

# SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

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Dear Faithful Parishioners,

I hope by now you have all seen the vision statement that was toiled and prayed over for a year as a community, with leadership from our Dream Weaver team. It was blessed and celebrated as part of our Pentecost feast and now sits ready to be given its legs to walk. If you have not seen it, you can find it on Page 4 of this newsletter. Copies are also available in the Gallery.

I was encouraged to look at each statement and find a specific initiative that inspired me to carry forward – just one new, measurable idea that stirred excitement in my own being to then share and create excitement within the community. I said in my sermon on June 3rd that right now is one of my favorite periods in a lifetime as an Episcopalian. Part of that is the vision and articulation of our faith that is being proclaimed by our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry. Our St. Michael's Vision Statement reads, "We embrace resilience by learning each other's stories, proclaiming the Good News of God's unconditional love, and strengthening our capacity to hope." In further discerning my initial interest and excitement, I underlined "proclaiming the Good News of God's unconditional love." And then I wrote the word EVANGELISM.

I truly feel like our unique and particular Pacific Northwest corner of the world is hungry to hear a message proclaiming love. Our Presiding Bishop is paving the way through highly publicized preaching (at the recent royal wedding), chats on *Good Morning America* and even a spoof on *Saturday Night Live*. A bit more behind the scenes, though, he is working to equip us to spread the same message. Through a partnership with the Rev. Jim Wallis, president and founder of Sojourners, and a group of colleagues, a declaration was written called *Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis* – which can be found at [reclaimingjesus.org](http://reclaimingjesus.org) – and a nine-week Bible study was created to learn how we can do our part to reclaim Jesus. During the summer, I am offering this course.

In the spirit of Moral Mondays, you are invited to join me for any or all of these nine sessions, each just one hour long. We will gather in the Parish Hall from 5:30 to 6:30 pm on these dates:

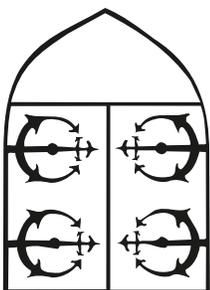
- June 11, 18 and 25
- August 13, 20 and 27
- September 10,17 and 24

From the Declaration: *Our urgent need, in a time of moral and political crisis, is to recover the power of confessing our faith. Lament, repent, and then repair. We believe it is time to speak and to act in faith and conscience, not because of politics, but because we are disciples of Jesus Christ. It is time for a fresh confession of faith.*

I hope you will join me.

Faithfully,

Rev. Christopher Craun



## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED . . .

- + for healing and comfort for **Phillip Blomberg, Dick Huneke, Penny Hummel, Caroline Litzenberger, Joan Meyerhoff, Jan Plog & Katie Reitel.**
- + for the repose of the soul of **Eleanor Macy**, who died on April 17, and for her daughter **Thrina Parent.**
- + for the repose of the soul of long-time parishioner **Carol Loe**, who died on June 13.
- + in thanksgiving for the confirmations of **Jenny Christofferson, Jacqueline Gómez, Vianey Gómez, Indra Gutierrez-Gaitán, Diana Karabut, Arisbeth Marín Cortés, Scout Mauldin, Ashley Rojas, Jennifer A. Sauno-Cruz, Stephanie V. Sauno-Cruz and Adriana Vargas Archundia**; the receptions of **Paula Raines and Kathleen Park-Lindsay**; and the reaffirmations of **Carl Braginsky, Cheryl Braginsky, Celia Carlson, Julie Ort and Jim Robbins** — all on the Feast of Pentecost, May 20.
- + in thanksgiving for the wedding on June 2 of **Laura Nichols & Matthew Snider.**
- + in thanksgiving for the XV Años on June 9 of **Kassandra García and Adriana Vargas Archundia.**
- + in thanksgiving for the young people graduating from high school this June, including **Arisbeth Cortes, Marbrisa de Luna-Espinosa, Nate Gardner, Emily Geoffroy, Nick Kallen, Alex Lindgren-Ruby, Yahaira Martinez Ponce, Roselia Perez, Pablo Rios-Cruz, Stephanie Rojas and Kristina Strommer**; and for all those graduating from any school level.

