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DEAR FAITHFUL PARISHIONERS,

*Sometimes God speaks to us, not in words, but in that sense of mystery.
Somehow we know God is involved, even if we can't talk about a specific reason.
Something happens that makes us feel closer to God.*

While I know that I am never alone in ministry, this summer has been a challenge for me to always feel that truth. I had grown very accustomed to yelling across the halls in the upstairs offices for support, camaraderie, and laughter. During a summer that has been steeped in transition, pastoral needs, and growth, I have been reawakened to the fact that we cannot do the work of ministry in isolation. And while it has been difficult, it has given me the opportunity to see that my experience is not unique. Numerous ministries of St. Michael's have been operating in isolation with the passion and leadership of the few but without the care and support of the many. As we enter into a new fall season, Ministries Coordinator Lynda Garner, the Ministries Team, and I will be paying close attention to how we can further connect and empower our ministries, and to make sure that at the foundation of everything we do, we continue Christ's ministry in the world.

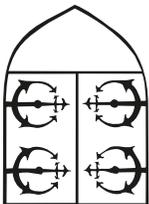
I have also learned how to better ask for help. To that end, I would like to introduce you to James Joiner. James was recently ordained to the transitional diaconate in the Diocese of North Carolina and has been working in Portland this past year as a chaplain for the VA Hospital. This summer, he has been serving St. David of Wales in the absence of their rector during her sabbatical. I signed him up in mid-July to help me behind the scenes with pastoral visits and programming. This fall, he will be more visible to the parish, preaching and serving as a deacon periodically for the morning services and continuing with formation leadership and pastoral care. His main focus will be the new 5:00 pm service that is discussed more fully on page 3 of this Messenger. I have been thinking about and wanting to start a completely new and different service for a couple of years, and when I found that James shared a passion for such an adventure, I knew it was time.

The search for a full-time, bilingual, bi-cultural assistant rector is ongoing. The job description has been posted and sent out across the country. I will be accepting interest until September 15 and will keep the parish informed of any news.

It has been a wild summer indeed, but I feel upheld by the Spirit of this place and am filled with excitement for the journey ahead.

Faithfully,

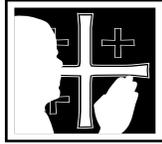
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YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR . . .

- + healing and comfort for **Gerry Wise, Sue Harper, Gerry Wilson, Juned McCauley, Rich Connor, Sarah Hauser, and Carol Beeston**
- + the repose of the soul of **Lucille Ogle**, who died on July 9, and for her family
- + the repose of the soul of **Jim Gravengaard**, who died July 29, and for his wife **June** and their family
- + in thanksgiving for the baptisms of **Esmeralda Hernandez Gutierrez, Ruby Hernandez Gutierrez**, and **Yuridia Neyzai Gomez** on June 30; **Janell Marie Blanco Aviles** on July 14; **Mia Elizabeth Qi Wonacott** on August 2; **Julia Marjean Kenny** on August 11; and **Isaias Rolando Borrayo Guinto** on August 18
- + in thanksgiving for the domestic partnership blessing of **Caroline Litzenberger** and **Jan Plog** on May 11
- + in thanksgiving for the wedding of **Jennie Street** and **Mick Seidl** on August 10 in Portland
- + in thanksgiving for the wedding of **Ryan Gillespie** and **Alicia Johnson** on August 31
- + in thanksgiving for the birth of **Diego Esteban** on August 13 and for his parents **Tonie** and **Adrian**
- + in thanksgiving for the 100th birthday on July 23 of **Irma Gedney**, who now resides in Pendleton



SPAGHETTI SAUCE INGATHERING



Our Community Meal, which happens on the last Saturday of each month and is open and free to all, is in need of spaghetti sauce to replenish its pantry. Throughout the month of September, please bring jars or cans of sauce — any size, brand, or flavor — and leave them in the church behind the altar rail to the left, in the area recently used for the collection of backpacks. Thank you for your support throughout the year.

— Georgia Leibowitz



BACKPACK PROJECT THANK-YOU

A huge thank-you to all of you who brought in school supplies and backpacks — and checks to buy more of what we were lacking — for our summer ingathering to benefit children in foster care as they get ready to start a new school year.

