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Upcoming at St. Michael's:

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Ready or not, here comes the 3rd Annual South Sudan Soiree: September 28, beginning at 6:00 pm. (More detailed information below.)

"Come and see, then you will know what to do."

a letter to the people of St. Michael's from Jackie Kraus, parishioner, for the Renk Ministry Partnership

Dear People of St. Michael's,

Come and see what? Bishop Daniel Deng Bul, Renk Diocese, studied at Virginia Theological Seminary, 1996-97. He brought with him startling and disturbing videos of the persecution of southerners, mostly Christian, from an African country, Sudan. The fundamentalist Islamic government in the Arab north was enforcing Shari'ah law, killing non-Muslims, the black Africans in the south. Bishop Daniel called us to "come and see...save your drowning Christian brothers and sisters". And, St. Michael's heard his plea.



Jackie Kraus

In January 1998, a fact-finding team, which included myself, traveled to Renk Diocese, the first Americans ever to go to Renk. The Covenant of Relationship between Renk and St. Michael's, signed by Fr. Al Johnson and Bishop Daniel,

- Our Website

Anniversaries

This Week

Birthdays

9.22 Melinda Knobe,
Kathryn Ryba, Jeff
Tolle, John Schmidt,
Greg Mears

9.23 Kathryn Belcore,
Jodi Sundeen, Nicole
Savage, Tami
Zukowski

9.24 Susan Madonia,
MaryBeth Kovacik

9.25 Chloe Padula,
Olivia Harrington,
Jeffrey Phillips, John
Baartz, Miranda
Hutchinson

9.26 Alvin Johnson,
Michelle Trautwein

9.27 Cara Allen

9.28 Nancy Moore,
Blair Gunderson,
Bryan Cressey,
Madeline Mangan,
Kathy Delaney-
Saunders, Edie Davis

established the relationship that continues today, and will be renewed in the presence of the people of St. Michael's and Bishop Joseph Garang Atem on the feast day of St. Michael's, September 29 (the day after the benefit for Renk Theological College).

It is the ministry of the Renk Ministry Partnership, formerly the Covenant Care Committee, to uphold the Covenant established January 14, 1998, linking St. Michael's and Renk Diocese 1) by sharing information and prayer concerns; 2) by sending teams from both sides to build trust; 3) by aiding in development through funding, (lived into by mutual care and concern for training church leaders at Renk Theological College).

The renewal of the Covenant between us reaffirms the partnership, seeking to glorify God through continuing our shared ministries and relationships of prayer and worship, fellowship and service, and mutual care and support. (From the proposed renewal of the Covenant).

Renk Ministry Partnership offers the opportunity to learn more



Renk Theological College Graduation, January 2013

about each other, the people of St. Michael's and the people of Renk Diocese, in many ways. Its ministry is in response to God's call to covenant with Christians whose faith in His love gives them hope in times of hardship. RMP encourages you to consider joining this ministry as it moves forward in strengthening the relationship, planning visits to Renk, keeping the mission of the Covenant ever present through communication between us.

The first team went and saw...and now we know what to do, with God's help. Prayerfully consider offering your gifts of leadership in the ministry of global mission. RMP welcomes you!

-Jackie

Anniversaries

9.22 Chris & Stan
Pepper

9.23 Wendy & Rob
O'Riordan, Mita &
Sumit Mullick

9.27 MaryBeth
Kovacik & Bob
Hoyler

P.S. Please click [here](#) to read the story about the partnership in Barrington Life: "'For so long we've been praying for one another' Barrington church's partnership with sudanese diocese going strong" by Tracy Gruen, Barrington Life contributor.