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## MONDAY BOOK GROUP + RECEPTION

In June and July, at each meeting, the Monday Book Group will be watching a 20-minute video from *Living the Questions*, a set of DVDs created by progressive Christian scholars and theologians, and then discussing the ideas presented. We decided to watch three videos that explore questions about Jesus to complement the nine-week study that Rector Chris Craun is offering on Monday evenings entitled *Reclaiming Jesus*.

In August, we hope to have a couple of potluck lunches at the homes of book group members where we can enjoy good food, beautiful gardens and share readings, poems, books, or prayers that are meaningful to us. Summer is a great time to join the group, get to know us and see whether the friendship and exchange of ideas about life and faith might enrich your life. There is always a lot of laughter going on. Everyone is welcome!

### RECEPTION FOR ALICE SCANNELL

Also, all are invited to a festive reception following the 11:00 service on Sunday, June 24, honoring Alice Scannell for her recently published book, *Radical Resilience: When There's no*

## JAMES JOINER, ASSOCIATE RECTOR

Part of my ongoing work at St. Michael's is to offer tailored and unique formation and education offerings for our community. Looking at our newly minted Vision Statement (see Page 4), I can see some of our community's desire for growing more deeply in what roots and grounds us in our part of the Christian tradition. We want especially to "honor our traditions from the creative perspective of our community." To me, that means that we learn more about the contexts from which our traditions have come, and we study and interpret them from the context we find ourselves living in now. Summertime is an opportunity to approach this kind of educational work with new techniques and perspectives, and there are a few things I hope to try out before the program year begins again in the fall.



One new offering this summer is our Hymn Spotlight. Each week, I'm choosing one of the hymns we're singing on Sunday morning and offering a brochure with tidbits of information about that hymn, including the scripture verses it references, notes about the time it was written, and reflections on the kind of theology that the hymn espouses. These brochures are available at any time in the Gallery, but between services, I'll be free to chat about the hymn for the week at coffee hour. If it's nice outside, we'll meet in the courtyard! This will be a fun way for us to learn more about the many different kinds of theology and historical perspectives we can find in our hymnal, not all of which we may agree with now.

Another educational goal of ours this summer is to offer the scripture and sermons which we hear on Sunday mornings in more digestible and accessible bites throughout the week. This will include sermon snippets and brief scripture reflections being shared to our social media accounts. If you want to be sure to see St. Michael's FaceBook posts, go to our page and under "Following" select "See First." (Otherwise posts from pages like ours typically get buried.) You can also join the FaceBook group in addition to liking the page. The group is called "St. Michael's Community," and we often cross-post important items there.

Lastly, I hope to offer a few special groups on helping us cultivate more silence in our personal and prayer lives. I'll offer at least one of these during our Church Camp in August and on another occasion around the same time here at the parish. Practices of silent and contemplative prayer have been important in our community, such as with our Centering Prayer group. The special sessions I'll be offering will give us a few tools to deepen this practice. Keep an eye out!

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*Going Back to the Way Things Were.* Come to celebrate with Alice and bring a copy of the book for her to sign. Books will also be available to purchase at the reception.

## VESTRY REPORT



Vestry Greetings! The kids will soon be out of school, and this wonderful summer can officially begin. The St. Michael's Vestry will meet in June but take July off to enjoy the summer fun. Summer is always a busy time for me with work, and I envy the teachers and kids who have the

summer off. The summer break is filled with many activities to keep us busy but recharge our souls. We are so blessed to live in the beautiful Pacific Northwest which offers countless opportunities to get out and explore. There are camps, hikes, and family vacations from the coast to the mountains awaiting us. This summer is already filled with St. Michael's activities. These upcoming events include the Pride Parade, Youth Group mission trip and Twin Rocks Church Camp. So no matter what you plan to do this summer, just get out and have fun! I hope to see you out and about exploring God's beauty.