— Leslie Sackett

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP TEAM

As summer draws to a close and family vacations, Sundays in the park, and our summer reading and summer fun begin to end, we all once again prepare ourselves for shorter days and longer nights. We begin to change direction as we think about heading back to school, going off to college, or starting a new job or new relationship. Our lives are busy, and hopefully the change in seasons allows us to pause and collect our thoughts and take a look at where we have been and where we are going.

As we contemplate all the thoughts and ideas running through our heads, and begin to create new roadmaps for our lives, let's not forget about the roadmap we are creating together at St. Michael's.

Last year, out of our small-group gatherings we began to put together a vision of the future for our congregation. We decided we needed to fairly compensate our staff, expand our present staff positions to better serve our children, youth and young adults, and support the coordination of our volunteer and outreach efforts. To that end, we have added a part-time Associate for Ministry to Youth (Erin Hess), a part-time Associate for Ministry to Young Adults (CV Hartline), and a part-time Associate for Ministry (Lynda Garner), and we have fairly compensated our staff.

This year, in late June and into July, we gathered again and asked at scheduled small-group gatherings and through the website the following questions:

- What have you noticed about St. Michael's?
- What would you like to see more of at St. Michael's?
- What one word best describes St. Michael's to you?

Many of us noticed that we are an inclusive community with a growing Latino community, and that we seem to have more children and younger families at Sunday worship services. A majority of us would like to see more involvement in outreach efforts and better organization of our church ministries along with improved communication, and more opportunities to meet in smaller groups. Folks also shared many positive words to describe our community, including *Open, Welcoming, Vibrant, Inviting, Warm, Dynamic, Diversity, Blessed, Inclusive, Healthy, Community*.



We are all of these things and more, and we are indeed a gift from God. Our true strength comes from being the people of God. For it is in community that we grow in faith and love, and it is in community that we understand the Joy in Giving.

— Dan Bagwell, Stewardship Committee Chair

VESTRY CORNER

As always, your Vestry has been hard at work this summer, and a lot has happened since the June Messenger.

During the June meeting, the Vestry met with Jonna Alexander and reaffirmed our endorsement of Jonna's candidacy for Holy Orders with a resounding yes!

The parish picnic on July 21 was a huge success in beautiful Laurelhurst Park. It was a nice change of location, and everyone had a wonderful time. I want to thank the Vestry for their hard work setting up, assisting parishioners to the picnic site, bringing chairs, and cleaning up after the picnic. The Vestry discussed the picnic at the July meeting, including ways to improve the experience next year. Stay tuned!



At the July meeting, the Vestry approved three Endowment Fund requests:

- Scholarships for CV Hartline and Linda Russo to attend the Godly Play training *Core Teacher Training* to increase the number of Godly Play teachers available to assist on Sundays;
- Scholarships to assist 12 youth campers to attend the Latino Youth Camp;
- Honorarium funds to be given to three local presenters and the keynote speaker from New York who are leading the Immigrant Accompaniment Workshop on October 5, 2013, at St. Michael's. This workshop is sponsored by the Immigrant Welcoming Congregation Team.

Also at the July meeting, we as a Vestry committed to adhering to the Diocesan policy regarding alcohol at church events as well as offsite church-sponsored events. The Diocesan policy regarding alcohol can be found on the Vestry board together with the Vestry minutes.

One of the responsibilities as a Vestry member is to meet with the multiple ministry area leaders twice a year to check in, listen to concerns, questions and comments, and to report back to the Vestry. The Vestry then addresses any concerns or issues that arise during these meetings. During the July meeting, the Worship and Music and Pastoral Care ministry areas reported. There were many wonderful comments and questions raised during those meetings. Please see the July minutes on the Vestry board for an update on those ministry areas. The remaining ministry areas will be meeting and reporting to the Vestry before the end of August.

The Vestry is not meeting in August thanks to Chris+ graciously giving us a month of "vacation." We will resume in September and continue to work hard for the remainder of the year. Giving Back and Loving It: The 2013 Ministries Fair (formerly known as Get on Board Sunday) is coming up in September, and your Vestry and the new Ministries Team will be assisting the ministry area leaders in coordinating their presentations.

As always, all are welcome to attend a Vestry meeting; but if you have any questions, comments or concerns at any time, please contact one of your Vestry members.

