

The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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Upcoming at St. Michael's:

- +Soul Journey: A Woman's Journey Bible Study began, Tuesday, 10 September, 9:30 a.m., church library.
- +Spirited Sisters Book Study begins, Tuesday, 17 September, 7:00 p.m., church library.
- +**Soiree in September!** Ready or not, here comes the 3rd Annual South Sudan Soiree: September 28, beginning at 6:30 pm. Mark your calendars now and look for more information in the coming weeks. For information on how you can help or for other questions, contact **Ellen Lindeen**, elindeen@waubonsee.edu. (More detailed information below.)

A Year Later

a letter to the people of St. Michael's from Michele Phillips, parishioner and AWSM Chair

Dear People of St. Michael's,

The women's ministry of St. Michael's (AWSM) was formed a little over a year ago. Our purpose is to bring the women of the parish together in meaningful ways that support, encourage and nurture each other. Our hope is for all women of St. Michael's to find a place to connect, grow in faith and serve.

Over the summer we have met to plan a variety of activities for that to happen:

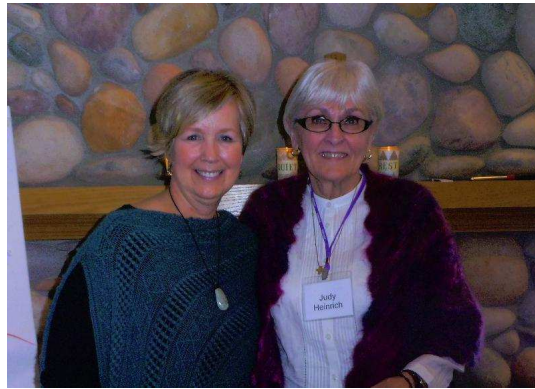
- September 10th- Fall Gathering an evening with Bishop Joseph



**Anniversaries
This Week
Birthdays**

9.15 Bridgit Maire,
John Allen, Meghan
Doran
9.16 David Poll, Jean
Schoepke, Janet
Anderson
9.17 James Bateman,
Joe Madonia, Drake
Imhoff
9.18 Edward Tilly
9.20 Joe Beuttas,
Thom Wibbels
9.21 Gary Mazzio

- December 4th- Advent Gathering
- February (TBD) -Trivia night
- March 8th- Lenten Retreat



Deacons on Retreat, Winter 2013.

The Women's spiritual book/Bible studies are starting soon.

- September 17th- Spirited Sisters 7-9pm St. Michael's library a book study *Becoming A Woman of Strength*
- September 10th- Soul Journey 9:30-11:30am St. Michael's library a Bible study the Book Of John

We are looking for your input as we explore a few smaller activities this year. For example:

- yoga
- Ladies Night Out
- Ravinia
- Labyrinth Walk

Whether you are brand new or you've been around awhile, we would love for you at least try to join in our gatherings as we connect with one another in friendship, faith and love!

For more information on AWSM please feel free to call me.
Michele Phillips AWSM Chair (847)304-4107

-Michele

Anniversaries

9.17 Karen & Dennis
Malec
9.18 Jenny & Jay
Welsh, Cynthia & Don
Sykes
9.19 Jackie & Dick
Kraus
9.20 Janette & Daniel

P.S. AWSM celebrated its Welcome Back to Fall event Tuesday evening, September 10th. Almost 50 women attended and enjoyed a lovely evening at the home of Shan Atkins and Jim Erbs. Bishop Joseph was the

Warner, Sue & Jim
Pajakowski, Jacquelyn
& Frank Napoleon,
Julia & David Bishop
9.21 Robyn & Chuck
Boetsch, Brooke &
Patrick Raymond

*keynote speaker
discussing women's roles
in South Sudan. Also,
the AWSM members
attending collected
donations for mosquito
nets which are to be
given to women and
children of the Renk
Diocese of South Sudan.*