— Blessings, Tim Shields, Senior Warden

## SUMMER MUSIC AT ST. MICHAEL'S

As the choirs of St. Michael's take the summer off, returning in September, a number of guest musicians will once again be featured in the coming months. Expect to hear flute, clarinet, violin, vocal solos and more. So far, there are flute duets by Franz Doppler and W.A. Mozart scheduled for Sunday, June 24, with Patti Evans and Brian Fairbanks, as well as flute solos from Brian on July 22. If you play an instrument and would like to share your talents on a Sunday morning this summer, contact Director of Music & Organist Hannah Brewer to discuss options.

Do you have a favorite hymn you'd love for us to sing during our Sunday morning services? Add it to our hymn list in the Gallery, which Chris, James, and Hannah will reference as they do the music planning this summer.

Here are some summer music opportunities to consider attending:

- **Saturday, June 16, at 2:00 pm** – Cascadia Chamber Ensemble (with Hannah Brewer, piano) presents a concert of piano trios by Clara Schumann, Théodore Dubois, and Dmitri Shostakovich at St. Michael's. Suggested donation of \$10-15 is not required to attend.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Hello, Friends! We're a third of the way through 2018. Here's how our operating budget looks:

Regarding income, we're holding steady. Open offerings and pledge income are a combined \$5,808 under budget. That's a slightly worse figure than what we were looking at this time last year. I would have liked to see us be at budget or a little over budget after April with the summer months coming up. If you're able to, please stay current on your 2018 pledges. It really helps us out a lot!

As far as expenses, they are right around where we would expect them to be at this point in the year. There are a few line items that are over budget but none that the Finance Committee or I are overly concerned with.

If you have questions or would like further details, please send me an email at [swart.jeffrey@gmail.com](mailto:swart.jeffrey@gmail.com), or take a look at the monthly Treasurer's Report posted in the Gallery. Thank you!

— Jeff Swart, Treasurer of the Vestry

- **Friday, June 29, at 5:30 pm** – Choral Evensong at St. Michael's presented by the Royal School of Church Music Pacific Northwest training course, including two of our own Choristers. HELP NEEDED! Please contact Hannah if you can help with the meal for the 80 RSCM participants following the service.
- **Saturday, June 30, at 7:30 pm and Sunday, July 1, at 4:30 pm** – *Vivoce in Bloom: Songs for a Golden Summer*. The ViVoce choir sings favorites from years past and offers half-price tickets to members of the St. Michael's community. Their concerts will take place in the Nave.
- **Sunday, August 19, at 5:00 pm** – Choral Evensong at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral as part of the William Byrd Festival, preceded by an organ recital by Mark Williams of Magdalen College, Oxford, at 4:15 pm. Visit [www.byrdfestival.org](http://www.byrdfestival.org) for a complete list of services, concerts, and lectures, many of which are free. St. Michael's members Ann Wetherell, Michael Hilton and Hannah Brewer are all participants in the Byrd Festival this summer.

Looking ahead to September, are you interested in possibly joining the St. Michael's Singers, who rehearse every Wednesday and every Sunday during the program year; and/or the Saints and Singers, who rehearse and sing during the 11:00 am service once a month on average; or the Choristers, who rehearse most Wednesday afternoons and sing on Sundays once a month starting in the fall? Please contact Hannah for more information.

— Hannah Brewer, Director of Music & Organist

## FINAL UPDATE FROM THE DREAM WEAVERS

The moment we've been working towards since early 2017 has arrived: St. Michael's has a new vision statement! Thank you to everyone who has been involved in the process. We estimate that community members provided input or participated in activities over 650 times, which is just fantastic.

A particular thank-you to those who gave input over Lent on the draft vision statement. The Dream Weavers carefully reviewed all your comments and adapted the vision accordingly. We hope that the final product is an accurate reflection of who we are at St. Michael's and where we want to go.

