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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**A Note From Our Rector**

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*Welcome Bishop Clark*  
*Sunday October 1st*

Bring your family and help us welcome Bishop Clark to St. Michael's as we continue the 75th Anniversary celebration with a reception on St. Michael's Day following the 10:00am service.

**A Note from our Sunday School Director**

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What I love about ALL our children in Sunday School is they all feel right at home! That is the plan. For them to feel safe and at their church home while deepening their faith. For them to feel welcome and part of our St. Michael's family is critical for their religious formation. They also are developing life long friendships which makes them feel comfortable around their classmates. Weekly the teachers patience is an example of unconditional love to the kids. As we grow together, each week we will establish more routines.

I believe in our program, curriculum and team of volunteers. Having said that, Father Jesse and I would like to invite all the Sunday school parents to a meeting after church to collaborate our goals. Watch for more information, date TBD.

For this Sunday, please arrive at 9:45am. We will be practicing for Oct 1 with our new children handbells in the Nave.

Sunday school music time starts at 9:50am and our classroom time is 10:00am. Nursery care is available at 9:15am. It helps when the kids have time to play in the undercroft so feel free to come down beforehand.

## LIFT



***The PUMPKINS are COMING! The PUMPKINS are COMING!***

Our LIFT group will once again be selling beautiful pumpkins this year to support our service/mission projects. Please plan on making your purchases from us, if able.

***The big truck rolls in here on Thursday, Sept. 28th at 4:00 p.m.***

Due to late school dismissals and sports practices, we could use any extra helping hands at that time. *Many hands....* In fact, we've been known to unload the big truck in under 50 minutes! We will reward you with pizza (or a hot dog) when we're done.

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### ***FROM THE LIFT LEADER'S DESK***

We've had a fabulous kick-off this year! We had nine and ten LIFTers, respectively, for the first two weeks of coming back together! God is blessing our program and certainly **the parents get the credit** for getting their tweens and teens out of the bed and to LIFT on Sunday mornings. Bless you and thank you, parents! I'm so excited to be back with the LIFT kids!

This past Sunday we did *Gospel Theatre*. Four of the kids acted out the gospel reading, Matt. 18:21-35. A king (Jackson) wanted to collect his debt from a slave, but after the slave begged forgiveness - he owed *10,000 talents* - the king was compassionate and forgave this massive debt of the unmerciful slave (Sam). The unmerciful slave turned around and would not forgive a fellow slave (Gaius), who only owed the unmerciful slave *10 talents*, and had the debtor thrown into jail. Other slaves (the rest of the class) witnessed this, and one (Winston) went back and told the king what occurred. The king then had the unmerciful slave thrown into prison until he could work and pay off what he owed.

I think the gospel comes alive when the kids act it out, especially when encouraged to "give me more emotion!" At the very least, it IS more fun! I explained to the LIFTers that Jesus often exaggerated to make a point - I mean 10,000 talents to 10 talents?? Come on... But Jesus' point was to show the exponential capacity of forgiveness that our Father has for us. There is a lot to ponder in that story.

### ***IT TAKES A VILLAGE - PART II***

Last time, I wrote about two very special people who for many years have been selfless in serving our youth: Ric Lindeen and Paul Carrubba. If you did not read the Sword for Sept. 7, please pull it up and do so. My little tribute is hardly representative of what these two gentlemen have done and what they have meant to me.

This week, I want to talk about my friend, Judy Tammi. Judy has not "retired/resigned" from helping out our youth but you need to know a little bit about all she has done over the last 30+ years. Judy and husband Jim now spend their winters in Florida, but she has told me that whenever she is in town and I need something for LIFT, especially in the meal department, or extra help along those lines, I am to call her and she will *gladly* help. She has served on the youth board on and off for decades. She's been a valuable source of wisdom and resources. During my short tenure thus far, she has single-handedly rustled up a whole crew of volunteers to feed, snack, and water all the LIFT kids and adult volunteers during our mission trips - out of town and in town. She is a pro at finding the best bargain, organizing the tastiest meals, and hitting home-runs in the dessert department. Meals just seem to flow off her fingers. When I ask Judy to do something, I know it will be done.

Judy is also an amazing historian for our youth group. She has kept photos and records of all the activities and trips for decades. Judy is a friend and mentor who has made it possible for me to do my job. Thank you, Judy, for all you've done for our youth, and for all you will continue to do.

Yes, it takes a village to raise young people and St. Michael's has been blessed by a *great village*. Now, let me introduce you to our current LIFT Board and our three new members.

Fr. Jesse Perkins, Michelle Chan, Mary Ann Seagrist,  
New members: Gwen Weibel, John Garcia and Una Colohan Thomassan.

As always, when you see these folks, thank them for serving and being part of *our great village*.