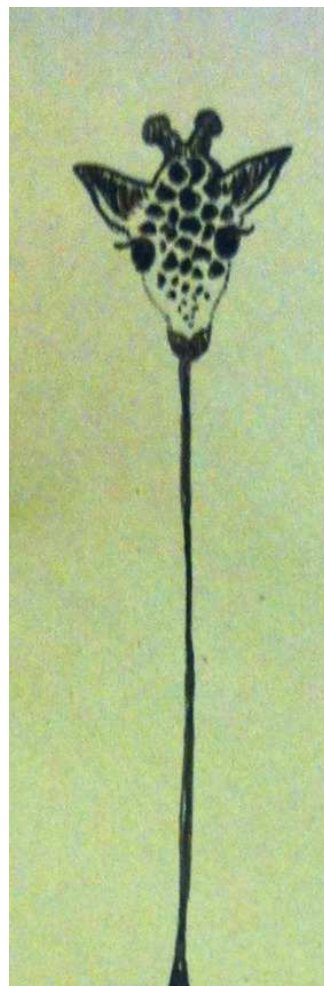
*Marissa and Emmie perform at the
AWSM event.*



Ann Ross and Jackie Smith.

Rest in Peace

9.15 Helen Peters,
Louis Schirmer
9.19 Pierre J. Lareau,
George Bachini,
George Dickson
9.20 Erin Elizabeth
Buckley

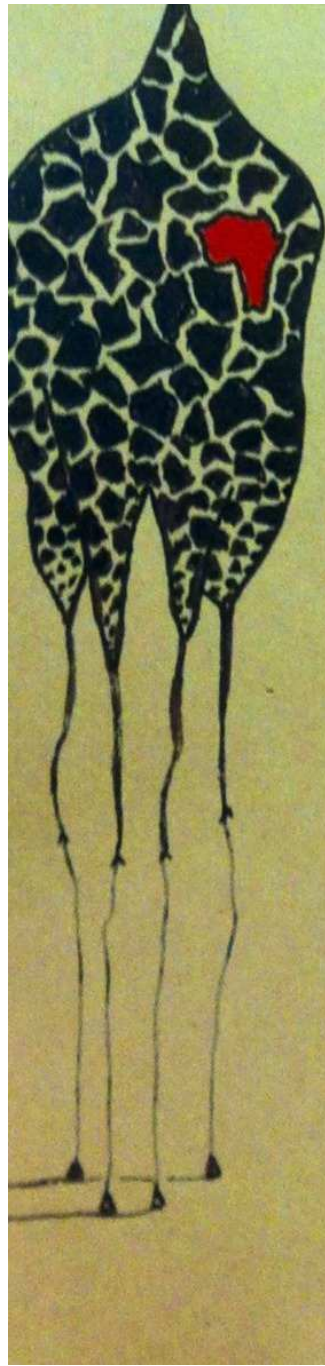


Get your tickets for the
Third Annual South
Sudan Soiree which is
Saturday, September 28
here at St. Michaels!

Invitations have been sent out; if
you did not receive one, please
call the church to get one mailed
to you or make a reservation by
phone. The RSVP requested
date is this Sunday,
September 15. The evening
includes a delicious meal with
adult beverages, Silent and

Little Red Wagon

In the month of September our gathering of food will go to the Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry. It is the one pantry we serve that is open 6 mornings and 2 evenings each week. Churches in its area provide the volunteers for each day. Special needs are canned meats, rice, canned tomatoes/sauces, crackers, paper products, shampoo, and soap.



Live Auctions, a Wine Pull, an African Marketplace, and performances by the Lost Boys, and a quartet and Drum Circle from St. Michael's. There will also be many Bishops in attendance!

Auction items include Dinners for 8, jewelry, Art Pieces, Baked Goods, the BBQ Wagon, Quilts, Spirits Baskets, a week in Florida and a week in Grand Cayman, among many others!

We are also selling Raffle Tickets for a full weekend with a brand new 2013 Bentley!

If you would like to Pay at the Door, call the church office with your reservation, but please reserve your seats so we can plan accordingly. Looking forward to a wonderful evening of fun, fellowship and fundraising for our school in South Sudan.

