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Calling All Ministry Leaders!
Lindsay Taylor, Senior Warden



Hello, St. Michael's! As I write this, summer activities are underway for all of us as we enjoy the warm weather. It is great to see you all every Sunday, and I know activities at St. Michael's are fully engaged with our many ministries.

Are you a ministry leader at St. Michael's? If so, we need your help. We are working to ensure we have an updated listing of ministries at St. Michael's. Whether you lead a worship-related ministry, bible study group, youth ministry, outreach ministry or club, we would appreciate it if you would provide your information at the link below. Please do not assume we have your information already - it will be helpful to have confirmation.

If you would please respond by Friday, August 18, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks in advance, and I hope you continue to enjoy your summer.

[Ministry Survey](#)

From the Desk of Deacon Tim:



I'm thinking this week about bright, shining light. In the Book of Common Prayer (1979), there is a lovely service of An Order of Worship for the Evening, at page 109. Near the conclusion of the Worship for Evening service, a blessing is offered:

May the Lord bless us and keep us. Amen.

May the Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us. *Amen.*

May the Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace. *Amen.*

The scriptural source for this blessing prayer is Numbers 6:22-27. The Book of Numbers recounts the wilderness sojourn of the people who fled Egypt. With God's help, they eventually approach the land that had been promised as a covenant legacy since the time of Abraham. In chapter 6, Moses instructs Aaron and his sons that they are to pronounce this prayer over the Israelites to put God's name on them, and God will bless them. Faces shining brightly would be a sign of this blessing, this proximity with God.

On Sunday this week we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ. The Old Testament reading from Exodus recounts that the Israelites would know when Moses had been in the presence of The Lord because his face was shining. Moses' face shined so brightly that he used a veil over his face to protect the Israelites until he removed the veil to re-enter a place where he would be in the presence of The Lord. We may remember that Moses first encounters The Lord in the brilliance of the bush that is not consumed by fire. The image of Moses' shining face is evoked when the disciples Peter, James, and John witness Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop, shining brilliantly. Peter and the sons of Zebedee glimpse Jesus' divinity, a preview of what would be revealed about Christ eventually in their own experiences with Jesus.

I wonder whether the disciples had heard about the attractive and brilliant star that drew the Magi from distant lands to visit the newborn Jesus? And I wonder whether the shining eyes with a tender smile of a face I gaze upon reflect the light of Christ similarly? I hope so. I sense that smiling-eyes light with so many of you when I greet you in church! May our faces reflect together the Lord's face shining upon us, being gracious with us, evidencing that countenance, and bestowing peace with us to be shared with others.

Deacon Tim

A Note from our Sunday School Director

Kim Curtis

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I want to give a huge thank you to everyone who helped make VBS such a huge success this year. Some include, Sara and Doug Torbeck, Jenna Hansen and Alaina Frye, Jackie Kraus, Deacon Tim, Father Jim, Jon Cesario, Paula Papamarcos and Brant Deichmann.

We had a total of 21 kids who splashed with God's word, walked on water, made a

thunderstorm in a jar, and learned about the power of water from scripture. Father Jim had a special story time in the Nave! They had some experiences and discussions about baptism as well. They even got to hang out in the smelly belly of the whale and pretend to be Jonah. The very last day we performed for the parents a video dance and song. Always the highlight of our VBS program. At the end, kids learned how to pray to Jesus and shared what they were grateful for. Some said they were grateful to be signed up for this camp! What a special reward for all of us to hear! Deacon Tim had some meaningful questions for the kids and gave us a closing prayer. All had big smiles the entire week.

Some important dates are as follow:

August 13 - No Sunday school. Nursery will be provided.

August 20th - Blessing of the backpacks and bouncy house after church!!!!

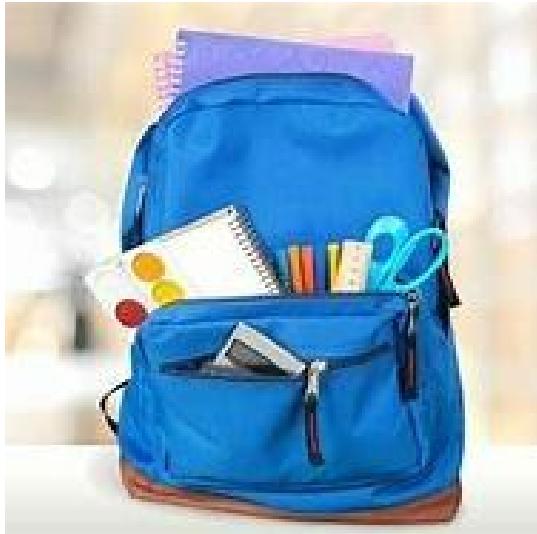
August 27th - Sunday school volunteer and teacher meeting at 11:30am in the library. If you are interested in finding out about what we do .. please join us. All newcomers are welcome!!

September 3 - No Sunday school or nursery due to Labor Day Holiday.

September 10 - Kick off Sunday! First day of the program year.

Lastly, a parent mailing will be sent out this month with a schedule of kid events for the year.