But are we done? No, the work is just beginning as our community explores the framework established by the vision statement — how we will draw upon our Episcopal roots to follow in the way of Jesus and how we will manifest joy, embrace resilience, seek justice and live in love. Our hope is that the vision statement will enrich and inform our daily living as a community and as people of faith.

My thanks go to the members of the Dream Weavers team for their creativity and commitment to this process: Gladys Alvarado, Beto Arciniega, Bruce Collins, Chris Craun, Holly Denniston, Maria McDowell, Fabian Ramirez, Lindsey Ramsey and Tim Sackett. May the tree that we've planted bear rich and beautiful fruit!

— Penny Hummel, Chair, Dream Weavers

### ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH SEEKS TO FOLLOW THE WAY OF JESUS

**WE** manifest joy through vibrant worship, beautiful music, and the active participation and nurturing of our children and youth.

**WE** embrace resilience by learning each other's stories, proclaiming the Good News of God's unconditional love, and strengthening our capacity to hope.

**WE** seek justice by advocating for political change, continuing our work as an Immigrant Welcoming Congregation, and striving to understand our role in social, economic, and racial inequality.

**WE** live in love through our Baptismal Promises to welcome and respect the dignity of every human being, care for God's creation, and engage in the ministry of Jesus to bring light, healing, and grace to our world.

**WE** are rooted as an Episcopal Church, honoring our traditions from the creative perspective of our community, learning how to engage the bilingual and multicultural makeup of our congregation, and seeking silence and stillness to glean insight from the Holy Spirit among us.

## THE JOYFUL NEWS CELEBRATING SUMMER SUNDAYS IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!

Children & Families Ministry continues all summer long with lots of time for fun and fellowship! Family Worship Service and Sunday morning Godly Play classes will return in September. As the school year comes to a close, we give special thanks for our wonderful Godly Play teachers: Christine Lentz, Margaret Lillie, Liz Nelson, Janet Robinson, Elizabeth Rouffy, Linda Russo and Andrea Woodward.

### Check out Summer Sundays at St. Michael's!

- Childcare available for the 9 & 11 o'clock liturgies and during the 10 o'clock Forums
- Children's Liturgy of the Word for young school-age children during the 9 & 11 o'clock services
- Courtyard Fun for kids at 10 o'clock or Rainy Day Games in front of the big mural downstairs
- Pop-up Music Makers class (kids of all ages welcome) Sunday, June 24, at 10:00 am
- Baptisms on July 1 for June and Sebastian
- Backpacks and school supplies collected over the summer for local children in foster care
- Backpack Packing Party on Sunday, August 19, at 10:00 am — everyone welcome!!

### DIY St. Michael's icons available in the Gallery

Why not take St. Michael with you on your travels this summer? Pick up a ready-to-be-decorated St. Michael coloring sheet in the Gallery and let the Holy Spirit inspire you! Then, pack your one-of-a kind St. Michael icon along with your sunscreen and have fun taking selfies with St. Michael and share them on our community Facebook page. Even if your family's adventures are all close to home, it's always so much fun to see where in the world St. Michael's went on summer vacation!

## GREEN TEAM UPDATE

Our Earth Day celebration of St. Michael's GreenFaith Certification and the sermon by Rev. Mark Allen inspired a petition to the Portland City Council to consider adopting an ordinance to ban single-use plastic straws and utensils. Over 60 St. Michael's members have signed the petition, which has been submitted to Mayor Wheeler and all our city commissioners.

If you are not a City of Portland resident or if you did not get a chance to sign the petition, fear not! You can still sign. Please email Peter Sergienko at [petersergienko@gmail.com](mailto:petersergienko@gmail.com), and he'll collect your signature electronically or in person and submit another batch to our city commissioners. If you are not a city resident, we will use St. Michael's address to identify you as a member of the congregation and a supporter of this initiative.