— Wendi Schaener, Sr. Warden

ST. MICHAEL'S TABLE: ENTERTAINING ANGELS UNAWARE

Folks who followed Jesus in the 1st century often found themselves at table with strangers and friends to discuss their travels, troubles, and to grow in solidarity along their common path. Here at St. Michael's in our own time we're going to have the opportunity to meet at a new Sunday service time for a similar kind of fellowship. Beginning on September 8th, we'll start offering an evening service every Sunday at 5:00 pm. This service will begin with a light meal in the Parish Hall. While we are at table together, we'll have an opportunity to discuss the Gospel reading for the day and how it applies to the ways we seek to follow Jesus in our own lives. We'll have a chance to check in about what our lives of faith and doubt look like on the ground.

After the meal, we'll gather for a brief service of prayer and communion. Since we'll have just come from table conversation about what the Gospel looks like in our lives, our prayers will be informed by what we've learned from one another about the concerns each of us faces in the week to come. We'll sing some simple songs and spend some time together in blessed silence. We'll celebrate Eucharist gathered as a circle around Christ's table. Come and see for yourself. Come and listen for the ways the Spirit has been moving among us. Bring a friend. Bring someone who's never been to church before. Together we'll be nourished with strength for our common journey.

— The Rev. Dn. James Joiner

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE CHANGE



Mark your calendars for a change in the Sunday morning schedule. Our 11:00 am liturgy will move to 11:15 am starting September 8. This change will allow for a somewhat more relaxed Sunday morning schedule for our clergy and all those involved in educational and other activities for adults and children.

GIVING BACK AND LOVING IT: THE 2013 MINISTRIES FAIR

It's coming September 8! Notice the new name! This year, your Ministries Team is facilitating a celebration of the multitude of the ways we at St. Michael's serve in the world.



Every ministry area is significant and contributes mightily to God's kingdom! In that spirit we have envisioned a true Fair, one which informs and excites our congregants by sharing personal passions for and experiences of each ministry. No matter how much you are doing personally, there is immeasurable inspiration to be derived from witnessing all that your fellow community members are doing as well. Some new things to look for:

- Ministries will be "clustered" according to some common characteristics, making for a different experience of the event from years past.
- School-age children will have their own tour of the Ministries Fair as well as time to enjoy a *Carnival of Fun* outside in the courtyard
- Opportunities for varying levels of curiosity and commitment provided by your Ministries Team and Vestry members in the Gallery.

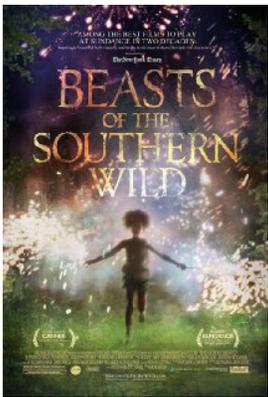
Trusting steadily in God, we continue to give of our time and talents to bring about the world we long for. Come celebrate the efforts of this community and be inspired to bring God's love to the world in myriad ways!

— Lynda Garner, Associate for Ministries

ADULT ED OFFERINGS THIS FALL

MOVIE NIGHTS AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Exploring the theme *Trust Steadily in God*, St. Michael's presents three outstanding films this fall in the Nativity Hall on Friday nights, September 13, October 11, and November 8. Movies begin promptly at 7:00 pm and will be followed by a half-hour group discussion. The first movie to look forward to is *Beasts of the Southern Wild*, nominated for Best Picture of 2012, on **Friday, September 13** (rated PG-13, 93 minutes).



Beasts of the Southern Wild is the story of six-year-old Hushpuppy, who lives with her father Wink in a community known as "The Bathtub." Immersed in devastating poverty and isolated

from the wider world by water, Hushpuppy's reality mingles with her imagination as she and those around her prepare for an apocalyptic storm with the power to destroy their homes and their way of life.

VISIT FROM SR. SIMONE CAMPBELL

The Advocacy Action Committee has been taking some time off during this beautiful Portland summer but will get down to serious business at our next meeting on September 16 to discuss our advocacy project for the Green Faith Program and to plan one or more Forums for the coming months.

Plans for Sr. Simone Campbell's visit in November are beginning to coalesce. She will make a presentation entitled *Journey of Faith - Journey of Justice* hosted by Trinity Cathedral at 7:00 pm on Saturday, November 16. On Sunday, November 17, Sr. Simone will share her insights on immigration reform at St. Michael & All Angels. A recent addition to her itinerary will be participation in a panel on economic justice and prosperity on Friday, November 15 (time and location tbd).