Peace, Kay Lewis  
LIFT Leader

## **Music Ministry**

**Come Join the  
Choirs!**



Our music programming is starting up and we want YOU to be a part of it!  
No experience necessary, come join the fun as we praise God through Music and Fellowship!

**Adult Choir:** Meets Thursdays 6-7:30pm in the choir room and 9:15am for the 10am Services, starting September 7th!

**Intergenerational Handbell Choir:** Meets Saturdays 9-10:10am in the sanctuary starting September 9th!

**\*\*\* New Bridge/Lift Youth Choir:** Grades 3-12 Meets Saturdays 10:20-10:50am in the choir room starting September 16th

**Sunday School Music:** Every Sunday 9:50-10:00am in the undercroft!

Opportunities for instrumentalists with our Brass band, Blue grass band, Strings, and solo opportunities.

**Important Music Dates:**

September 10- Kick Off Sunday

October 1- Bishop Visit/St. Michaels Day!

November 5th- Requiem Service featuring movements from Fauré Requiem with singers from Atonement and Salem Methodist Choirs!

December 3- Lessons and Carols featuring our handbell choir, youth choirs, and adult choir

December 24- 4pm Handbells, Strings, and Youth Choir,

10pm Adult choir with Brass quintet

January 7- Epiphany Pageant

March 14- Choral Evensong

March 24-31 Holy Week and Easter Celebrations

Contact: Sara Torbeck to join the music! [storbeck@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:storbeck@stmichaelsbarrington.org)

## 75th Anniversary Happenings



Registration for the **St. Michael's Episcopal Church 75th Anniversary Gala** has now ended. We look forward to seeing everyone able to join us on Saturday evening, September 30th.



## WE NEED YOUR



### 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](mailto:peacellen123@gmail.com)

[\*For more information...\*](#)

## Upcoming Events



### ***Our Next Food Drive: This Weekend!***

St. Michael's partner in this weekend's Food Drive is Food For Greater Elgin, the second largest pantry in Kane County, which served 160,000 people in 2022-23. This organization has increased its reach and involvement in the area, serving guests on day and evening shifts (very helpful for working families), and acquired more space in which to store and deliver food as conditions worsened for area guests. FFGE spent \$36,000 to purchase food in 2020, and \$200,000 in the past year. According to a recent statistics, prices of basic food items have increased between **52-70%** in the past year, and between **1-2 million** people in Illinois have lost SNAP benefits to buy food. The combined impacts of rising food prices, overall inflation, and loss of pandemic-related aid have hit hard for many families and individuals.

[\*Click here for list of items needed by Food For Greater Elgin\*](#)

[\*Click here to read more about food insecurity\*](#)



## Communion Bread Baking Sunday, September 24 at 11:15am

It's time to replenish our stock of communion bread! Just in time for the Bishop's visit... Please join us on Sunday September 24, right after the 10:00am service in the kitchen. No experience necessary, and if you have an extra rolling pin, please bring it. Looking forward to seeing you!

Any questions? Please contact Mary Ann Seagrist at 847-212-4218 or [seagrist5@comcast.net](mailto:seagrist5@comcast.net)



## Prayer Shawl

Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, September 26, in the Library from 6-7:30pm.

Everyone is welcome! No experience necessary.



## Blessing of the Pets

October 8, 2023, 10:00 AM

Please bring your pet to the 10:00 AM service for a blessing and a delicious treat.

## Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study

"The Thirteen Apostles"

7:00-8:30pm via Zoom

September 19 - November 14; 2023 & January 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2024

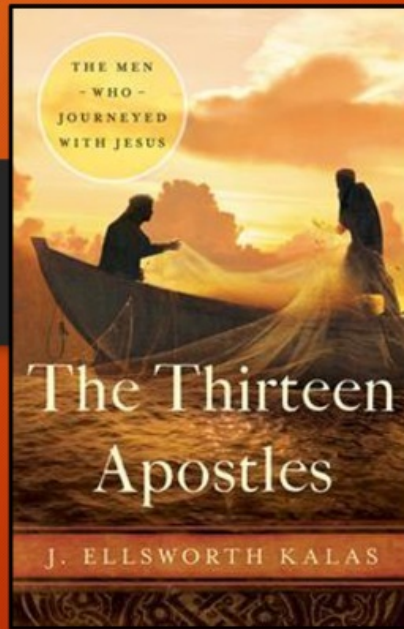
# TUESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us 7:00-8:30pm  
any or every week  
via Zoom!

**Get to Know  
13 Apostles in 13 Weeks!**

9/19/23 - 11/14/23  
1/9/24 - 1/30/24

Each stand-alone session focuses on one of Jesus' 13 apostles, including Mathias, successor of Judas Iscariot. Scripture, historical writings, prayers & traditions connect us to each apostle as a servant in ministry and a unique human being, much like ourselves!



