



The Messenger

*Saint Michael
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Episcopal Church*

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The Mystery and Wonder of God's Providence

Tim McLaughlin, Member of Vestry, Living our Faith Ministry, and Finance Committee

In the May Messenger, I had an article in which I expressed a concern about our financial situation and how the first part of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 8 really spoke to me about it. I am very pleased to let everyone know that we have had two months in a row of generous giving that not only gives us some breathing room for this year but eliminates the deficit from last year that we had been carrying forward into this year. Thanks be to God and thank you Saint Michaels!

I wish to encourage your continuing generosity because it is through everyone's support that we can continue the ministries which God is calling us to do. Picking up in 2nd Corinthians, Paul continues in this way: "7 Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. 8 I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. 9 For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich." "10 And in this matter, I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something 11 now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. 12 For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. 13 I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between 14 your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. 15 As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

This last phrase that Paul quotes is from Exodus, Chapter 16, verse 18; and the setting is when the Israelites were in the desert after fleeing slavery in Egypt. They were complaining to Moses and Aaron that they would rather be back in Egypt as slaves than to die in the desert from hunger. What happened next? God provided manna to sustain them during their wanderings. How easy it is for us in our poverty to think we don't have enough, but all too often we can feel this way even in our abundance. I confess that I fall into that way of thinking more often than I would like.

Skipping through a couple of verses we come to the point where Paul reveals the purpose of his appeal to the Corinthians: "20 We intend that no one should blame us about this generous gift that we are administering, 21 for we intend to do what is right not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of others." In the case of Saint Michaels this is the role of the vestry – to be good stewards of what we receive in order that we can do what is right in the sight of the Lord.

Paul concludes the chapter with these words of exhortation and encouragement: "24 Therefore openly before the churches, show them the proof of your love and of our reason for boasting about you." To them I add my own words; thank you so much for your financial support that has put us in a good position for the first half of the year. Please continue to provide the same level of support so that Saint Michael's can keep doing the good works God has put before us. Amen and alleluia!



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To Know, Live and Share the Love of Christ

Sundays at 10 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays at 12 p.m.

Noonday Prayer in the Chapel

Wednesday Evening at 7 p.m.

Wednesday Gathering for Group Spiritual Direction



SOS MOVING DAY

Saturday July 28 from 9am to Noon

SOS is moving its Food Stock and
shelving to a
new location!

We need a few "Good Men & Women"
to accomplish this move!

Please Help us for a few hours.. Thank You!!!
More Information...Jim Piechorowski 293-7460
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Sexton Sought

Saint Michael's is looking for a handy
individual who can work with minor
electrical needs (changing bulbs, repairing kitch-
en lights), minor plumbing repairs, and yard
work. Please see Jr. Warden Carl Tungate if
you're interested or know someone you would
recommend for this ministry.





Traveling to Participate in the General Convention of The Episcopal Church

The Rev. Matthew Cowden, Rector

This month I have the privilege of being a deputy from the Diocese of Northern Indiana to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. This will be in Austin, Texas from July 2-July 14. Every three years the governing body of the Episcopal Church meets to discuss, debate and make decisions about our faith, practice and church-wide legislation. There are eight deputies from every diocese, four clergy and four lay people. We serve as elected representatives from our diocese to the Episcopal Church's House of Deputies. With 109 dioceses we have 872 deputies but there are also some alternate deputies who sometimes attend. There's also a House of Bishops. This makes up another part of our legislative/leadership body with roughly 150-200 bishops. Add to these numbers of deputies and bishops the number of others who will be showing up in Austin for this event: event staff, loads of volunteers, liturgy planners, guest preachers, international guests, reporters, some spouses, food vendors, vestment sellers, book sellers, and even lobbyists, yes there will be those as well. This event in the life of the church will easily see over 3000 and more. I have been assigned to a legislative committee to consider possible changes or deepening approaches to our use of the Book of Common Prayer.

We will also cover big topics such as the continued inclusion of same gender marriages (some parts of the church still do not permit these rites to be performed); what kind of statement we may want to make, as a church, to Israel for its treatment of the Palestinians (this was the reason I went to the Holy Land in April, to try to be better conversant in the area for the church's conversation this summer); and, this is interesting, should we change our understanding of Sunday worship from Eucharistic centered back to Morning Prayer centered, or at least give more flexibility in how we highlight the Eucharist in our prayer book?