Questions: contact Ellen Lindeen at
847.340.5873

Food for the Journey, this Sunday and 22 September

The conversation begins after the 9 am service (roughly at 10:05 am) and we are committed to ending at 10:40 am so those who want to can make the 10:45 worship service.

Talking with children about God - strategies and tools
Sunday September 15th at 10:05am (between the 9am and 10:45am services)



Sam Lanham

Sometimes kids ask hard questions: What happens when you die? Where does God live? Does Jesus live in everyone's hearts? Today we will be exploring ways we can helpfully talk with children and youth about God. And don't worry, it isn't about having all the answers! Sam Lanham is a parishioner, currently working on her graduate degree in Library Science, and a catechist in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd with over 13 years in the Church School working with children.

Exploring the concept of "Covenant"

Sunday, September 22nd at 10:05 a.m. (between the 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services)

There are numerous Covenants made in scripture between God and his people: The Covenant with Noah after the flood, the Covenant with the Israelites, the "New" Covenant with Jesus. At Baptism we recite a Baptismal Covenant which has become profoundly important to many Episcopalians. At St. Michael's, at different times, we have entered into covenant relationships with other Churches and institutions: Church of the Redeemer in Elgin, Holy Apostles in Wauconda, and The Diocese of Renk in South Sudan. This week we will take some time to reflect on the notion of Covenant. What does it mean to have a Covenant? with God? with other people? And what does it mean for us on our Spiritual Journeys?

In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Steve & Barb; Evelyn; John; Jackie; Monika & Jamie; Bruce & family; Joyce; Reagan & family; Amy; Rollo; the Bateman family; Cindi & Mike; William; Tom & Jan; the Bullion family; George & Adonna; Connie; Paul, Chris & family; Ted; safety & peace in South Sudan; Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry; military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Zane, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, and Taylor.

+**Jonathan Galliher** has recently assumed responsibility for scheduling acolytes at worship services! Thank you, Jonathan! **AND Sydney Tucker** served as an acolyte for the first time on Sunday, 8 September! Great job and thank you, Sydney! **Hugh Harris** and **Meghan Doran** are also newly trained acolytes!



*brittani is pictured here with ella -
facepainting at the Pentecost
celebration*

Congratulations to **Brittani Miller**, our Sunday Sexton, and **Chris Fontana** who were married last Saturday, August 31st. This is truly a bittersweet celebration as we will also be saying goodbye to Brittani in her role at St. Michael's. Her final Sunday will be 15 September. We will be

collecting a purse for Brittani in celebration of her wedding, as well as in honor of her time & service to this community. (If you wish to participate,

simply place your contribution in the "purse" at Coffee Hour this Sunday, 15 September, or stop by the church office.) Many thanks for all she has done for us, and blessings upon her journey.



Upcoming project which will shut down the Community Room entrance and/or the Main Entrance.

Construction Update: the current schedule (as of today, 12 September) is to have both the main front entrance and Community Room entrance available on Sunday, 15 September! Many thanks to the hardworking crew!!

Construction Update/Details:

Beginning on Monday, September 9, the front entrance to the church as well as the Community Room entrance will be closed off for the concrete work to be completed. We will need to use the north side/choir room entrance for access.

At the main entrance, plywood will be put into the windows on each side the doors, hoses and caution tape will be surrounding the front plaza. The street parking spots along the east side of Dundee Avenue will be roped off for the construction crew staging area. There may also be a dumpster moved into the two handicap stalls outside the choir room entrance. The concrete from the wooden doors to the public sidewalk as well as a small portion of the sidewalk heading to the north will be replaced. The current plan is to have this work completed by Friday, September 13 (weather permitting).

At the Community Room entrance, there will be a small section of concrete removed. Plywood will be installed to protect the windows at the entrance along with roping off the area with caution tape. The parking spots along the south side of the lower lot will be roped off for the construction crew staging area. The current plan is to have this work completed by Friday, September 13 (weather permitting).

There will also be a portion of the sidewalk along Dundee Avenue that heads to the parking lot replaced along with a section of the sidewalk along the handicap stalls by the choir room entrance. Additional concrete patching will be done on the sidewalks, curbs and along the

ramp by the community room entrance (likely to occur during the week of September 16th).

