



# ST MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sword April 13, 2023

## St. Michael's Weekly News & Updates



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### **A Note From Our Rector**

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Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Thank you so much for a grand and holy Easter! So many of you volunteered in various ministries to make these Holy Week services meaningful, and I am grateful for your work. I am especially grateful to our altar guild, flowers, and liturgical ministers and readers, the choir and music ministries under Sara's leadership, ushers, live streaming team, and Bill and Sue Ferry and team for the Easter receptions. God was praised and glorified, our souls nourished, and our hearts energized for the Easter work we have to do in the world. Thank you!

A few quick reminders: while I know it is far away, please consider signing up to help with the 75th anniversary celebrations.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050944ABA822A3F58-stmichaels4>

Many of you are newer to our church, and we are glad you are here. You may wonder about some of the wording changes in our 10am and principle services, most notably in the Nicene Creed. St. Michael's uses the Expanded Language version of Rite 2, and you can read more about it here:

Expansive Language:

<https://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/media-resources/st-michael-s-blog/19-blog/pastors-blog/1137-a-note-from-our-rector-expansive-language>

and "Why did you change the Creed?"

<https://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/media-resources/st-michael-s-blog/19-blog/pastors-blog/1145-a-note-from-our-rector-why-did-you-change-the-creed>

That's it for a short, post-Holy Week newsletter! :)

May God bless you, and as the weather grows warmer and the trees and flowers begin to regrow, may God restore your soul as well.

Jesse+

**A Note From Our Sunday School Director**

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I was so impressed with the group of children who attended Journey Thru Holy Week on Good Friday. We had 13 children attend plus adults. It was a fabulous group, morning and event! The children were so attentive while staying focused on the lessons. Thank you to Sara and Doug for participating. The singing definitely bonded all of us in the moment. Thank you to Jill Anderson, Paula Parnamarcos, Jenifer Starr, Jonathan Galliher and all the parents for their time and help.

Then on Easter ☐ Sunday we had another amazing turn out for the Egg Hunt! We had over 30 children participating. This year we had a surprise for the children. Thanks to Mikey Anderson for the idea of a golden egg for each child. The kids had to find the egg with their name on it. This helped the game last a bit longer. Thank you to Kay Lewis and the Jr. Lift for helping set up the eggs while we were in Sunday school.



LIFT

Jr. & Sr. LIFT meets EVERY Sunday morning - 9:00 a.m. Sturtz House

LIFT Schedule

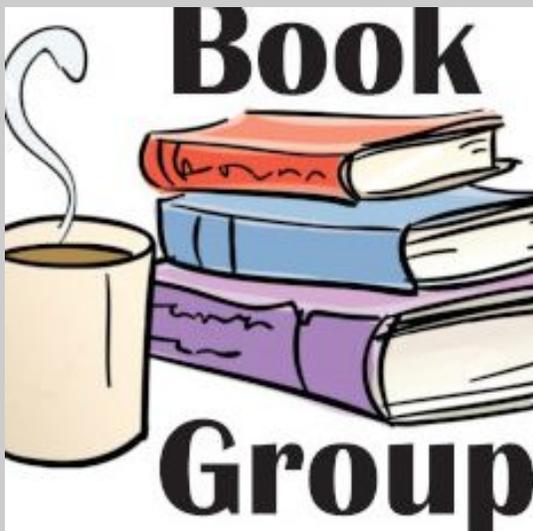
## Upcoming Events



### Communion Bread Baking Saturday, April 23, 11:15 am

Anyone interested in learning how to make communion bread, or those who already know, please join in on Sunday April 23, right after the 10:00am service in the kitchen. Due to a freezer mishap at church, we need to replenish our stock of communion bread. If you have an extra rolling pin, please bring it!

Any questions, please contact Mary Ann Seagrist at [seagrist5@comcast.net](mailto:seagrist5@comcast.net), 847-212-4218 Or Amy Hoff at [ahoff9032@gmail.com](mailto:ahoff9032@gmail.com), 281-793-4137



### Book Group

“The Island of Missing Trees” by Elif Shafak is our book selection for April. The discussion will be led by Amy Hoff.

We will meet at 7 pm, in the church library, on Wednesday, April 19.

### Youth Sunday

Join us for Youth Sunday on May 7.