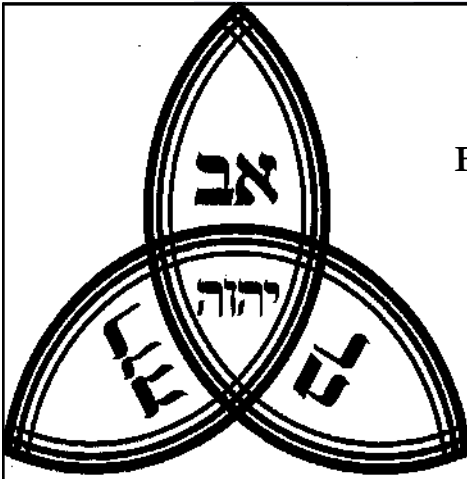
Many churches, especially many of our smaller churches, are having a hard time having access to a priest every week. By emphasizing the Morning Prayer rite for Sunday use we could have many more options for liturgical leadership every week in places where priests are scarce.

No easy answers when you get 1000+ people into deliberation. And Episcopalians can have strong views. That's why, even bigger than the Book of Common Prayer, our well ordered conversation will be guided by the Constitution and Canons which include Rules of Order for keeping all of us on track. If you ever had a debate class, this is like Robert's Rules of Order on steroids. I think the parliamentarian is the highest paid person in the room, or should be. I once saw the convention get redirected by an upset deputy who made a motion to reconsider a piece of contentious legislation that had already been defeated. The motion was in order and seconded but it required special procedures and thirty minutes of parliamentary navigation. The parliamentarian was gleeful to help us, such brainy, legal types like unusual events like this. Needless to say, we never got back to the issue that that deputy wanted us to reconsider but when the tensions and stakes were high the Rules of Order were the highest authority in the room in governing our meeting.

Please pray especially for the life and health of the Episcopal Church this month. God seems to want to continue to work through us, despite all of our human failings and struggles as a portion of the Body of Christ. Pray, as Bp Michael Curry commends us, to be the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. Pray that our loving, liberating and life-giving God may work through our General Convention.

You can follow the convention news at www.episcopalchurch.org/inside-general-convention

Ministries



You are invited
to
**Wednesday Gathering
For Group Spiritual Direction,**
with Hank Blunk, facilitator

Wednesday Evenings
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

in
The Chapel at
Saint Michael &
All Angels Church

Out for Summer Vacation till September

We provide a safe and open environment for conversation,
avoiding debate, judging, and arguing.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

We are proud to host this critical
ministry at Saint Michael's.
Meetings are held on Monday
mornings at **10 a.m.**
All meetings are for those with a
willingness to stop drinking.



Al-Anon: These meetings are for
the family members of those with
addictions. Living with a spouse or
family member or having been raised
by a parent who battled addictions has
unique challenges. Al-Anon is a safe
place to share similar experiences and
do the work of healing, learning to
manage oneself. Tuesday mornings at
9:30 a.m.

Noonday Prayers-

Every Wednesday at Noon

At noon we gather downstairs in the chapel to
pray the Noonday Prayer from the
Daily Office (BCP). This is open to
whomever would like to attend. If you
have any questions, please contact Anita
Thomas or the church office.



Midweek at Mike's is our weekly
lunch-and-fellowship event in the lower-level
Parish Hall. It is an informal opportunity to
spend time with other parishioners while
enjoying our carry-in lunches. Mid-week at
Mike's meets immediately following the weekly
Noonday Prayer Service. Join us for the service,
or if you just have time to eat, arrive
around 12:15 and enjoy a relaxing
time of prayerful
togetherness.



Service On Saturday

*Where
Guests become Friends
and
Friends become
Family.*

Come and enjoy a delicious meal,
good conversation, and great fellowship.

**This month: Saturday,
July 21st**

11:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Dessert donations are
always welcome!

This, That Whatever:

Charlene Bollman



“Samuel, come here!” And ghost Samuel did. Prophets can be intriguing.

We meet Samuel through his mother Hannah. Although once barren, God heard her prayers and a baby was born who was named Samuel which means “name of God” or “God has heard.” Keeping the promise she had made, as soon as Samuel is weaned, Hannah brings Samuel to the temple at Shiloh and he is dedicated to serve the Lord. He will never cut his hair again. Not only is Samuel from the tribe of Levi who were chosen by the Lord as fit to serve in the holy temple, but he is also was from Ephramite blood. He will serve as the high priest who is responsible for all worship in the holy tabernacle and for offering the sacrifices by which God will forgive Israel’s sins.

