



# Michael's Messenger

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**“Differences are not intended to separate, to alienate. We are different precisely in order to realize our need of one another.” - Desmond Tutu.**

**Sunday School:** We are re-starting our Sunday School for Children, 6 to 10 yrs. old, this week. Corri Kaweski has been coordinating this program for many years now. Our hope is to have at least four teachers who will be teaching two consecutive Sundays. That way, it would give each teacher (and a helper as needed) six weeks before her/his next rotation. This would be a year long stewardship of your time, talent and treasure till June 2017. A curriculum will be provided to all teachers. If you are offering your self to this program, you will be given a login access to the online curriculum. We hope to continue growing our Sunday School program. It is one of our tools to develop our congregation.

**Youth Ministry:** I also call on all parents and youth members of the Anglican church worshipping in our parish. We will also be re-starting our Sunday Youth fellowship this Sunday at 10am. They will meet in the Peart room. This would be a less formal meeting for our youth members. They would hang out for about 30 to 45 minutes. They would be engaged in a conversation related to the appointed gospel of the week. Then, they would re-join the congregation for Holy Communion.

I also intend to ask our youth members to be servers and readers during our Sunday Worship. Again, we need to train/retrain them for this ministry.

**Church Band:** The Church band would also start practicing soon. Shelley Novak has been coordinating this ministry for St. Michael's. We also call on members of our parish to share your talent for the music ministry. The band usually plays on the last Sunday of each month.

For more Details and information about all these activities, you can contact me at anytime. All our church programs are free of charge. We ask every member of the parish to support these activities. You are encouraged to spread the word to your friends and family. We are also open to your suggestions.

## Lessons from Geese ~ Submitted by Andy W.

**Fact 1:** As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the birds that follow. By flying in a “V” formation, the flock adds 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew alone.

**Lesson:** People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

**Fact 2:** When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of flying alone. It quickly moves back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front of it.

**Lesson:** If we have as much sense as a goose, we stay in formation with those headed where we want to go. We are willing to accept their help and give our help to others.

**Fact 3:** When the lead goose tires, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies to the point position.

**Lesson:** It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership. As with the geese, people depend on each other's skills, capabilities, and unique arrangements of gifts, talents, or resources.

**Fact 4:** The geese flying in formation honk to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

**Lesson:** We need to make sure our honking is encouraging; in groups where there is encouragement, the production is much greater. The power of encouragement (to stand by one's heart or core values and encourage the heart and core of others) is the quality of honking we seek.

**Fact 5:** When a goose gets sick, wounded, or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it dies or is able to fly again. Then they launch out with another formation or catch up with the flock.

**Lesson:** If we have as much sense as geese, we will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong.

From the *Oregon Council News*.



### **Interesting/exciting upcoming programs:**

**An Archdeaconry Consultation:** Sat., Oct 22 from 10am-12 to cover models of assessment and the Commission on Mission and Ministry Development

**Education for Ministry (lay ministry)** meets Thursday evenings at St. Andrews, Langley starting Sept. 6 (new members start Sept. 13, 3-5 pm). This is a very good tool in your Church Life. See Fr. Louie for more info.

**Equip-Empower-Engage** Junior Youth (grades 5-8) at St. Alban's Church in Burnaby. "Become a leader and help transform the Church!" Info and registration: [tinyurl.com/EquipEmpowerEngage](http://tinyurl.com/EquipEmpowerEngage) or [cbeck@vancouver.anglican.ca](mailto:cbeck@vancouver.anglican.ca) or call 604-684-6306 ext 225

**GENERAL SYNOD REPORTS:** All members of the Diocese are invited to attend a post-General Synod conversation. Two conversations are planned. Sept. 20th, 10 am to 12 noon, St. John the Baptist, Sardis. Sept. 21st, 7 - 9 pm, Synod Office. These are open meetings and all are welcome.

**An Archdeaconry Consultation,** Sat., Oct. 22 from 10 am until noon at St. Dunstan, Aldergrove, to cover models of assessment and the Commission on Mission and Ministry Development. Fr. Louie has the details. All clergy, wardens, treasurers and anyone interested are encouraged to attend.

A lady returned home from church on Sunday. When she got into the living room she was met by a robber who had broken into her house. As soon as she saw him she yelled at him "ACTS 2:38."

The robber deep in thought sat down and started thinking.

The woman called the police, the police arrived and the policeman said to the robber, "Why are you still here, how come you didn't leave?"

The robber said "I was afraid, she had an 'AX and 2 38's'"



## ADS

Anne MacLean is looking for more counters.

If you are interested in being a counter please see Anne for more information.

Corri Kaweski is looking for people to sign up to help with coffee. Please sign up on the sheet by the coffee pot



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Praise be to God the Father  
Almighty

Praise be to God who gives us our  
bread

Praise be to God the Spirit eternal

Praise be to God forever!

(sung to the tune of the *Windy* song)

## A Prayer for Everyone

Lord, keep me from being too talkative, especially keep me from expressing an opinion on everything, and stop me from jumping in to straighten out everyone.

Keep me from reciting endless detail; give me insight to get to the point.

Give me grace, Lord, to listen with patience when others describe their aches and pains, and help me to keep my lips sealed; and prevent me from sharing my own, much worse, aches and pains.

Teach me that, occasionally, I might be mistaken.

Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not pushy; independent, yet gracefully accepting favours that others wish to give me.

Free me of the notion that because I have live a few years I am wiser than most people.

If I don't like some changes that have taken place, give me the wisdom to keep my mouth shut.

You know, Lord, that when the end comes I would like to have a friend or two left.

## Upcoming Readings

### Sept 4-16th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 1  
Philemon 1:1-1:21  
Luke 14:25-33

### Sept 11-Holy Cross Sunday

Numbers 21:4b-9  
Psalm 98: 1-6  
1 Corinthians 1:18-24  
John 3:13-17

### Sept 18-18th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 3:1-6  
Psalm 119:33-40  
2 Timothy 3:14-17  
Matthew 9:9-13

### Sept 25-19th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28:10-17  
Psalm 103:19-22  
Revelation 12:7-12  
John 1:47-51

### Oct 2-20th Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4  
Psalm 37:1-9  
2 Timothy 1: 1-14  
Luke 17:5-10

### Oct 9-Thanksgiving Sunday

Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Psalm 100  
Philippians 4:4-9  
John 6:25-35

### Oct 16-22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sirach 38:1-4, 6-10 and 12-14  
Psalm 147:1-7  
2 Timothy 4:5-13  
Luke 4:14-21

### Oct 23-23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 32:1-4  
Psalm 119:89-96  
Ephesians 2:13-22  
John 15:17-27

### Oct 30-All Saints Day

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18  
Psalm 149  
Ephesians 1: 11-23  
Luke 6:20-36