Rest in Peace

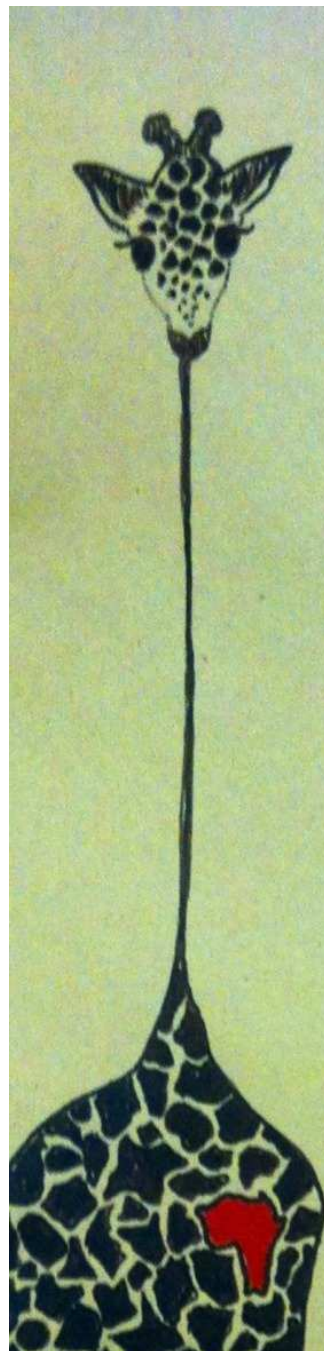
9.23 John Freiman

9.24 Michael Barker

9.25 Kimberly Samuel

9.26 Edward Finlay,
Ethyl Ray

9.28 Ethel Banks



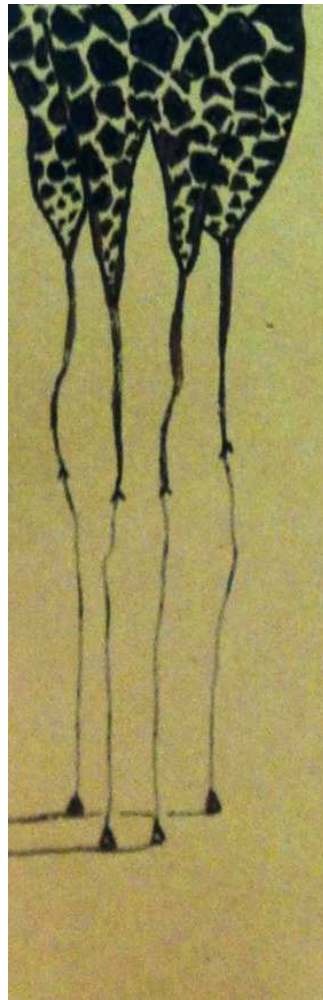
Get your tickets for the
Third Annual South
Sudan Soiree which is
Saturday, September 28
here at St. Michaels!

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. It is not too late to
RSVP. Tickets are also
being sold this Sunday, 22
September before and after
church services!!

The evening includes a
delicious meal with adult
beverages, Silent and Live
Auctions, a Wine Pull, an
African Marketplace, 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.



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, 22 September and Sunday, 29 September

The conversation begins after the 9:00 a.m. service (roughly at 10:05 a.m.) and we are committed to ending at 10:40 a.m. so those who want to can make the 10:45 worship service.

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?

Food for the Journey, 29 September 2013 (AFTER EACH SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM!!!)

A Conversation with Bishop Joseph: News from South Sudan



Join Bishop Joseph of the Diocese of Renk in South Sudan for a conversation on Sunday September 29th. He will be in the community room after each service to share the story of our brothers and sisters in South Sudan. The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, and St. Michael's in

particular, have a long standing companion relationship with the people of South Sudan. For those of you hearing about this for the first time, this is a chance to learn more. And for those of you who are very aware of this ministry, it is a chance to catch up on what happened in the past year and to show Bishop Joseph some support.



Bishop Frank Gray to preach on Sunday, 29 September

Gray, 73, retired from his post as bishop for the Diocese of Northern Indiana in 2006. As the author of two books of poetry, and who is currently at work on a chapbook of poems relating to Psalm 139 ("O Lord, you have searched me and known me ..."), he also published the family memoir in 2010, "For Thou Art With Me: Interned in the Philippines," the self-published memoir that chronicles his family's three years in a Japanese

concentration camp in the Philippines during World War II. Bishop Joseph, who is also with us on the 29th, considers Bishop Gray a mentor.

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.



Thom, we are so grateful for your gifts! (Picture courtesy of Suzanne Fleer)

+A memorial service for Paul Cassaday, son of Florence Compton and stepson of Franks Compton, will be held on Sunday, 22 September after the 10:45 a.m. service.