The young boy is taught by Eli and serves in the temple. About age 11, he hears a voice and Eli tells Samuel it isn’t his but that Samuel must obey the voice. Three times the Lord will call and finally Samuel responds to the Lord. As Samuel obeys the Lord’s voice, he establishes himself as a young prophet. This is a role the people are willing to accept.

As a youth, the Philistines steal the Ark the Covenant, kill Eli’s two sons, and defeat the Israelites. Devastated, Eli dies. Although the Philistines had been victorious, for the first seven months they experience calamities and difficulties and they decide to return the Ark. Samuel is given credit for keeping the Israeli faith and heritage alive during this period.

For the next 20 years, Samuel will play numerous roles: priest and prophet, at times found sitting under a palm tree listening and teaching before speaking as judge and then role as military leader leading his people into defeat and slaughter of the Philistines. During all these years, Samuel is faithful and obedient to the Lord and keeps his laws. Although Samuel tries to keep his people faithful to the Lord, they hear what life is like under kings and some believe this is what they want. Because the people decide they wanted a different type of governing, Samuel will be the last of the great judges. Samuel feels dejected and depressed until the Lord tells him that it is God not Samuel that the people want to get rid of. God will allow the people to have a king but God will do the selecting. While searching for his father’s donkeys, Saul meets Samuel and is told that he will be king. Although anointed as king, Saul had people who despised him right from the start. Because Saul was good in battle, he was able to convince people that he could protect them. They would learn he was doing it for his own gain.

God and Samuel both were disappointed with Saul. Saul was not faithful to God and offered pagan sacrifices. Tried as he could, Samuel could not get Saul to change. Finally God decides to have another person anointed as king. As Samuel listens to the Lord’s plan to have him leave Saul’s presence, Samuel is afraid. He knows what he is asked to do is treason. Still, Samuel obeys the Lord. He listens to God’s voice. As Samuel leaves to supposedly offer sacrifice in Bethlehem, Saul goes home to Gibeah.

The Lord instructed Samuel to go to the home of Jesse near Bethlehem. Here, again, at first the Lord doesn’t allow his real plans be known. “Jesse, you and your sons come with to the temple to offer sacrifice.” Samuel states. As the seven sons are presented to Samuel, he thinks he spots one who truly must be the chosen king—tall and handsome. He was wrong. The Lord reminds Samuel to look at a person’s heart and not their exterior. Seven sons and no choice. Finally Samuel is told there is the youngest. When he arrives, God speaks to Samuel and David is selected and anointed. The Spirit of the Lord took control of him from that day forward. David goes from being the shepherd of sheep to the shepherd of God’s people. Samuel would return to Ramah.

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1 10:00am Eucharist	2 10:00am AA 7:00pm Urban Abbey	3 9:30am Al-Anon 7:00pm Sweet Adeline's Father Matthew away at General Convention	4 12:00pm Noonday Prayer Midweek at Mike's 7:00pm Choir Practice
8 10:00am Eucharist Father Matthew away at General Convention	9 10:00am AA  6:00pm Finance Comm. Meeting	10 9:30am Al-Anon 7:00pm Sweet Adeline's	11 12:00pm Noonday Prayer Midweek at Mike's 7:00pm Choir Practice
15 10:00am Eucharist	16 10:00am AA  6:30pm Vestry Meeting	17 9:30am Al-Anon 7:00pm Sweet Adeline's 7:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting @ Christ the King Lutheran	18 12:00pm Noonday Prayer Midweek at Mike's 7:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Wednesday Gospel
22 10:00am Eucharist	23 10:00am AA	24 9:30am Al-Anon 7:00pm Sweet Adeline's	25 12:00pm Noonday Prayer Midweek at Mike's 7:00pm Choir Practice
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Day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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ayers e	26 9:00am Bulletin Folding	27	28 9:00am- 12:00pm - SOS Relocation 

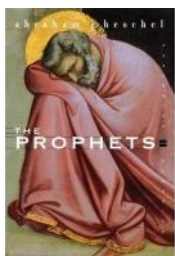
Father Matthew's sermons from Samuel 1 & 2 started me wondering! That's always a good thing. In our lives as people of the Judeo-Christian tradition there can never be too much wondering!