## Backpacks and School Supplies – Tangible signs of love and support

St. Michael's will once again collect new backpacks and school supplies for local children in the foster-care system beginning in late July. The supplies will be assembled and packed into the new backpacks on Sunday, August 19, at 10:10 am in the Nativity Hall. The backpacks will be delivered to the Mid-Town branch of DHS and distributed to children who otherwise will not have school supplies to begin the new school year in September. Monetary gifts can also be designated for this ministry, and we will be happy to purchase the backpacks on your behalf! Keep an eye out for sales on backpacks and school supplies that happen throughout the summer. Let's support and encourage the children in our community so they can start the new school year with the tools that will help them learn and succeed!

### Shopping list – any of these items will be greatly appreciated:

New backpack, water bottle, pencil pouch/pencil box, ruler, scissors, #2 pencils, sharpener, erasers, crayons, colored markers, colored pencils, composition notebooks, pocket folders, glue sticks, wide-ruled loose-leaf paper, spiral notebooks, hand sanitizer, boxes of tissue. Middle school lists also include yellow highlighters and graphing calculators.

Hope to see you at the Packing Party on Sunday, August 19, at 10:10 am!

— Leslie Sackett, Ministry for Children & Families

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On May 12, Deborah Romerein, a citizen volunteer with *Stop Fracked Gas PDX*, gave a compelling presentation to over 25 community members explaining the Jordan Cove Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) project and its environmental impacts. If built, the Jordan Cove LNG would be the largest emitter of greenhouse gases in Oregon. Construction of the facility and its associated pipeline would require the largest clear-cutting of forests in recent Oregon history.

At start-up, this project's emissions would increase the state's annual emissions immediately by 3.6%. Looking ahead to 2050, Jordan Cove would take up 17% of all available emissions for the entire state. Jordan Cove's lifetime emissions, conservatively estimated, would require the planting and maintenance, in perpetuity, of 2.2 million Douglas Fir trees. We need to speak out in order that the environmental costs not be ignored in the permitting process for the proposed facility.

The Green Team will continue to engage with the problems of plastics and proposed fossil fuel facilities such as Jordan Cove. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at St. Michael's. All are welcome to join us. If it is inconvenient for you to attend meetings in person, please let Peter Sergienko know. We'll make arrangements for you to join by phone or through Zoom Meeting.

— Peter Sergienko

## SENIOR MOMENTS

Each June, we like to share a little bit about some of our graduating high-school seniors. Thank you to Chris Craun and Susie Silva-Strommer for interviewing these fine young people and writing up their bios.

### MARBRISA DE LUNA-ESPINOSA



Marbrisa has been a member of St. Michael's since she was three years old! Marbrisa has been an active member of the youth group. She participated in the mission trip to Brooklyn, New York, and will be headed down to Oakland, CA, with the youth this summer for another.

Marbrisa has stayed busy at St. Michael's. Her activities here have included serving as an acolyte, participating in *Confirm Not Conform* and celebrating her quinceañera! If that wasn't enough, Marbrisa has volunteered her time to provide child care for church events. She really enjoyed attending Latino Youth Camp and Family Camp since she has gotten to know many St. Michael's members and people from other Episcopal churches as well.

Marbrisa is a graduate of Madison High School. Over the last four years, her favorite subjects have been science and weight-training. Marbrisa is going to take a gap year and work full-time in preparation for enrolling in the Fire Academy in Salem in 2019.

In her free time, Marbrisa likes to listen to music and cook. She especially enjoys cooking meat – steak and chicken being her favorite ingredients.

### ROSELIA PEREZ

Roselia has only been a member of St. Michael's for the last five years, but she has made the most of it. She has been an active member of the youth group, including participating in the last two mission trips, to the Nez Perce reservation and to Brooklyn, New York. Roselia really appreciates how inclusive St. Michael's is of everyone.



Roselia is graduating from Franklin High School with Honors, where she was a part of the JV Women's soccer team, participated for four years in the Step Up Program and Latino Club, and was a member of the Constitutional Law Team. She really enjoyed her four years at FHS and is looking forward to college next year.