Upcoming Events



Blessing of the Backpacks & Technology

August 20, 10:00 AM

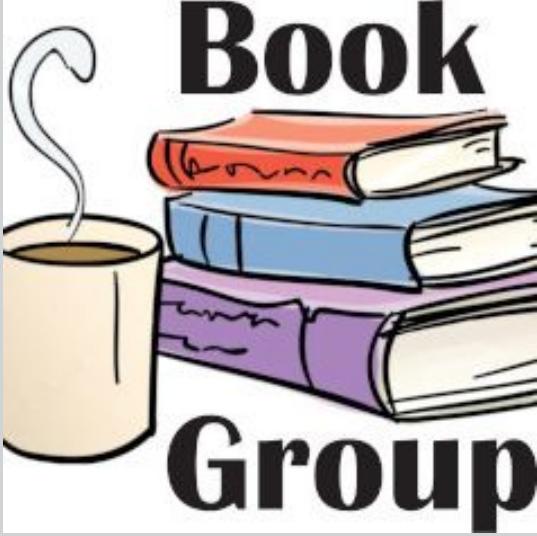
Please join us at the blessing of the backpacks and technology on August 20th at the 10am service.

Book Group Special Notice

The St. Michael's Book Club is taking a vacation. We will NOT be gathering in August.

Our Next book will be Pachinko, by Min Jin Lee. it should be available on the book club shelf at the Barrington Area Library.

We will discuss Pachinko on September 20.



75th Anniversary Happenings



Save The Dates to Celebrate...

75 Years of St. Michael's Episcopal Church

St. Michael's is turning 75 and there are plans to celebrate. Mark your calendars for the dates and times below and keep a close eye on the Sword for more information in the coming weeks.

Sunday, September 10th – St. Michael's Kick-Off Sunday

Homecoming – 75 Years of Breaking Bread Together

Vintage meal and Ice Cream Social after the 10:00 AM service, complete with face painting, bouncy house and bubbles for kids of all ages. See link below to learn more, including how you can help.

[Read more here:](#)

Saturday, September 30th – Anniversary Dinner

An evening of remembering, laughing and fellowship.

More information coming soon!

Sunday, October 1st – St. Michael's Sunday with Bishop Clark

Reception following 10:00 AM service.

Questions? Please contact Penny Kazmier at 847-337-4498.

We have a special meal planned for the St. Michael's 75th Anniversary Kick-Off on Sunday, September 10th and we need your help making



Cooks Wanted

vintage recipes we have selected from St. Michael's cookbooks. [Choose from one of these recipes](#) and [sign up here](#) to help.

Here is one example...

RECIPE

Broccoli Salad with Bacon

Submitted by Jean Gale and found on page 41 of the 1991 edition of the St. Michael's Parish cookbook, *Let Us Break Bread Together*

1 scant cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup sugar
2 teaspoons vinegar
3 large bunches broccoli, cut into bite sized pieces
1/2 cup diced onion
1/2 cup raisins
1/4 cup sunflower seeds
4 to 5 slices cooked bacon, crumbled

In large, bowl combine mayonnaise, sugar and vinegar. Add broccoli, onion and raisins, stirring to combine. Chill for a few hours. Add bacon and sunflower seeds just before serving.



Call For Photos

The 75th Anniversary Committee would like to offer a commemorative photo slide show to honor and celebrate our 75 years as a parish at one of our celebrations. If you have any photos of you and your loved ones while at St. Michael's or at a St. Michael's event, and are willing to share them electronically, please send them to this email address:
peacellen123@gmail.com

[For more information...](#)

Announcements

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers Wanted!

The Elgin Soup Kitchen ministry of St. Michael's Church invites parishioners to join this volunteer effort. On the second Thursday of each month, St. Michael's volunteers assemble, prepare, and deliver food for the Elgin Cooperative Ministry Soup Kettle, operating in the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Elgin. Each month about a week prior to the event, members of the St. Michael's ministry receive email with the menu for the upcoming dinner and the number of guests to be fed (usually 60 – 80 people). Some volunteers shop. Some prepare food. Some assemble the preparations and deliver them from the St. Michael's kitchen on the appointed day. We have between 10 to 20 volunteers usually, and the number is trending toward 10 in recent months. Please contact Catherine Deevy, cwkoelling@att.net with your questions about details for how your interests may align with the needs of this ministry.



Revive Volunteers

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

Read more below:

Volunteer Opportunities

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Birthdays

- 8/6 Ali Pepper
8/6 Hilary Dowell
8/8 Abigail Raynor
8/8 Jack Ward
8/9 Robert Stephenson
8/10 Katja Holtermann
8/12 Teri Doran

Anniversaries

- 8/8 Patty and David Dattilo
8/8 Carolyn and Jack Schaefer

In Loving Memory

- 8/6 Nelson Thomasson
8/7 Daniel Capulli
8/7 Stephen McClesky
8/9 Dudley Welsh
8/10 Mary Louise Lutz
8/11 William M. Hannay

Prayer Requests

Jackie A., Zoe and family, Paul and family, Nancy C., Marti, David, Andy, Jeff, Marilyn and Pat, Cayden, Juliana, Barb, Sadie, Cindy, Art, Ann, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Ruth, Brian, Ted, Barb and Steve, Patty, and Amy.

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