Sr. Simone Campbell is Executive Director of NETWORK, a Catholic nonprofit organization which lobbies Congress on issues of peace-building, immigration reform, healthcare, and economic justice. She is well known as an outspoken and courageous leader on social-justice issues and as organizer of the *Nuns on the Bus* project. She is also an attorney, poet, and dynamic public speaker.

— Alice Hardesty

EMBRACING THE PROPHETS

The Rev. Dn. James Joiner will lead a small-group opportunity to engage with Walter Brueggemann's *Embracing the Prophets* DVD and reflection on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm beginning September 24. The fee for this group is \$10 to cover the cost of the *Embracing the Prophets* workbook. This six-week study will explore the significance of the Israelite prophets on contemporary faith as well as correlating with our fall Forum series on the prophets. Leaders will include The Rev. David Perry, The Rev. Dn. James Joiner, The Rev. Chris Craun, and some surprise guests for the four-part Forumseries on the prophets taking place on Sundays at 10:10 this fall. Come and hear the stories of the Old Testament prophets. How did they understand what it means to trust steadily in God? How do their journeys influence us today?

ART GALLERY OPENING

We are a community filled with artists of extraordinary creativity and artistry. On Friday, November 1, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, the gifts and talents of our parishioners will be on display for all to see as we host our first Art Gallery opening. Artists of St. Michael's parish, including our youth, are invited to explore the art medium which speaks to them — photography, music, drawing, painting, sculpture, videography, quilting, etc. — to express what it looks like to *Trust Steadily in God*. This will be the culmination of our one-year Adult Formation theme. If you are interested in showing your work, please contact Amanda Carter-Jura at jurababy2@gmail.com before October 15th.

— The Rev. Chris Craun

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK GROUPS NEWS

MONDAY DAYTIME BOOK GROUP

The Monday Daytime Book Group welcomes new and continuing readers to join in study and fellowship. We meet bi-monthly and usually spend several months on each book, allowing time for thoughtful reading and lively discussion.

On Sept. 16 at 1:00 pm the group begins its discussion of *Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom* by John O'Donohue. The title is Gaelic for "soul-friend;" the book explores, in O'Donohue's words, the "presence and power of inner and outer friendship."

For this meeting, we will read the prologue and chapter 1, and thereafter resume our regular schedule on the first and third Mondays of each month from 1:00–2:30 pm in the Raphael Room.

— Virginia Malone

THURSDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP

St. Michael's Thursday Night Book Group, which meets once a month on the second Thursday of each month, will resume meeting on September 12 to begin discussing *Spiritual Questions for the Twenty-First Century: Essays in Honor of Joan D. Chittister*. Joan Chittister is a Benedictine nun and has been a well-respected voice regarding contemporary spirituality and church and world affairs for over 25 years.



In this book, some two dozen noted scholars, theologians and spiritual writers pay tribute to her by responding to a question she posed: "What do you think is the most important spiritual question of our time?" The responses — mostly brief essays but also a poem or two — are divided into three groups: *Nurturing Consciousness: The Personal Challenge*, *Building Community: The Ecclesial Challenge*, and *Transforming Structures: The Global Challenge*. Each section is packed with thought-provoking insights, and we will focus on just one section each time we meet over the next three months, beginning when we gather at 7:00 on September 12 in St. Michael's House. Please obtain your own copy of the book. Caroline Litzenberger will lead the discussion, and all are welcome.

— Caroline Litzenberger

WEEKLY SPANISH-ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXCHANGE

St. Michael's is hosting a weekly language exchange every Thursday, from 7:00 - 8:00 pm, beginning October 3. All are welcome to come and practice their Spanish/English speaking skills. **All proficiency levels are invited.** Come make new friends and have some fun practicing your Spanish/English languages! No registration is required; just drop in. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Susie Silva-Strommer at susieinportland@yahoo.com.

PHOTO DIRECTORY:

EXTRA DAYS ADDED, OCTOBER 4 & 5

Thank you to everyone who had their photo taken at the July and August photo sessions. Every session was completely booked! We know that some of you were out of town or unable to come in during these dates. As a result we have added some photography dates in October. These will definitely be the last dates offered before the photo directory is published.



We would like for every member of St. Michael's to be in our photo directory, so we hope that you will have your photo taken if you have not already done so. You can schedule your appointment by going to the St. Michael's website and clicking on the photo directory link. If you do not have internet access, feel free to call Susie Silva-Strommer at 503/970-1453 for assistance in scheduling an appointment. We appreciate your support in making this photo directory as comprehensive as possible.