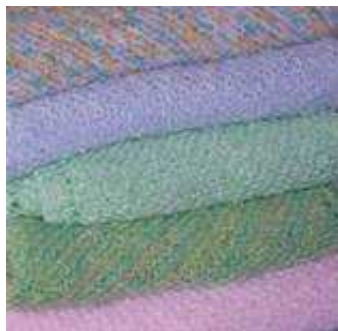
Take a moment, if you haven't already, to tour and appreciate the renewal of the concrete plaza and sidewalks in front of the church, completed last week by a skilled and hard working crew from Pepper Construction. A few final details will be finished in the coming few weeks.



Fourteen souls from St. Michael's, from 5th grade to 50+, paddled the Chicago River from North Avenue to the Trump Tower and back on Saturday, Sept. 14. The weather was perfect and all returned safely to port and on to home.



Congratulations to Betsy and Jay Ward who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Sept 7. After a special Eucharist at St. James Cathedral, they enjoyed a carriage ride down Michigan Avenue with all five of their grandkids.



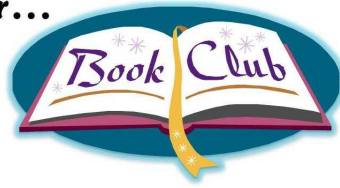
The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Tuesday, September 24th, in the library from 7:00-8:30 p.m. We knit and crochet shawls for comforting and baby blankets. We will be starting to collect scarves for Christmas that will be matched with gloves. Scarves can be either homemade or purchased. Several of us

gather at Boloney's around 5:00 p.m. for dinner beforehand, please join us. All are welcome.

St. Michael's Book Club meets Wednesday, 25 September in the church library at 7:30 p.m.

Uncle Fred in the Springtime by P. G. Wodehouse is the book of the month.

*Book Club is
for...*



...you!

From Our Youth Minister:

THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 9/22 @ 9:00-LIFT Worship & Formation

Sunday, 9/22 @ 10:45-SMUSH Worship & Formation

Sunday, 9/22 from 1:00-4:00-LIFT Fellowship outing to Xtreme Trampoline. Please let me know by THURSDAY, 9/19 if you plan on attending so I can make a reservation and organize transportation.

UPCOMING:

Saturday, 9/28-Youth Volunteers at the Sudan Soiree. If you are drumming as well, there is a rehearsal at 12:00 on Saturday, 9/28.

Saturday, 10/5-Pumpkin Fundraiser Kickoff. It's that time of year again, the great pumpkin delivery! We need youth, parents, & parishioners to help unload the truck starting at 9:00 am.



Kathy (second from right) with her mother (far right), her daughter, Aliyson (to Kathy's right), and Aliyson's friend at a previous running/walking event.

Kathy Randolph, our Senior Warden, is running the Chicago Marathon Sunday, October 13th.

She has graciously offered to use her run as a fundraiser for youth ministry. Her words were, "If this old lady's running, somebody should benefit!" We invite you to support Kathy in her run and also to raise money for youth ministries & mission trips at St. Michael's. See a Youth

Representative on Sundays until the marathon or contact
kbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org.



**Ministry Highlight this Sunday: Renk
Ministry Partnership**

SUNDAY: September 22, 2013

MINISTRY: Renk Ministry Partnership

**Ministry Highlights will take a break Sunday, 29
September, given the scheduling of baptisms and the
visit of Bishops Joseph and Gray!**



**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.]



Fundraiser for Haiti!

And All the Angels Gift Shop is proud to present a **Global Gifts Fair on Sunday, October 6 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** All profits raised from this fair will be given to St. Michael's Haiti ministry! Look for newly purchased, handcrafted gifts from Haiti, and other countries around the world, **right outside the Community Room.**

Please help us to support the tremendous efforts of this ministry.



The Latest from Little Angels Christian Preschool!

Little Angels is happy to welcome a new staff member Ashley Keclik to the preschool teaching staff. Ashley is a member of St. Michael's and a recent graduate of University of Wisconsin-Whitewater with a degree in Early Childhood. Ashley will be teaching with

Mrs. Daleen in the Jr. Threes class on Tuesday and Thursday morning and on Friday morning's in our Investigations class with Mrs. Kurz. We are very excited to have Ashley join the Little Angels family!