I wonder if calling that part of the Bible "Old Testament" may be a hindrance. My preference is "Hebrew Scripture" because those Books were Jesus' Bible and they are as much Bible for us as the Gospels or letters of Paul.



I wonder, why don't we pay more attention to Hebrew Scripture? What comes to mind is:

- Many people see Hebrew Scriptures as prelude, a backstory, and the main event is the Jesus Story. . . and think those Scriptures portray a lesser, harsh and angry god. That thought has been with the church from early days and is known as "Marcion Heresy," a misguided and misleading idea.
- Some believe the Prophets were "foreseeing" and "foretelling" the birth of Jesus. The word prophecy means "to speak for" or "speak on behalf of." In their own time and places, and in their own ways, the prophets spoke what they in their heart of hearts knew was God's will and way about relationships, injustice and suffering, about life as God intends it. It was no more popular then than it would be today! They spoke to their times insightfully and, because they did, they speak insightfully to ours as well!
- Another question is "Why doesn't God speak that way today?" A fundamentalist explanation is God does different things in different ways at different times. Way too much thinking and not nearly enough wondering, according to me! Increasingly, I am convinced that God speaks today. . . It's just that we don't listen because we think that is something akin to mental disturbance, that church and politics don't mix, that the way we are doing things must be God's way because we are who we are: successful, good people, Americans, Episcopalians. . .



This wondering took me back to Abraham Joshua Heschel, a 20th-century scholar, professor, and spiritual leader, and to his seminal book, THE PROPHETS.

Here is some of what I hear Heschel reminding us about Hebrew Scriptures:

- God has always been searching for humans, since creation, in the Garden of Eden, in the life and work of the prophets, in our time. . .
- God is not detached, remote, untouchable, but rather involved with us in every moment and event and experience, whether we know it or not. . .
- God enjoys and glories in right relationships and suffers from unjust and inhumane ways, neglect of suffering people, and in exploitation of the environment . . .
- God's Wrath is an expression of Love, not anger, intended not to punish but rather to get our attention when we are self-absorbed, unjust and inhumane, mistreating one another, ourselves, or exploiting the created order. . .

I can't help wonder at Heschel's insights . . . and notice that most of that is descriptive of Jesus of Nazareth, whom we call "Christ."

Makes me wonder whether Jesus got that from Hebrew Scriptures?

This, That Whatever: (continued from page 5)

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Do we have your complete and accurate information?

Saint Michael's uses PowerChurch, a versatile software program to keep track of our members and friends, containing addresses, phone numbers, birthdays and similar relevant information. PowerChurch enables us to do many tasks, such as produce and mail our monthly Messenger newsletter, and to print and distribute a Church Directory, and to do it more efficiently and cost-effectively. The software is critical to the church's recordkeeping and enables us to be responsive to requests for pastoral care and other important church missions.

If you have not recently updated your information with us, please take a moment to fill out the form below with any new or additional information. Also, if you are a visitor or new attendee at Saint Michael's and would like to be included in our contacts, just complete the appropriate sections below. Please turn your completed form into the office by drop it off or by mailing it to the office at your convenience.

Thanks! Andi Zavor

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Prayers of the People at Saint Michael's

Those prayed for here will remain listed for sixty days and may be renewed upon request.

Don't see your birthday or anniversary here? Want to add a section for prayers?

Please contact Deacon Cindy or call the office to have it added.

For Healing, Guidance and Strength:

Lucy Vellner
Julie Stammich
Ginny Owens & Family
Janet Lee Dow
The Dunlap Family
David Hixon
Julie Hixon
Rachel Hixon
Anita Thomas
Ted Mullett
Steve, Tracy, & Family
Kroll Family
Victoria
Pat Richey
Bob

Noah
Tracey Chemilewski
David
Irv Morse
Racine & Patia Ratliff
Earl & Becky Justice
M.T. Miller
Barbara Wilson
Bob "Lovey"
Adam Bardack
Keith Risner
Michael & Andi Zavor
Russell Rhodes

For members who are unable to join us for Sunday worship:

Marjorie Deahl
Brian Knipple
Neva Hargreaves
Rob Auer

July Anniversaries of Our Beloved Departed:

Martha Wheeler
June Wiltfong
Donald Takacs
John Kallenberg
Robert Bollman
Charles Riewe
Mary Mast
Julie Mertz
Thomas Cassidy
Robert Canary
Shane