DIRECTORIO DE FOTOS EXTRA DÍAS - OCTUBRE 4 Y 5!

Gracias a todos los que han tomado su foto en los sesiones de fotos durante julio y agosto. Cada sesión estaba completamente lleno! Sabemos que algunos de ustedes estaban fuera de la ciudad o no pudieron venir durante estas fechas. Como resultado, hemos añadido algunas fechas de fotografía en octubre. Estos sin duda serán las últimas fechas que se ofrecen antes de la publicación del directorio de fotos. Nos gustaría que todos miembros de San Miguel estén en nuestro directorio de fotos, así que esperamos que si usted no ha tenido su foto tomada que lo hará.

Puedes hacer su cita desde el sitio web de San Miguel y hacer clic en el enlace "Photo Directory". Si usted no tiene acceso a internet no dude en llamar a Susie Silva-Strommer al 503-970-1453 para obtener asistencia en la programación de una cita. Apreciamos su apoyo de hacer esta directorio de fotos el más completo posible.

— Susie Silva-Strommer

INTERCAMBIO DE INGLÉS-ESPAÑOL

San Miguel tendrá un intercambio de idiomas, cada jueves, de 7 a 8 pm, comenzando el 3 de octubre. Todos son bienvenidos a venir y practicar su español / inglés. Se invita a todos los niveles de competencia. Vengan hacer nuevos amigos y pasar un buen rato practicando su inglés/español! (No es necesario registrarse, simplemente llegan a participar.) Si tienes preguntas, contacte a Susie Silva-Strommer en susieinportland@yahoo.com.

— Susie Silva-Strommer

OUTREACH & JUSTICE MINISTRIES

A MESSAGE FROM ALAZAR

St. Michael's youth and fundraiser extraordinaire Alazar Manning reports in on his continuing efforts to raise money and awareness for AIDS prevention and to seek your sponsorship in the **Cascade AIDS Walk**, happening this year on September 22, 2013.

*Hello Friends,
Alazar here, and I'm back! More fun should be had by all at this next walk! Yes, yes, I'm fundraising again and raising awareness that HIV is totally preventable and must be stopped. My motto will remain the same this year: Be Smart. Get Tested. Have Safe Behaviors. Because of your generosity and support, we have been able to raise over \$20,000 in the last four years for the AIDS Walk.*

It's not too early to sponsor me. Please visit my blog, <http://www.ateamfund.org>, for updates. Please share this message and help me find more sponsors for my walk. It's all set up, and you can get to my CAP page right from my blog! And this year I am dedicating this walk in loving memory of Sean Sasser, my beloved friend and mentor who died recently of cancer at age 44. Please sponsor me in memory of Sean. Please walk with me in memory of Sean.

Thank you so much for your great generosity and support!
— Alazar Manning

MEET THE TESSMAN FAMILY

In partnership with Portland Homeless Family Solutions, Village Support Network and New City Initiative, St. Michael's is sponsoring the Tessman family. Our first family, the Shanks, was sponsored by Team One (Trina Parent, Carol Ward, and John Pedisich) last winter. Each team has a six-month commitment with the family they sponsor, so the assistance obligation of the first team to their family was completed in the spring.

We are excited to support this wonderful family, which includes Lynneah and Don Tessman, Adonis (8), Orion (7), Kaidence (5), and MaKenna (2). They have just moved into their new home in Fairview and are busily unpacking. We have all been struck by the tremendous resourcefulness of this family. They moved here from Arizona with all their belongings, including their cat, only to find the job for Donnie was gone when they arrived. Not to be undone, they put their belongings in storage, entered Goose Hollow Shelter and put their cat in foster care temporarily in Salem. Lynneah has returned to Phagan's School of Cosmetology, and Donnie has a job at a plastics-recycling center.

The children are energetic, loving, appreciative and ready to learn. MaKenna holds her own well with those three older brothers! The cat has just been reunited with the family, and they have already done lots of work finding resources in their new community, including school and child care.

The Tessman family housewarming is Sunday, September 22, from 2:00-5:00 pm, and all are invited. Their home is at 22751 NE Halsey, #51, in Fairview.