If there are any delays on the project timeline, the Community Room entrance will be prepared to be open for Sunday, September 15.



**Men's Fellowship BBQ Party,
Friday, 13 September, 7:00**

p.m. All men of St. Michael's are invited!
Special guest of honor is Bishop Joseph.

At the home of Todd Ross, 1192 Thorndale Lane, Lake Zurich.

THRIVEFEST
Rock! 2013
the
Block!

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: ~~FREE~~ bus ride to and from St James Commons. 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.



**St. Michael's Veterans
Group Fall Formation will
meet at 7:00 p.m.,
Wednesday, 18 September,
in the church library.
Please encourage other
Vets you know to come.
The more the merrier!**

From Our Youth Minister:

THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 9/15 @ 9:00-LIFT Worship & Formation

Sunday, 9/15 @ 10:45-SMUSH Worship & Randolph Run Fundraiser
Organization

UPCOMING:

Sunday, 9/22 from 1:00-4:00-LIFT Fellowship outing to Xtreme
Trampoline. Please let me know if you plan on attending so I can make a
reservation and plan for transportation.

Saturday, 9/28-Youth Volunteers at the Sudan Soiree, servers &
drummers needed. Please let me know if you plan on serving

Friday, 9/27-Sunday, 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/>.



Ministry Highlight this Sunday: FOYERS!!

SUNDAY: September 15, 2013

MINISTRY: **Foyers**

Foyers Sign-up will be held every Sunday,



Janette Warner will present at the 9:00 a.m. service.

through the end of October, following all services. In Foyers, groups of eight gather for four meals over the course of the year, once at each participating household. Come as a couple, or sign up with a friend; all are welcome. Hosting can take place at a park, your home, the church, or a restaurant. The goal



John Totten will present at the 10:45 service.

is to keep the meal simple, keep time limited to 2-3 hours, and to keep old friends while making new ones. You may also sign up via email at Janette.Warner1@gmail.com anytime. Call Janette with any questions at (847) 516-3235.

Ministry Highlight next Sunday: Renk Ministry Partnership!!



We will be holding a blood drive on Tuesday, September 24th from 3:30 p.m. -

6:30 p.m. in Heartland's Mobile Coach. Heartland is in desperate need of blood donors of all types at this time, and you could save up to two lives with just one donation! To make an appointment, please sign up online at www.heartlandbc.org, OR sign-up after church services, OR call Kelly at 630-723-2582. [If registering online, click on "donating," then "scheduling appt online," then you must create a user id and password (if you have not yet already), then click on "donate now," and input "Barrington" for the city of the blood drive. "St. Michael's" will come up, and so click on schedule toward the right hand of the screen and select your preferred donation time.

~~AWSM (All Women of St. Michael's) announces future event dates~~

AWSM Advent Event
Wednesday, December 4th, 2013

7:00 -9:00 p.m.

AWSM Trivia Night - February 2014

AWSM Lenten Retreat, Saturday, 8 March 2014

~~Details to follow on all events!!~~



**Joint Nominating
Committee issues
important survey
[September 9, 2013]**

The Episcopal Church Joint Nominating Committee for the Presiding Bishop (JNCPB) has issued a survey and is inviting responses from

all Episcopalians.

"In the summer of 2015, the Church will again assume the responsibility for electing the next Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church," explained Sally Johnson, co-chair of the Committee. "To assist us in that work, the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop has issued a survey seeking data that will be helpful in our process of developing the profile of the type of leader the Church is seeking."

Recently, at the request of the Committee, the Secretary of General Convention, the Canon Rev. Michael Barlowe, sent an email to all bishops, deputies, alternate deputies and members of Executive Council informing them of the upcoming survey. That message contained a very brief description of the duties of the Presiding Bishop which may be helpful to anyone who wishes to complete the survey.