Eugenia Lockhart
R.D. Thimlar
Bettimarie Miller
Anne Raymer
Samuel Penland



July Birthdays

2nd Finda Kamanda
8th Hunter Papai
9th Frankie Badur
10th Osinachi Ezenekwe
Daniel Pfeifer
11th Matt Carboneau
18th Sandra Konrath
19th Neva Hargreaves
Garrick Meyers
22nd Irene Singleton
Jolene Tungate
Cindy VanParys

23rd Charles Henkel
Beth Hurst
25th Mark Baxmeyer
27th Rick Switalski
28th Bobbie Thompson
Rick Wilson
29th Abigial Penland



July Anniversaries:

7th Ned & Beth North
12th Spencer & Amy Hixon
14th Daniel & Sheila Davis



For Protection for our Armed Forces and those in Foreign Service:

Erin Ford
D.W. North
Peter Kristl
Casey North
Nathan Ratliff
John Zendt

Trevor Miller
Ashlee Zendt
Morgan Severeid
Alexander Sasha Petkova
Cecily and Adam Teach

For our elected leaders:

President Donald Trump
Vice President Mike Pence
Governor Eric Holcomb
Mayor Pete Buttigieg (South Bend)
Mayor Dave Wood (Mishawaka)



Flower Sponsors for July

July 1 The Badur Family in Celebration of Frankie's Birthday

July 22 In Memory of Shannon North



Ministers of Worship

The Rev. Matthew Cowden, Rector
The Rev. Cindy VanParys, Deacon



	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
Altar Guild	Beryl & Tony Cockram	Julia Bussan Korina Mueller	Soni Smith Korina Mueller	Chuck & Janet Henkel	Jenni Dunlap Marcy Cortes Sharon Piechorowski
Acolytes	Nathan Hawkins Joshua Cowden	Alex Tungate Larissa Tungate Jolene Tungate	Katharine Swain Aidan Yoder Caleb Yoder	Toby Cortes Mia Cortes	Nathan Hawkins Joshua Cowden
LEM	Raymond Griffith Beth North	Sydia Lauer Charlene Bollman	Chris Dunlap Michael Griffith	Paul McLeod Lynne Switalski	Larry Willoughby Linda Kroll
First Proclaimer	Shelia Davis	Raymond Griffith	Soni Smith	Ren Singleton	Nanette Kreiger
Second Proclaimer	Jack Mueller	Shery Roussarie	Charlene Bollman	Larry Putt	Adrian Stackhouse
Greeters	Lenore Cassady Barb Coddens	Mark Hamilton Beth North	Sharon Piechorowski Gary Rigley	Adrian Stackhouse Bobbie Thompson	Lenore Cassady Barb Coddens
Usher	Randy VanParys Richard Lauer	Randy VanParys Rick Wilson	Randy VanParys Julie Long	Randy VanParys Rick Wilson	Randy VanParys Richard Lauer
Counters	Rick Wilson Shery Roussarie	Marc Bussan Gary Rigley	Tim McLaughlin Rick Wilson	Marc Bussan Shery Roussarie	Rick Wilson Tim McLaughlin



Coffee hour Hospitality:

Nanette Krieger
Dawn Tungate
Bobbie Thompson
Thecla Nowicki

****Updating Personal Information****

If you have moved, if your birthday or anniversary has been missed, please **CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE** or you may complete the "Church Directory" form and drop it in the **UPDATE SHEETS** basket located in the Narthex. The information will then be entered into the Power Church database system.

Backpack and Beyond

St. Michael's is again partnering with several local churches to bring the "Backpack and Beyond" event to area school children. The children will get not only a backpack and school supplies but new shoes, socks, underwear, and a winter coat. Other free resources will be on site such as vision screening, dental exams, haircuts, etc.



The event will be on **Saturday, August 11 from 10 am - 2 pm.**
Area school children are being given applications from their school's social workers during April. The first 450 students to return them, will be given entrance to the event.

St. Michael's is supporting this event by committing to raise \$1,000 to help purchase these items, as the SOS committee will not be requesting school supplies this August. Our own SOS children have been given applications to attend "Backpack and Beyond" so that they will have access to many more resources, clothes and supplies.

If you've supported our SOS children in the past with school supplies, please consider a monetary donation this summer. **Please make your check out to "St. Michael's" with "Backpack" in the memo line. We will be asking for donations through the end of July.**

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