



ST MICHAEL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## St. Michael's Weekly News & Updates



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## A Mother's Day Note from Father Jim Swarthout



The  
Universe  
Yet incomplete

On the sixth day GOD created her

WOMAN

And GOD said to her

I shall give to you

**A heart full of compassion**

A spirit free to fly with the birds

**A vessel to carry life into the world...**

WISDOM to know great truths

COURAGE to rise out of oppression

Strength to move mountains

Gentleness to kiss the earth

**Passion to set the world on fire**

Vision to respect the earth that bore you

A playful nature to dance with the children

**Laughter to fill the valleys**

Tears to wash the pain away

Hands for laboring and loving

INTUITION to know the unknown

**DESIRE to be that which you were created to be**

And GOD said to her

WOMAN

I HAVE CREATED YOU IN MY IMAGE AND LIKENESS

**YOU ARE GOOD**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL



Hi Sunday school friends,

Please feel free to have your child bring an item from home for the weekly children's sermon box. We will take turns making sure each child has a turn this summer.

## PRE-SCHOOL



**LITTLE ANGELS  
SUMMER CAMP**

Unleash the Fun in the Sun at  
Little Angels Summer Camp!

**Weekly themes:**

- ✓ June 8-11 Fairytales
- ✓ June 15-18 Camping in the woods
- ✓ June 22-25 God Bless America
- ✓ July 6-9 Build it - construction
- ✓ July 13-16 Under the sea
- ✓ July 20-23 Color Explosion
- ✓ July 27-30 Insect Investigators

**Registration starts March 30  
on ChildPilot**

**Payment is required at  
time of registration**

**\$75 for 2 days  
\$150 for 4 days**

**9 - 11:30  
We have the option to add  
lunch from 11:30 - 12:30**

Camp is for children 2 years old - 5 years old

## SING AND RING IN SCOTLAND

Choral Evensong tour to Aberdeen-Edinburgh Scotland, June 20-28, 2027  
**Coffee Hour Talk May 17th after 10am service**



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June 20-28, 2027**

St. Michaels is excited to partner with Music Celebrations International to coordinate a Cathedral Residency and Evensong Tour for our adult choir, children's choir, and bell choir to visit meaningful historical sites and beautiful old churches in Scotland! We will be performing several Evensongs, have a private Eucharist service on the site where our founding American Bishop, Samuel Seabury, was consecrated, visit many castles and ruins, and lead Sunday worship in the medieval Dunblane Cathedral near Edinburgh <https://share.google/vYnE1zLAJSBuHJFa>. There will be hairy cows, whiskey tasting, and much fun to be had by all! I hope you will very seriously consider joining this amazing trip. Plans are in the works to do fundraising this year to help offset some of the cost. Non-singers and singers from other churches are welcome on this pilgrimage!

I hope you will come learn more and consider ways you can help support us in prayer, attending our fundraising events to support travel scholarships, and learning more about what your St. Michael's musicians are up to, and the ways we as a church can connect to our roots and the global Episcopal Church in Scotland!

Many thanks for your support!  
Sara

**LIFT**





Jackson's Sermon

**FROM THE LIFT LEADER'S DESK**

Last Sunday was a joyous day as we celebrated Youth Sunday. The Youth participated in almost all aspects of the service, including the preaching. We're so proud of Jackson Summerfield doing a great job (at both services) as he gave a heartfelt message and a big *thank you* to the people of St. Michael's. Jackson, pictured here, writes that "St. Michael's has supported me throughout my whole life. I've seen them do that for everyone. I will remember most the amazing relationships I've made with so many different members of the congregation. I also loved being able to integrate myself into the service with my music." He is graduating from Lake Zurich High School.

(photo) Jackson Summerfield.

Also shown, along with Jackson, are the other two seniors: Shone Garcia (Barrington High School) and Vinnie Parisi. (Lake Zurich High School). They are opening their gifts from the LIFT Board - hand crosses for them to take to college with them (as they pray for exams!). Sam Weibel is pictured doing the Prayers of the People.

We have a great group of young people! Get ready to be asked to support them even further in the future by being in the *LIFT Booster Club!* Stay tuned!

Peace, Kay Lewis

**TOP GOLF RESCHEDULED**

**LIFT Top Golf outing will now be Sunday, May 31, from 12:00-2:00 (right after the service). Mark your calendars! More info to come.**



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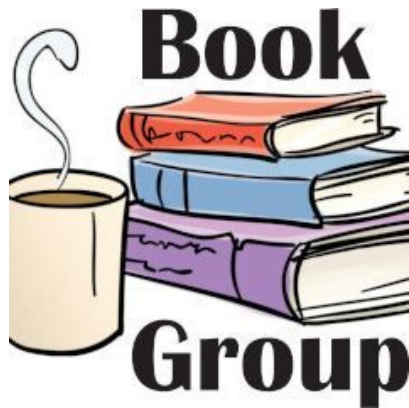
## AND ALL THE ANGELS GIFT SHOP



Visit And All the Angels gift shop for a selection of children's Bibles and books, and cuddly stuffed animals!

AATA is open Wednesdays from 11 am to 5 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 9 am to 12 noon.

## BOOK GROUP



**My Mistake** is a wry, witty, often tender memoir by a former New Yorker editor, magazine writer, and book publisher who offers great tales of his life. Kathi Frelk will lead the discussion about Daniel Menaker's book on Wednesday, May 20, at 7 pm, in the church library. We welcome new members!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

May is here - bringing with it lush greenery and blooming flowers! The longer days and warmer weather invite us all to enjoy the outdoors as we connect within our church community and embrace this season of renewal.

With the weather warming up, we will once again be enjoying coffee time on our front patio. Looking forward to seeing all of you there! Liz Gabis - Sr. Warden

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### Birthdays

5/12 Susan Beverly  
5/12 Jim Yager  
5/13 Austin Lewis  
5/14 Ann Ryba  
5/15 Rob Osmond  
5/15 Jack Shipley  
5/16 Mary Ann Seagrist

### Anniversaries

5/10 Jill and Brandt Deichmann  
5/16 Heidi and Marty Guthrie

### In Loving Memory

5/11 Jason Richardson  
5/11 George Foy  
5/12 Peter Bollenbach  
5/12 Jesse Durand  
5/12 Denise Olivia Budzisz

### Prayer Requests

Tami and family, the Budzisz family, Megan, the Shipleys, Heather, Dolores, Bonnie, Mitzi, Morgan, Paul, Clark, Braelyn, Kimberlie, Kathy, Doug, Sally, Mary, John, Teresa, Kitty, Liam and family, Nancy, Caden, Dave, Brian, Barb and Steve, and Patty, and for all whom you alone know.

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#### The Sword

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 [sword@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:sword@stmichaelsbarrington.org)

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