### KRISTINA STROMMER

Kristina has been a member of St. Michael's since she was a baby. She was an active member of the Youth Group, completed Confirm Not Conform in 2014, celebrated her quinceañera at St. Michael's and participated in two mission trips. Kristina really appreciates the supportive community no matter which service people attend.

Kristina graduated from Franklin High School as a Valedictorian, was recognized by the State of Oregon as having earned her Seal of Biliteracy, and was honored with the Franklin Award for her contributions to Franklin High School.



While at Franklin, Kristina's interests were in the performing arts with a focus on musical theater and dance. Kristina was also a member of the Latino Club, Advanced Scholars Program, National Honor Society, and the Constitutional Law Team. In addition to studying Spanish, Kristina also studied French and was recognized by the FHS foreign language department with the honor of Most Distinguished Graduating Senior in Foreign Languages. Next fall, Kristina will be attending Dartmouth College, where she plans to major in Spanish on a pre-med track.

While not studying, Kristina has worked at KingPins for the last two years as a children's party host, a job she has enjoyed very much. She loves working with kids, and this job has given her a chance to learn skills that she could never have learned in the classroom.

In her spare time, Kristina studies dance and voice in the community. She also enjoys skiing, hanging out with her godson Jack Craun and snuggling with her dog Nita.

Roselia will be attending PCC this fall with the help of a Kaiser Permanente scholarship, the PCC Foundation Scholarship and a Future Connect Scholarship. While at PCC, she plans to earn her AA and transfer to either Linfield College or Concordia University to study nursing. Roselia's ultimate goal is to become a nurse practitioner.

In addition to studying and earning excellent grades, Roselia works two jobs, at Cinnabon and McDonalds. Roselia works to help her family with expenses and pay for things she needs as well as saving for college. Roselia recently used some of her savings to buy herself a computer, which she will need for college.

When Roselia isn't studying or working she likes to jog, read and walk her dog Luna. Roselia doesn't have a lot of spare time, so spending quality time with her family and friends is also a top priority.

### PABLO RIOS-CRUZ

Pablo has been a member of St. Michael's since he was seven years old. He started at St. Michael's as an acolyte and, when he was old enough, became a member of the youth group. Pablo participated in the St. Michael's mission trip to Brooklyn, New York, and is looking forward to participating in this summer's mission trip to San Francisco.

Pablo started high school at De La Salle North before transferring to Camas High School for his last three years. While at Camas HS, he was on the track & field team, in the DECA, a business-oriented program, and a member of the National Honor Society. In addition to his activities in school, Pablo was a volunteer in a variety of health settings, including at Legacy Emmanuel Health and Peace Health Medical Center, as well as a volunteer soccer coach. For three years, Pablo participated in *Minds Matter*, which facilitated his being able to visit Yale University and travel to France. And if this wasn't enough, with the help of the St. Michael's Endowment Fund, Pablo also participated in *Courts for Kids* in Panama.



In the fall, Pablo will be attending Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, where he is thinking about studying biochemistry with the hope of one day joining the Peace Corps. In his down time, Pablo likes to play with his three younger siblings.

### STEPHANIE ROJAS



Stephanie came to St. Michael's when she moved to Portland in middle school. She jumped right in and became active in the Latino Youth Group, attended Latino Youth Camp and, in 2016, went on the youth mission trip to Brooklyn.

Her favorite experiences at St. Michael's revolve around planning and executing celebrations like Mother's Day and Father's Day and other annual events that bring the community together.

She graduated from Madison High School, where she played a year of basketball, a year of tennis and was a member of *La Raza Unida*, which is a group that raises awareness of Latino culture and does community work. In her senior year, she served as the group's president. She also participated in *Escalera*, a college-readiness program for minorities, and *College Possible*.

This fall, she heads to Concordia University. She is excited about the small campus and proximity to home as well as the opportunity to study pre-med as she works toward her dream of becoming a pediatric surgeon.