We are developing a list of needs and our first Action Plan is just around the corner, so stay tuned. Feel free to ask any of the following St. Michael's team members questions about how to continue our parish support: Barb Miller, Amy Geofroy, Alexander Granat, Alison Lentz, and Christine Lentz. We plan to have a Giving Tree in the Gallery soon, so keep an eye out for it. We will need you!

— Christine Lentz

IWC UPDATE (EN ESPAÑOL, PÁGINA 8)

In April, the Vestry of St. Michael's unanimously approved a Declaration stating that we are an Immigrant Welcoming Congregation. As part of the declaration, we pledged to "accompany and support immigrants and their families at their request when facing immigration-related hearings and meetings or seeking change in their immigration status." The IWC team has been working to put this statement of principle into action. For a start, we are hosting a workshop on accompaniment on October 5, 2013, from 8:30-4:30. We will be hearing from several people who have been doing this work for years, including Ravi Ragbir, organizer for the New Sanctuary Movement of New York City. All are welcome; please pick up a flier (available in the Gallery or from an IWC team member) and sign up if you are interested attending this exciting event.

IWC will be hosting a Forum on September 15 — stay tuned for more information — and working on a map project in which individuals will be able to share their immigration stories and indicate on the map their country or area of origin.

— Gillian Butler for the IWC Team

RAHAB'S SISTERS NEWS

Rahab's Sisters expanded recently to SE McLoughlin Blvd to minister to vulnerable and marginalized women there as well as on 82nd Avenue. We welcome new volunteers and invite you to look at the website at www.rahabs-sisters.org to read more about this very worthy organization and fill out a volunteer application online. Women may visit Rahab's Sisters to find out if this is a good volunteer fit for them.

At present, three women from St. Michael's are part of Team 2 at Rahab's Sisters. This is such a valuable program, and I would encourage more women from our parish to participate in it. As Team 2/Week 2 leader, St. Michael's contact, and co-volunteer coordinator, I am particularly concerned because my job is moving me to Spokane. I would like to identify a strong St. Michael's woman to take the lead for Team 2 prior my departure in October. Please contact me if you are interested in finding out more about this position.

— Leanne Carnes, frankleanne@yahoo.com

THE JOYFUL NEWS SEPTEMBER 2013

Children and Family Ministries is excited to embark on a new school year with our monthly Music Makers & Family Worship Services, Godly Play classes on Sunday mornings for children pre-k through 5th grade, and lots of parish life activities! Please note a change in Sunday morning worship times. **Starting Sunday, September 8, the 11 o'clock liturgy will begin at 11:15 am**, giving greater time for education and special events between the morning liturgies. Hurray! **Be sure to mark your calendars for September 21st when we share a Teddy Bears Picnic Potluck dinner after Music Makers and Family Worship Service!**

We have new information boards outside the Childcare Room to highlight what's happening each Sunday in Children & Families Ministry. Weekly, monthly and yearly events are also listed to help keep everyone up to date and in the loop! Information can also be found on our website, in the weekly e-blast and through St. Michael's Parents Google Group. Sign up for the Google Group outside of Childcare, or email Leslie Sackett, at leslies@stmaa.org.

September 8 Sunday, 10:10 am	Carnival of Fun for young children Blessing for children beginning school in St. Michael's Courtyard
September 15 Sunday, 10:10 am	Introduction to Godly Play for Parents & Children Lower Level classrooms
September 21 Saturday, 4:30 pm	Music Makers and Family Worship Service & Teddy Bear Picnic Potluck Nativity Hall & Parish Hall
September 22 Sunday, 10:10 am	Godly Play (Pre-K-1 st) & (2 nd - 5 th) Lower Level classrooms
September 29 Sunday, 10:10 am	St. Michael's Day Celebration! Godly Play (Pre-K-1) & (2 nd - 5 th)
October 6 Sunday, 10:10 am	Godly Play (Pre-K-1) & (2 nd - 5 th) Lower Level classrooms Celebrate St. Francis Day and Blessing of the Animals!

— Leslie Sackett, Associate for Children & Families Ministry

YOUTH GROUP FALL CALENDAR

I hope everyone has had a great summer. With school right around the corner (sorry to bring it up), youth activities are upon us. So mark your calendars and watch your email for dates, times and locations.

Sunday, September 8: 2013 Ministries Fair! We will meet in the Parish Hall and Nativity Hall at 10:10 am. Check out the Youth Group table. See upcoming events. Fill out an updated registration form. Give feedback of what you want to see this year. There may even be some yummy goodies. :)

YOUNG ADULT GROUP NEWS

HELLO, ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH FAMILY!

