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A Note from our Rector

The Rev. Jesse Perkins

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Dear St. Michael's,

I know the last couple of months have been hard ones in our nation, and the anxiety, commercials, insults, and fear mongering have certainly affected all our hearts and souls. You can see this “disembodied” stress manifest in how we treat each other, how we treat our neighbor, how we treat the stranger- you can probably see its effects in our own mental health regardless of your political affiliation. We are not at our best. However, as our Bishop said, “So, this day after one of the most exhausting elections in the history of the United States, we are left with extreme sadness or delight, or some sense of satisfaction that this is finally over. This election has now come to an end.”

My goal today, as this election season has concluded, is to invite you to breathe deeply. Our elections are very important; they are indeed a form of prayer for the type of nation and people we aspire to be and are called to be. And yet! God is still God, and that does not depend upon any election. In fact, part of the earliest Christian's faith in God was that God transcended the Roman Emperor and the empire's power. The resurrection itself proclaims that God can and will overcome. God can overcome sin, evil, bad intentions, misdirected anger, scapegoating, false accusations, and even death. Our good news is that we are never without hope because God is not limited by us, but works through us, even as we wholeheartedly participate in the democratic process to shape our country.

And yet, God still quietly invites us to join in the great re-creation. Our work as Christians to which we are called and empowered through Baptism and the Holy Spirit remains the same today. We are brought into a new kingdom- the Kingdom of God- and given our mandate to love God and each other. For the “Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement” that is articulated best and succinctly in our Baptism Covenant. Today, we breathe, and we continue the work before us:

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

We will, with God's help.

Jesse+

LIFT



LIFT Schedule

Upcoming Events

Veterans Day



Fellow Veterans: Please join me and other vets on November 11, Veteran's Day, at 14:00 hours in the St. Michael's Library to celebrate our common heritage. We have a speaker lined up! Beverages and light snacks will be provided.

All Veterans Welcome.

Jim Tammi
USAF

We remember the past members of the Veterans group who are deceased:

Jim Carney

Bill Collins

Dick Curran

Dean Frelk

William Hannay

Art Kinney

Rollo Nasset

Guatemala Mission Trip- March 15-22



St. Michael's is going to Guatemala March 15-22, 2025, with Porch de Solomon. Would you like to learn more about the people and culture, and support a ministry who builds houses for the homeless and helps families rise out of poverty? Join us as we resume our partnership with Porch and support the great work they are doing.

Deadline for decision is October 31, and if you decide to go, please book your flights independently to arrive in Guatemala City before 2pm 3/15/25.

Teenagers may go with a parent. Cost is estimated at \$1100 airfare + \$900 food and hotel; a fundraiser is being planned to help offset food and hotel costs for the group. At present, we are sad to say there are no additional scholarship funds for this trip- if you would like to donate to help the group, contact Fr. Jesse.

Read more [here](#) about Porch de Solomon

Announcements

Crop Hunger Walk



The 42nd annual Crop Walk for Hunger took place on October 13, 2024. St. Michael's raised \$1,318.00, which contributed towards the final Barrington area fundraiser of \$47,350. The funds raised nationwide will go towards food, medical care, disaster relief and self-help development for sustainable food security for tomorrow.

Here's the link to learn more and how to get involved for 2025: www.crophungerwalk.org. Thanks to everyone for their help, participation and donations! Liz Gabis

Katy's Christmas Baskets



All families have been adopted!

Thank you to all of our sponsors for putting presents under the tree and food on the table!

Baskets are due by December 1st and can be dropped off in the St. Michael's Community Room starting November 16th. To ensure everyone receives the correct gift, please write individual family member names on each gift. All gifts should then be placed in a larger box and the family number written on all 4 sides of that box.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Llorra Wonder or Gwen Weibel:

Llorra Wonder, llkwonder18@gmail.com or
Gwen Weibel, gwen.crombie@gmail.com

This ministry honors Katy Pepper, who coordinated our Christmas basket program for many years. We remember her kindness and generosity through our parish's commitment to supporting less fortunate families during the Advent and Christmas season.

Book Group



Book Group will meet at 7 pm, Wednesday, November 20, in the church library.

The discussion of "Our Missing Hearts" by Celeste Ng, will be led by Marti Kahn. Meeting host is Annilee Quinlan.

December's meeting will be on the second Wednesday, 7 pm, December 11, at the Sturtz House.

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Birthdays

11/10 Isabelle Peltier
11/10 Carter Brett
11/11 Nella Rose Torbeck
11/12 David Brooks
11/12 Sean Tucker
11/15 Emmeline Summerfield

In Loving Memory

11/10 Max Wallach
11/11 Myra Driever
11/12 Allen Cummings
11/13 Norman Jones
11/13 Patricia Yager
11/14 Frank Kohlhase
11/15 Charles Harrington
11/16 Robert Warren

Prayer Requests

Gwynne, Catherine, Jay, Paige, John, Denney, Richard, Olivia and family, Christy, Liam and family, Karen, Emma Rose, Nancy, Christine, Sharon, Andy, Caden, Dave, Maribeth and John, Brian, Barb and Steve, and Patty.

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