot at St. Matthew was just not adequate.

We look forward to 2014 and the opportunity to expand the partnership of Barrington area churches as together we serve people in our community."

A great way to serve others

On **Saturday, August 31**, we are sending a team of helpers to **Franciscan Outreach** to help serve and clean up the dinner for the homeless and hungry that they serve every night. Many folks from our church have helped with this project and it is indeed rewarding.

We need **8 volunteers** to work at 1645 W. LeMoyne St, Chicago, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Contact [Ann Ryba, greeno51458@gmail.com](mailto:Ann.Ryba@greeno51458@gmail.com), today to volunteer. Carpoolers will depart St Michaels at 3:00 p.m.; it is also a short walk from the Clybourn Metra station if you prefer to take the train downtown.



Thanks for caring for others.



School-Year Sundays
Worship & Ministries Schedule
Resumes Sunday, September 8

- + 7:45 Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 - 8:30 Cantor Choir Rehearsal
 - 8:45 Nursery available until Noon
- + 9:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 - 9:45—Ministries with children & youth
 - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd with children age 3 through 3rd grade.
Contact Nerissa at nbrueckbauer@stmichaelsbarrington.org
 - The Bridge, for children in 4th & 5th grades.
Contact Nerissa at nbrueckbauer@stmichaelsbarrington.org
 - LIFT Ministry (Life in Faith Together) Middle School Youth, Sturtz House
Contact Kara at kbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org
 - 10:00 Choir Rehearsal
 - 10:05 Food for the Journey — Adult Spiritual Growth, Education and Fellowship (undercroft)
Contact Fr. Kevin at kcaruso@stmichaelsbarrington.org
- + 10:45 Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 - 11:45 SMUSH — Senior High ministry, Sturtz House.
Contact Kara at kbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org

*Coffee hour & Fellowship:
after all services, outside, weather permitting,
or in the Community Room.*



**Please join AWSM (All Women of St. Michael's) for
our Welcome Back Fall Event.**

Enjoy the fun and fellowship and then join the discussion with Bishop

Joseph on women's roles and needs in South Sudan. **Tuesday, September 10th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** at the home of Shan Atkins-Jim Erbs' Home, 4302 Olde Indian Creek Lane, Long Grove, IL 60047 (If you travel East on Hwy 22, Old Indian Trail Road is approximately 3.3 miles East of Quentin Road on the right hand side.)

**Please bring the following if your last name begins with:
A-F Dessert; G-K Appetizer; L-R Take a Pass; S-Z Wine**

Optional donations during the evening will go toward the purchase of mosquito nets for the women and children of Renk. \$15 purchases one net. If you are unable to attend and would like to make a donation, please make your check out to St. Michael's and write "mosquito net" in the memo section and drop your check off to the church office. For questions or rides, contact Ann Ross at aross60047@gmail.com or 847-540-0652 or Cell 630-992-5618.



September 12 Kayak Trip on the Chicago River.

Parishioner Paul Clancy has offered to organize a parish kayak outing in Chicago for September 14. Kayak and all gear will be provided for a set fee. Time on the water would be between 2-3 hours. Details to be finalized after we confirm that there is enough interest. Share your interest or questions with Paul at paulclancy42@gmail.com by Sunday, September 1.

Blessing (or not) of Same-Gender Relationships at St. Michael's

The proposed resolution shared in July with all parishioners moved and approved by the vestry at the Vestry meeting 26 August 2013. A letter was sent to all parishioners on 27 August and may be read in its entirety by clicking [here](#).



Eight Years Equals 2,920 Days

by Ann Ryba, Outreach

Today, August 29, marks the 8th anniversary of deadly Hurricane Katrina landing upon the shores of the Gulf Coast. On that day, Pat Baird's home was strewn across the beaches of Waveland, MS, New Orleans was flooded with up to 12 feet of water, over 1300 souls perished and life was forever changed for hundreds of thousands.

Ann Ryba

Last Sunday, sitting in the pew at St Michaels, I gave unbounded thanks for the incredible, generous and heartfelt response of our congregation to caring for folks in the Gulf. Your compassion and unbounded giving of yourselves continues to this day to transform lives. Amen.

To read the rest of Ann's update, click [here](#).

From our Youth Minister

Please take some time to fill out and return a registration form. Click [here](#) for a copy of the form. This information will be really helpful for me as we get started this year. THANKS!

Just a reminder that I will be away this Sunday, 9/1 so there will be NO breakfast out on the town.

THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 9/1-Final Summer Schedule Worship at 9:30. (No breakfast out)

UPCOMING:

Sunday, 9/8-9:00 LIFT Worship & Formation, 10:45 SMUSH Worship & Formation

Saturday, 9/28-Youth Volunteers at the Sudan Soiree

Friday 9/27-9/29-Episcopal Diocese of Chicago New Beginnings Retreat for Middle School Students at St. Lawrence in Libertyville. Check it out at <http://www.episcopalchicago.org/at-work-in-the-church/youth-ministry/new-beginnings/>



SAVE THE DATE!

50! Something Oktoberfest on October 27th at 4:00 p.m. at St. Michael's.



Barrington Newcomers and Neighbors

is a non-profit social organization that welcomes new and established community members to help them meet and make friends.

Join us for coffee and door prizes as we welcome you to learn more about our group, and what we have to offer.

**Open House Coffee
Wednesday, September 11th
9:30-11:30am
St. Michael's Episcopal Church,
647 Dundee Avenue, Barrington**

We have members of all ages. Some have relocated to the Barrington area from around the U.S. or other parts of the globe, while others have lived here their whole lives.

Each month there are a variety of events and activities to help residents of all ages meet people, pursue new interests and have fun.

Some of our groups include;

- Almost Gourmet
- Alfresco Dining
- Book Club(s) (Day/Evening)
- Bridge
- Gardening
- Bowling
- Bridge
- Bunco,
- Game Day
- Golf
- Scrapbooking
- Weekend Gourmet
- Wine tasting
- Outdoor Adventures



Mark your calendars for the St. James Commons Block Party!

The newly-renovated St. James Commons is now open for all to enjoy and on **September 15 from 3 - 6 p.m.** we're throwing a big block party to celebrate!

This just in: St. Michael's is offering \$20 bus ride to and from St James Commons. Please make you check out to St Michael's. Meet at St Michael's parking lot at 1:45. Point of contact to reserve your

seat on the bus is Ann Ryba,
green51458@gmail.com

All parishes in the Diocese - along with friends and neighbors -- are invited to come by. There will be great music, food trucks, fun for kids and tours of the new diocesan center. Come celebrate and discover the ways that St. James Commons can benefit your ministry and make the whole Diocese of Chicago a place of grace and gladness. For additional questions or to RSVP to the party, please contact Jennifer Boyle-Tucker via email jbtucker@episcopalchicago.org or at 312.751.4215.

Upcoming Events

- +8 September, back to three service schedule on Sundays
- +10 September, AWSM Fall Kick-Off Event, 7:00 p.m.
- +12 September, Parish Kayak Trip
- +13 September, Men's Fellowship Event, 7:00 p.m., at the Ross Home
- +28 September, Sudan Soiree
- +25-26 October, October Men's Retreat
- +27 October, 50! Something Oktoberfest, 4:00 p.m.

Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Pentecost 15

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

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