It's hard to believe that our summer season is winding down and our movement into fall is upon us! Our *Dessert and Discussion* times have been a great journey of exploration into liturgy, the sacraments and other aspects of Episcopal life.

I was able to go to Godly Play training at Trinity Cathedral this summer and was incredibly inspired by the form the Biblical narratives take. If you have yet to experience Godly Play, I highly recommend it!

We will be watching E.T. at Overlook Park on Sunday, September 1, Bring a blanket and some snacks to share as we enjoy *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* (cue glowing finger). Look for CV Hartline or Katie Reitel as close to the middle of the screen as possible! Our YA camping trip to Lost Lake has moved out of the "busy season" to September 20-22. Look for an Evite soon with details for our time together coming soon.

All Young Adults are encouraged to participate in the study of the Prophets during the 10:00 am Educational Hour during the fall. The journey into the prophets is always surprising as to how words written long ago are applicable today.

Alohas and Mahalos,

— CV Hartline, III, cvhartline@gmail.com, 503/473-7487

Sunday, September 15: Youth Space and *Grupo Juvenil* (both for 6th-12th grades) resume. Youth Space is a fun gathering of youth at St. Michael's House from 10:10 – 11:00 am. Come check it out for good conversation, games, and snacks. *Grupo* is another fun gathering of youth after the 1:00 pm misa service. Grab some food and meet us in the Nativity Hall.

Friday, September 20 - Sunday, September 22: These are the dates for our Fall Youth Retreat. We will be headed to Camp Collins for the weekend. You won't want to miss it, so make sure to put it on your calendar!!

Friday, October 4: First Friday returns! We will be going to a corn maze on Sauvie Island as requested by many of our youth.

Saturday, October 26: Our annual Pumpkin Pick at Sauvie Island. This is a great fundraiser for our youth fund and a lot of fun!

Sunday, October 27: Annual Pumpkin Sale. Now that we've picked the pumpkins, it's time to make some big bucks. Use your good looks and charm to sell pumpkins after each service.

Saturday, November 2: Variety Night returns!!! David Berkson has offered to help bring back a St. Michael's favorite.

— Erin Hess, Associate for Ministry with Youth



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- SEPT. 8 **Giving Back & Loving It:
The 2013 Ministries Fair
St. Michael's Table: 5:00 pm
Sunday Service**
- SEPT. 9 **Taizé Prayer Service**
- SEPT. 13 **Parish Movie Night**
- SEPT. 15 **Forum: IWC Update**
- SEPT. 20-22 **Youth Retreat at Camp Collins
Young Adult Camping Trip**
- SEPT. 21 **Music Makers & Family Worship**
- SEPT. 22 & 29 **Forums: Prophets**
- SEPT. 24 **Embracing the Prophets small-
group discussions begin**
- SEPT. 29 **St. Michael's Day**

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AND GALLERY KIOSK FOR
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
UPCOMING EVENTS.

NOTICIAS DEL IWC (SEE PAGE 6 FOR ENGLISH)

En abril, la Junta Parroquial de San Miguel aprobó por una declaración que somos una congregación que le da la bienvenida a los inmigrantes. Como parte de la declaración, nos comprometimos a “acompañar y apoyar a los inmigrantes y sus familias, que lo soliciten, cuando se enfrentan a las audiencias y reuniones relacionadas con la inmigración o que buscan un cambio en su estado de inmigración.” El equipo de IWC ha estado trabajando para poner esta declaración de principios en acción. **Para empezar, vamos a tener un taller sobre el proceso de acompañamiento el 5 de octubre de 2013 desde 8:30-04:30.** Vamos a oír de varias personas que han estado haciendo este trabajo por muchos años, incluyendo Ravi Ragbir, organizador del Nuevo Movimiento Santuario de la ciudad de Nueva York. Por favor, buscan un volante (disponible en la galería o de un miembro del equipo de IWC) y registrarse si están interesados en aprender más del proceso de acompañamiento.

IWC también está trabajando en:

* Intercambio de idiomas para aquellos interesados en practicar su español o inglés.

* Un foro el 18 de septiembre; estad atentos para más información.

* Un proyecto de mapa donde las personas podrán compartir sus historias de inmigración e indicar en el mapa de su país o región de origen.