



# ST MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sword July 6, 2023

## St. Michael's Weekly News & Updates



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***From the Desk of Deacon Tim:***

Summertime is here! Sunny days abound. The sign-up sheet in the Narthex for RibFest is filling! Sunday worship continues each week at 8am and 10am. Vacation Bible School (VBS) commences in just a couple of weeks. I am musing today about alternative learning and sabbath time.

Summer camp for me meant practicing skills like working together in pairs to maneuver a canoe down and up the river adjoining our camp. Whatever we learned on shore about paddling techniques or “reading” river currents became palpable in doing the acts of canoeing with a partner. After nine months of mostly classroom and homework learning, learning by doing felt refreshing. To be sure, nine months of schoolwork did include group projects and other learning by doing activities. In my memory, the mix shifted in favor of learning by doing during summer camp.

Our VBS program this year will focus on water and baptisms. I wonder that we might appreciate Jesus teaching his disciples by demonstration and then sending them out to also participate in hands-on baptismal ministry. Renewing health. Refreshing perspectives. Reconciling relationships. Revitalizing neighborliness. When I pronounce dismissal at the end of worship, you might hear a subtext like, We’ve learned about Gospel and praised God, now let’s go out there and do Gospel in our lived contexts! May summer camp experiences like VBS help us with learning by doing.

And then, rest and refresh. Another image I hold from summer camp is resting in a hammock beneath a leaf-filled tree canopy on a hot summer afternoon after a busy morning of learning, swimming, canoeing, or similar activities. What was Jesus doing when he left his disciples to refresh his spirit? Could it have involved a hammock? A mature spiritual life attends and prays, moves and rests, works and plays.

**A Note from our Sunday School Director**

Kim Curtis

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Rib fest is approaching and I just scheduled a bouncy house for all the kids who attend to enjoy. Vbs is also approaching and would love to have a few more volunteers! Please call or email me if you are interested!!

For sometime now, the building and grounds team has been compiling proposals from various vendors. These proposals were for large capital expenditures. Once we started to calculate these costs, we had to prioritize the need vs funds. This was impossible because they all were needed repairs. Having faith, we kept searching and finally found proposals that kept within our budget. So Today, we must thank the Holy Spirit for watching over us

and our Building. The vestry approved ALL the projects this past Monday.

Having said that, during the month of August, we will be getting the parking lot repaired and seal coated from Parisi Paving. The Rectory and Sturtz house driveways will also be replaced. The community room ramp will be restored from Fortune Restoration. In addition, the curbs and concrete will be repaired along the community room side of the building. A local vendor Johnny Concrete will perform this work. This will include repairing the steps by the preschool where the railing has fallen off.

Another building update is the community room AC /heat rooftop unit, RTU #5, is being installed in July!

Lastly, a big thank you to the Vestry, the B&G team, and mostly Father Jesse who had guided and directed all of the above in the right direction.

St. Michael's will look amazing for our 75th anniversary!



Don't forget to reserve your spot for VBS! As the time approaches, we do fill up fast!

[VBS Sign up](#)

## Upcoming Events

St. Michael's Presents:



### Rib Fest

Saturday, July 15

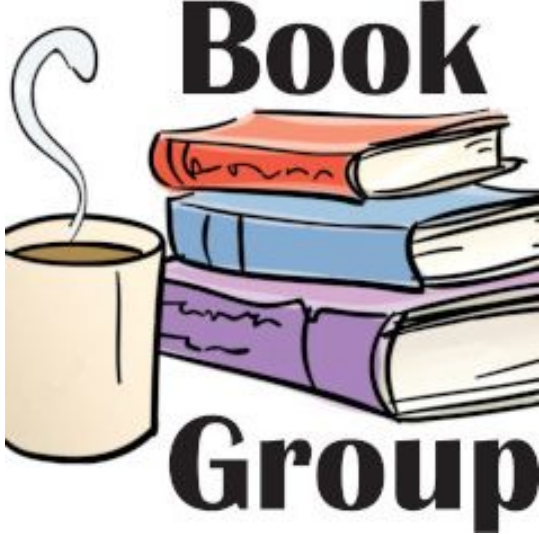
The sign-up form is now posted in the hallway by the community room.

\$15 single  
\$20 Couple  
\$25 family

### Book Group

Book Group will meet on July 19 at 7 pm in the Library.





The book is The Hidden Life of Trees  
by Peter Wohlleben.



## Veterans Group

After a lengthy recess the group will reconvene on July 12th at 19:00 hours. All Veterans are welcome.

A speaker is scheduled.

Jim Tammi  
Commander

## Announcements



With thanksgiving to God, Archbishop Joseph Garang is pleased to announce the date for Ordination and Consecration of Bishop Simon Chuang Ayok Deng,

third Bishop of Renk Diocese, and Bishop in the Church of God, at St. Matthew Cathedral, Renk Town, July 17, 2023.

St. Michael's and Renk Diocese have been in a Covenant of Relationship since January 1998, and the Diocese of Chicago and Renk Diocese have had a Companion Diocese Relationship, passed by resolution at Diocesan Convention, since 2001. The CDR has been renewed by resolution every 5 years by delegates to Convention.

St. Michael's partnership with Renk Diocese includes the building of Renk Theological College, rebuilding it when destroyed by the government of Sudan, and ongoing scholarship support of seminarians. Over the years, parishioners have visited Renk, and Archbishop Joseph has visited St. Michael's and the Diocese of Chicago.

Watch this space for further information about Bishop Simon Chuang Ayok Deng.

Renk Ministry Partnership (RMP)  
Jackie Kraus, Chair

## **Barrington Back to School Giving Day**

**The last day for donations is this Sunday, July 9th.**

Once again St. Michael's will be part of the Barrington Back to School Giving Day. This event, supported by local churches, provides clothing and school supplies to students who are part of the School District 220 free lunch program. This year we are asked to provide 46 medium sized men's shirts to the program. You can put your donations in the bin located near the Community Room or order online through Amazon/your favorite retailer and have your donations sent directly to the church. Cash donations are also welcomed. Last year BSGD served 270 families. This was a 19% increase from the previous year. There is no reason to not think that the need will even be greater this year. They also accept gently used clothing items. If you have any questions about the program please contact Carol Berman at 847-815-7445.



## **Revive Volunteers**

Revive is looking for volunteers to help register participants for the Christmas basket program.

Read more below:

The Sword is published each Thursday. The deadline to submit items to be included is Wednesday at 5:00 PM. Any questions or comments regarding this publication should be sent to [pblass@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:pblass@stmichaelsbarrington.org)

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