The electronic survey on Survey Monkey consists of six substantive questions in areas such as most important personal characteristics of the next Presiding Bishop (life deeply formed by scripture and prayer; skillful manager of people and resources; understand and speak multiple languages), activities (engage in fund raising; head the restructuring of the Church; strengthen our relationships in the Anglican Communion) and areas of focus (articulating a compelling vision for the Church; work to heal divisions in the Church; demonstrate a commitment to interfaith and ecumenical cooperation). Six demographic questions request information on age, race, gender, role in the Church, and years as an Episcopalian.

"The survey is designed to help us all discern some of the characteristics we hope to see in the person we will elect," noted Johnson. "We want to hear from Episcopalians throughout the church as this will help guide us in our endeavors."

The survey is located [here](#).

Deadline for completing the survey is September 20.

The Committee will release the profile for the next Presiding Bishop in December. It expects to open the nomination process on March 1, 2014.

For more information contact JNCPB at pbnominatingcommittee@gmail.com.



AWSM: RAISING MONEY FOR MOSQUITO NETS - You can help too!

Thank you to all who contributed to raising close to \$500 on Tuesday, September 10 for the purchase of

mosquito nets in Sudan. Mosquito nets are a very important way to safeguard against malaria, which is a leading killer of children in Africa (every 45 seconds a child in Africa dies from malaria). YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TOO! In his talk on Tuesday evening, Bishop Joseph informed the women of St. Michael's that these nets often only last 6 months - 1 year, so the need is ongoing.

Donation checks may be dropped in the collection plate (please note "mosquito nets" in the memo section of your check), sent by mail or dropped at the church office. All donations are greatly appreciated (each net costs \$12).

AWSM (All Women of St. Michael's) has a "change-for-change" jar available at all of their social gatherings as part of the group's commitment to helping women and children in need.

Interested in attending the Train-the-Trainer session on Advance Care Planning?

At 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 18 Be@Ease (Barrington Advanced Care Planning Project) will provide dinner and ministry leader training at Community Church of Barrington, 407 S. Grove in Barrington.

All pastors and ministry leaders with an interest in Advanced Care Planning made easy & free for our congregations should attend!

Currently, a couple of St. Michael's parishioners are planning to attend; would you like to attend also? If so, please contact Patrick,

praymond@stmichaelsbarrington.org.

Read more [here](#).

BACOA, the Barrington Council on Aging is hosting a discussion for Senior Homeowners who may be experiencing financial challenges in owning a home.

The meeting is Wednesday, October 2nd, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. For more information about this discussion, please click [here](#).



**Join us for
a FREE MEAL at
The Community Meal**

Wednesday, September 18, 2013
Presbyterian Church of Barrington
6 Brinker Road
Barrington
5:00-7:00 p.m.

What's Happening in September?

- We will be serving salad, spaghetti, and dessert!
- We will be offering FREE tutoring for students grades K-12 to assist with homework.
- The K-9 Comfort Dogs from LCC will back for our September meal.

Calling All Artists...Christmas Art Walk - 12 days, 12 stores, a Gift to Remember

A Christmas Art Walk event "12 Stores, 12 Artists, A Gift to Remember" will be held in Barrington, IL from December 12th through December 24th 2013. Organizers are seeking artists from the local area churches to participate. The event will focus on the popular Christmas carol, *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. Each of the twelve commissioned pieces of art will highlight the hidden meaning behind one of the twelve verses of the song. The art will be displayed in one of the twelve participating stores in downtown Barrington. For more information, an application with additional details is available in the Church Office. Please contact Nerissa, nbrueckbauer@stmichaelsbarrington.org.

Upcoming Events

- +13 September, Men's Fellowship BBQ Party, 7:00 p.m.
- +14 September, Parish Kayak Trip
- +15 September, *Thrivefest!* St. James Cathedral and Commons
- +18 September, St. Michael's Veterans Group Meeting
- +24 September, Blood Drive at St. Michael's 3:30 p.m.
- +28 September, Sudan Soiree, 6:00 p.m.
- +25-26 October, October Men's Retreat
- +27 October, 50! Something Oktoberfest, 4:00 p.m.

Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Pentecost 17

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Contact Info

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