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From the Desk of Deacon Tim:

Summer musings . . .

I hope you and yours are maintaining your cool this hot summer, staying hydrated, eating watermelon or similar fruit. Perhaps you have migrated to the northern lakes and woodlands of Wisconsin, Michigan, or Minnesota. Please remember that you are very welcome to spend some of your summer Sunday morning with St. Michael's via on-line streaming of the worship services. If you join us in person, we have coffee hour on the porch outside the Narthex unless it rains. There is often a cool breeze under the canopy of tree branches. Hot coffee, cool breeze . . . sounds like inspiration for a summer theatre musical. (Excuse me; my musings digress.)

Next week, Monday through Thursday, the parish Children's Ministry is presenting Vacation Bible School with a program featuring Jonah and other water stories in scripture. One point of connection is with the sacrament of Baptism and themes of joining community, the community of all the faithful with us and who have gone before us. I also ponder water as a sustainer of life in our world. For example, I notice that the water fountain in the columbarium garden helps sustain the life of the birds who occupy the bell tower and the trees surrounding the church. The birds are also sustained with the plants of the several gardens on campus. Those plants are sustained in part by rain and morning dew. Water therefore signals God's characteristic abiding love with all creatures and all Creation, including you and me. I will be interested to listen for how the VBS attendees share their insights about water!

Deacon Tim

A Note from our Sunday School Director

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Rib Fest was a blast!! See the pictures below....



VBS is just around the corner. The theme is SPLASH ... into God's word. I have been meeting with the team developing the decorations, leader roles, crafts, snacks, and music. This year we have a science leader and a water leader. It's been so fun selecting the music for the program with Sara. One of the all time favorites for the program , He's Got the whole World in his hands, will be sung and performed for the parents on our last day. All of the Biblical stories are that of water! I am super excited to share the importance of water with the kids as it relates to God and Jesus. One fantastic analogy will be when you get thirsty you drink water. But soon you will be thirsty again. That's the way it is with our body! Jesus says that if we believe in him, we will never be thirsty again. Then explain, Jesus is not talking about our bodies he is talking about our souls. Our soul is inside our body. Summarize by saying our soul needs Jesus just like our body needs water. When we believe in Jesus, our soul won't be thirsty anymore. Anyone who would like to take a SPLASH in the water with us, VBS is from 10:00am - 12:30am. All are welcome to help with VBS! I could still use a snack shopper to go get and prepare the snacks for 4 days. I have a list and its pretty easy.

Save the date for Sunday, August 20th for Blessing of the Backpacks. Bring your technology and backpacks to the 10:00 am service to be blessed before school starts. I have scheduled a bouncy house for the kids to enjoy after church during coffee hour.

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



VBS Sign up

Upcoming Events



Prayer Shawl

Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, July 25, in the Chapel from 6-7:30pm.

Please note the location change for this month.

Everyone is welcome! No experience necessary.



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.

Announcements

Prayer Upon the Occasion of the Consecration of The Right Reverend Simon Chuang, Bishop of Renk Diocese, in the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

7/23 Vicki Ridges
7/24 Jim Erbs
7/24 Max Brett
7/26 Riley Raynor
7/26 Scott Nance
7/28 Ann Parker

Anniversaries

7/24 Libby and Todd Rieke
7/26 Diane and Jamie
Hollensteiner
7/28 Hilary and Donald Dowell

In Loving Memory

7/24 Robert Keller
7/28 Ralph Smith

Prayer Requests

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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