Come pray  
and learn  
with us!

**Questions?**

Contact  
Sue Barnum  
847-401-3050  
or  
Sally Smith  
847-274-4622

All women are warmly invited to Zoom with us as we get to know more about each of Jesus' disciples. Each stand-alone session features a different disciple so you can join any or every week. "The Thirteen Apostles" author J. Ellsworth Kalas provides insights from historical writings, scripture, and prayers that add depth to understanding each apostle as a servant in ministry and a unique human being - much like ourselves! The book is available on Amazon. For details, please contact Sally Smith 847-274-4622 or Sue Barnum, 847-401-3050.



## Tuesday Morning Womens' Bible Study

Do you want to be a part of a welcoming group of women who laugh a lot, learn about the Bible together and truly support each other through thick and thin? That's the Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study. We meet every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. starting September 12th, in the Sturtz House in the spirit of friendship and to engage in searching, relevant spiritual discussion.

This fall, we will be taking a fresh and fascinating look at the stories of Jesus using the book, *Into the Mess: Reflections on the Life of Christ*, by Debi Thomas. It's a curious title, isn't it?

As Thomas puts it, "Jesus was a disrupter and a peacemaker. The stories he told were scandalous and the stories he lived changed the world. His stories are not stories of a sanitized Christ of piety and platitude, but of a Christ of complicated joys and transcendent sorrows." We'll talk about how the Gospel stories are an invitation to find the Christ who loves us in the midst of the messiness of our lives with the twists and turns, the marvelous joys, the unexpected disappointments and grief, and the mysteries of our unanswered



questions.

Come join us! All women are welcome in person or by Zoom. Books will be available for purchase at the meeting on September 12th or call us to make arrangements if you are on Zoom. For more information, please contact Nancy Seth (847) 212-2539, or Kay Lewis (847) 909-8374.

## Announcements

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped to cook, face paint, wash dishes, etc. that helped to make the September 10<sup>th</sup> Kick-Off Sunday a success. Fun was had by all who attended! Special thank goes to Donna Brooks and her family for everything they did before, during and after to make the day special for all of us.



### In the Parish Family

#### *In Loving Memory of Art Kinney*

On Sunday afternoon, Art transitioned to the next life to be with his Lord. His passing was peaceful surrounded by friends, family, and prayer. Funeral services will be held at St. Michael's on October 1, at 2pm, with a reception following at Lake Barrington Shores. May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, rest in peace. Amen.

**CROP  
HUNGER WALK**  
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



October 15, 2023 at 1pm - 41st Annual Barrington Area CROP hunger walk

Join the St. Michael's team for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual CROP Hunger Walk on Oct 15, 2023 at 1pm. We are walking through the Village of Barrington to raise awareness and funds to fight hunger. You can choose a 1-mile or 5-mile route, or you can cheer on the walkers from the front of St. Michael's and pass out water. You can also make a donation online at [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org), and then search St. Michael's under team names. Liz Gabis is our team captain and you can reach out to her with any questions ([lizgabis@mac.com](mailto:lizgabis@mac.com) ; 847-917-2920). Money raised by CROP Hunger Walks nationwide provides food, medical care, disaster relief and self-help development for needy people in our community and around the world.



## Grief Share Support Group

Grief Share Group beginning at Village Church of Barrington:

"Welcome, and thank you for your willingness to engage on a journey that will be welcoming, meaningful, and perhaps even challenging. Grief is real. We are grateful to walk beside you as you begin this healing process. You will not be alone. GriefShare ministry coaches are available to offer free support, direction, encouragement, and prayer.

Video sessions are available to view online ([griefshare.org/leaderzone/my/video](http://griefshare.org/leaderzone/my/video)) We will have a ten -to fifteen-minute actual survivor(s) of grief at each session as well. Email Calvin Dinkins at [calvin@vcbweb.org](mailto:calvin@vcbweb.org) for information."

*Read more here:*

## Grief Share Support Group

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### Birthdays

9/25 Jeffrey Phillips  
9/27 Katy Perkins  
9/27 Caroline Hille  
9/28 Edie Davis  
9/30 Brady Dern  
9/30 Doug Torbeck

### Anniversaries

9/29 Teri and Bill Doran

### In Loving Memory

9/24 Michael Barker  
9/25 Kimberly Samuel  
9/26 Edward Finley  
9/26 Ethyl Ray  
9/28 Ethel Banks  
9/29 Lindsay Hardy  
9/30 Dorothy Wright  
Art Kinney

### Prayer Requests

The Kinney family, Kathi, Danielle, Marti, David, Andy, Jeff, Marilyn and Pat, Cayden, Barb, Sadie, Cindy, Ann, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Ruth, Brian, Barb and Steve, Patty, and Amy

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