We are very excited that Bishop Joseph will be joining the children for Chapel Time

in early
October.
We will be
filling a
suitcase for
the children
of Renk full
of school
supplies and
books.
Donations
from St.
Michael's
members will
be welcome. Look for the list of needed items in the Sword in the coming weeks.



Ashley Keclik.

Mark your calendars for our annual Fundraiser, November 2nd at McGonigal's in Barrington. All St. Michael's parishioners are invited to attend. A formal invite will be in the Sword in early October. We welcome donations from St. Michael's members, if you have a Lake Home, Professional Ball tickets, Service to donate, etc...please contact Lindsey Murphy, at lindseyamurphy@gmail.com or Jenn Newman at jnewman1@mac.com . Thanks in advance for your support.

Currently we have 104 children enrolled at Little Angels. We do have openings in all of our afternoon classes. Please pass the word to your neighbors, family and friends...visit our website for details on our class offerings www.littleangelspreschool.org .



**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.

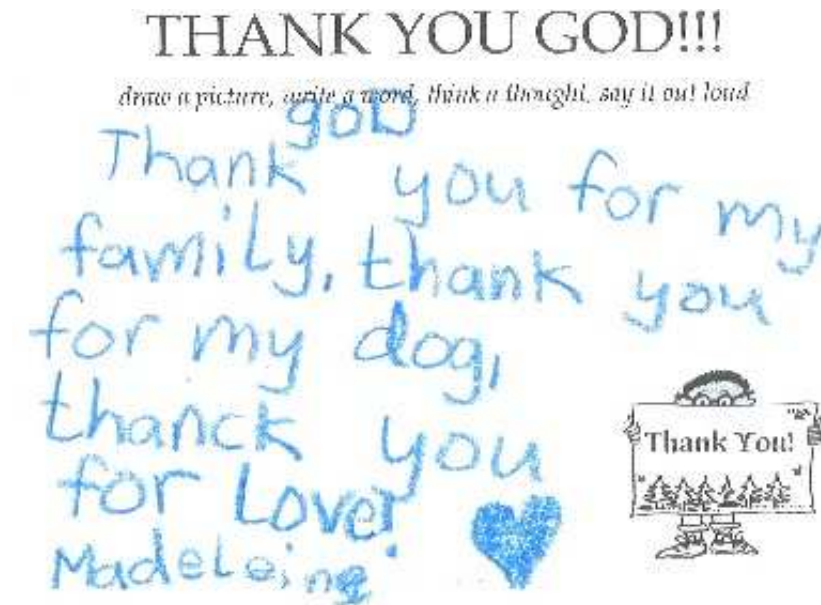
BACOA, the Barrington Council on Aging is hosting a discussion for Senior Homeowners who may be experiencing financial challenges in owning a home.

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

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.

Do you ever wonder what the children in the service are doing with their crayons, clipboards and papers?



**Sharing our Elder Care Journeys-
Pastoral Care Workshop, October 26,
9:00 to 3:00 p.m.
St Mary's Episcopal Church, Crystal
Lake, IL**

This workshop will focus on understanding the needs of our elders and learning some pastoral care techniques that can help us "be" with our senior friends and our parents in a more effective manner. It is for anyone involved in or interested in caring for seniors.

Offering presentations on the unique needs of elders, non-verbal communication, active listening and leading senior group ministry, the workshop will be led by a group of professionals familiar with the

pastoral care of seniors. There is no charge for the workshop, however, a sandwich lunch will be available for \$5.00 per person. Click [here](#) for more information.



Upcoming Events

- +24 September, Blood Drive at St. Michael's 3:30 p.m.
- +24 September, Prayer Shawl Ministry, 7:00 p.m. in the church library
- +25 September, St. Michael's Book Club, 7:30 p.m. in the church library
- +28 September, Sudan Soiree, 6:00 p.m.
- +29 September, St. Michael's Day, baptism, and visit by Bishops Joseph and Gray
- +6 October, Global Gifts Fair, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., outside the Community Room
- +25-26 October, October Men's Retreat
- +27 October, 50! Something Oktoberfest, 4:00 p.m.

Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Pentecost 18

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

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