### YAHAIRA MARTINEZ PONCE



Yahaira has been attending St. Michael's for the past six years with her family. Her first impression was that this was a really nice, inviting and connected community. She was also very excited to attend the Latino Youth Camp and has not missed a summer since her 8<sup>th</sup>-grade year. She celebrated her quinceañera at

St. Michael's and has felt a deep connection here since she started coming during her 7<sup>th</sup>-grade year.

She was part of the youth group that went to Brooklyn in 2016 and has fond memories of working with the Youth-Works leaders and connecting with kids at the community-based programs in Brooklyn. She graduated from De La Salle High School, where she played soccer for three years and was part of their internship program. Once a week, she interned at the Automobile Club of America (AAA) and now, as she heads to college, AAA has offered her a job in their human-resources department.

Yahaira is passionate about community service and loves working with kids. She enjoyed Founders Week, which allowed her to see where her teachers got their start and loved the wild mindset of the kids she had the chance to meet. Her love for community and desire to help people has led her to seek a degree in social work, and she will begin her studies at Portland State University this fall.

### ARISBETH CORTES

Arisbeth graduated from Evergreen High School in Vancouver this spring and is also graduating from a parallel program called Cascadia Tech Academy. This program allowed her to learn the basics of a nursing career and take a step towards becoming a Certified Nursing Assistant. Arisbeth doesn't want to stop there, however, and she has plans to continue her studies at Clark College this September. In two years, she hopes to transfer to Washington State University and become a registered nurse.



Arisbeth's favorite experiences at St. Michael's included the youth lock-ins and the mission trip to Brooklyn. She has consistently valued that we all get along and know how to communicate with one another. She has been attending St. Michael's her whole life since her mom started attending before she was born.

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## 2ND SATURDAY LUNCH THIS SUMMER

The Second Saturday Lunch team is taking the months of July and August off. We will resume the lunch program on September 8. We serve a good homestyle meal to an average of 60 people each second Saturday.

If this outreach program is to continue, a few more volunteers are needed to “lighten the load.” There are various ways to serve, including meal planning, shopping, cooking, dining room setup, meal service and cleanup. For more information about the 2nd Saturday Lunch program, contact David or Cher Donnell at [ddonnell@hevanet.com](mailto:ddonnell@hevanet.com) or [cdonnell@hevanet.com](mailto:cdonnell@hevanet.com)). Thank you!

## ADMIN NOTES

The church office will switch to a summer schedule as of June 18. This means that the office will be officially open Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (although there will often be someone here later than that) and closed on Friday.

In addition, please continue to be patient as we refresh and reconfigure our website, [stmaa.org](http://stmaa.org). The old site is becoming inoperable and is very out-of-date. Watch the eblast for information about upcoming activities and events as well as the Sunday bulletin announcements, which can also be accessed on the eblast if you're very occasionally not in church :).

## OUTREACH & JUSTICE COUNCIL

The Outreach & Justice Council encourages your attendance at two important events this summer. The first is happening on Sunday, June 17, when St. Michael's parishioners and friends will once again walk with fellow Episcopalians, this year with the Community of Welcoming Congregations. Our order number is 72, massing at NW 8th and Glisan. Step-off is 11:00 am, and we may not have to wait as long as usual as the number is higher than in past years. If you can't walk, come watch and cheer on the participants!



The second involves a trip to Central Oregon. If you love quilt shows, the town of Sisters hosts a huge outdoor show on July 14. During that week, Wildflower Studio in Sisters will be selling art quilts from Quilts for Empowerment, the organization dedicated to helping women suffering from abandonment due to the effects of obstetric fistula. If you want to make a road trip of it, Black Star Watercolor Gallery in Aurora and the Currents Gallery in McMinnville are also selling QFE folk-art quilts. These sales enable the organization to purchase supplies and help affected women in Kenya and their children.

— Lynn Baker & Susan Barnett, co-convenors