## St. Michael's 75th Anniversary Lindsay Taylor, Senior Warden

I am excited to write to you all this week about 75th Anniversary festivities at St. Michael's Episcopal Church this fall! (Yaaaaay! Party! Woo!) There will be a series of events, including:

- A kickoff Sunday potluck on September 10 (fire up your Crock Pots!)
- A formal event on Saturday, September 30
- A St. Michael's Sunday after-church reception on October 1
- An annual meeting luncheon on February 4

NOTE: When this schedule was posted last week it included an error regarding the October date, the date above is correct.

These events will be sure to offer many opportunities to use your special skills and gifts to be a part of the planning and execution of these exciting celebrations. While I am sure everyone at St. Michael's will be involved, I am sharing an initial opportunity to sign up to express interest in volunteering.

If you are interested in volunteering your time and skills to making the 75th anniversary of St. Michael's the best it can be, please share your information at the following sign-up link: [St. Michael's 75 Anniversary Events Volunteers Sign-Up](#)

## Announcements

### April 13 and April 25 programs on Resurrection Hope

Please accept the invitation of Bishop Paula Clark, the **Peace and Justice Committee**, and the **Antiracism Commission** of the Diocese to participate in two diocesan-wide online discussions as a part of the "One Book, One Diocese" discussion of the book **Resurrection Hope: A Future Where Black Lives Matter** by the **Very Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas**. They will take place on Zoom:

- from 7 to 9 pm on Zoom on Thursday April 13 ( **Please register here to attend**).
- from On 7 to 9 on Tuesday April 25 ( **Please register here to attend**.)

The author, the **Very Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas** will join the April 25 discussion to speak to the Diocese of Chicago about the book.

## Welcoming Michael Murphy from CUMALI on Sunday, April 16

Michael Murphy, President of CUMALI (Chicago Urban Ministries and Life Intervention) will preach at our 8 and 10 a.m. services on April 16. Michael, a member of Holy Comforter in Kenilworth, will share the story of the crucial ministry of serving homeless residents of Lower Wacker Drive, Chicago.

Michael shared with us: "After retiring in 2009 I found myself with time on my hands and wanting to help others. A new Deacon, Sandy Rex, came to Holy Comforter. During one of his sermons he talked of a ministry called CUMALI he's involved with serving meals to the homeless in Chicago. Soon after I asked if they needed volunteers and I became involved. After a few years Sandy asked if I would lead CUMALI and I accepted. Our mission is simple, be present on Monday evenings, serve a hot meal and listen to our guests.

St. Michael's long-time parish member Jamie Hollensteiner has also been active with the CUMALI mission for over 10 years and can vouch that it is a life changing experience. [Read his December story here.](#)

The St. Michaels Outreach Team offers these presentations so that you may learn more about the partner agencies that Outreach grants support from your pledges. Are you interested in joining our group or would you like to become connected to CUMALI? Please contact: [Outreach@stmichaelsbarrington.org](mailto:Outreach@stmichaelsbarrington.org)



## Rebuilding Together: Leticia's Home in Blue Island

We are very grateful for the generous team of volunteers who will work on April 29th to

spruce up Leticia's home. For those of us who can't volunteer, there is still an important way we can be part of St. Michael's effort to support Leticia and her 3 sons--purchase supplies and gift cards for home supplies.

Items needed are queen and twin bed sheets, bath and hand towels, cleaning supplies, toiletries and storage bins. She also shops at ALDI, so gift cards are a welcome donation.

In order to have the right amount of items, please sign up on the Sign up genius link below.

If you wish to purchase via Amazon, please use the Amazon link below.

Bring your generous donations to the green wagons near the community room prior to April 23, and the volunteers will deliver to Leticia and her family on April 29.

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### **Birthdays**

4/17 Susan DeBauche  
4/18 Julianne Schultz  
4/19 Judy Heinrich  
4/20 Carol Schmidt  
4/21 Peggy Blass  
4/22 Christy Cressey

### **In Loving Memory**

4/18 Julie Manning  
4/18 Carmen Morris  
4/21 John Malmsten  
4/21 William Bradtke  
4/21 Dorothy Lick  
4/22 Mark Green  
4/22 Doris Noble  
Louis McMahan

### **Prayer Requests**

Roberta, Sadie, Janet, Barb, Leslie, the McMahan and Perkins families, Bill, Jackson, Jack, Cliff, Sharon, Allison, Maelyn, and Conner, Cindy, Art, Marilyn and Pat, Ann, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Pat, Ruth, Brian, Ted, Barb and Steve, Patty, and Amy.

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**The Sword**

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