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Campfire Goodnight

by Kathryn Court,

Now as the sun sinks slowly,
And birds are going to nest,
All of the Camp Fire children, too,
Must take their rest.
Then as the fire grows fainter,
And we go into the night,
Good Great Spirit guard us
And guide our steps aright.
Now our camp fire fadeth,
Now the flame burns low.
Now all Camp Fire children
to slumber land must go.
May the peace of the lapping water,
the peace of the still starlight,
the peace of the firelit forest
be with us through the nite;
the peace of our firelit faces be with
us through the night.



**ST. MICHAEL'S
MESSENGER**
*'CELEBRATING CHRIST IN
COMMUNITY'*

April/May
/June 2011

Newsletter

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ALL SHALL BE WELL

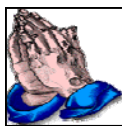
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PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- † Safe & fun holidays for all
- † Those getting married
- † Those sitting exams



FUNERALS

'Rest from their labours'

*Eleanor Mumm
Tom Pacholczak*

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

It is can be challenging to know who is in hospital. Rev. Peter would appreciate your efforts to pass on to him the names of any parishioners you may know of who are now in or going in to hospital respecting of course their confidentiality. Thank you for helping him serve our parish.



NEWLY BAPTIZED
'Child of God'

Nevaeh Johnup
Leia Desjardine
Tezni Gauley

Black book at back of church for you to enter prayers you would like offered at the services.

Lent 2011 Read the Gospel of John.

Bishop's Motto 2011

Jeremiah 29:11 'For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.'



THE RECTOR WRITES...

'Dear Parishioner':

'The future belongs to those who believe in their dreams'. **Eleanor Roosevelt**

I recall the first warm and sunny days of March after the cooler days of Winter past bringing a welcome spring to my steps as well I am sure to many others. It marks a shift not only in nature but I think in how we live each day. We start to think outside the box, the 4 walls of our homes

become possibility thinkers as the barrier of snow, ice and cold literally melts away.

As human beings I think it is important that we have hope in what is to come such as spring following winter and that means never giving up on our dreams, it's never too late, you are never too old, not smart enough, not fit enough... the excuses we make. Hope is what lifts us up, motivates us to keep going, to try again, to give more.

As Christians we are to dream and have hope in a life with God 'on earth as it is in heaven' and every time we gather for worship we come to celebrate and are reminded of that none more so than in the events of Holy Week particularly Good (God's) Friday and Easter Sunday. Good Friday and Easter reveal to us a God whose dream was made real for all to see, a dream in which we are all loved and in which we are to love one another.

Hard as it may seem when we feel hopeless God's dream made real for all to see shows us that there is always an Easter that follows a Good Friday, always hope, the positive, the good if we are open to it.

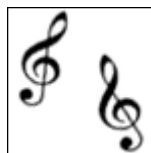
As a Parish community we also need to dream and have a vision for the future especially in these challenging times when it would be easy to hide behind the 4 walls and shut ourselves off, to stay where we are largely out of fear.

The Parish Board has been working on a set of questions entitled (Charting a course for the Future) to put to parishioners for input (**see copy enclosed in newsletter**) Parish Board members will be making appointments to visit a wide spectrum of parishioners.

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NEWS FROM THE MUSICIANS OF ST MICHAEL'S

By Janet Lortie, Organist/Choir Director



Junior Choir will be practicing every week up to Palm Sunday. April 3rd 10th & 17th in preparation for Easter Sunday service. If

there are any children who would like to join the junior Choir please come to practice starting April 3rd or leave a message for Janet at the office at 767-4711.

The Senior Choir are preparing now for a sung eucharist service on May 1st at 10:00 am. If there are singers in the parish who would like to join us come to practice at 6:30 Thursday except for April 21st.

You may also leave a message Janet 344-4782 or Church office at 767-4711

Deanery of Thunder Bay Communications Committee

Needed a representative to participate on this committee from St. Michaels . If you are interested, or want to know more speak to Rev'd Peter.

ST.MICHAELS ACW

(Anglican Church Women)

Tuesday, April 5th, 2011 1:30pm Guest Speaker on Organ Donation
April 9th, 2011 Poverty in Thunder Bay group meeting at Hilldale Lutheran

Church starting at 10:00 am

Thursday April 28th 10am Spring Deanery Meeting at St. Michaels

Tuesday May 3rd 1:30pm prepare and decorate for Mother's Day theme

(Coffee and Conversation on Wed May 4th 1-3pm)

ACW Annual in Sudbury May 30th, 31st and June 1st,

Tuesday June 7th, 2011 Lunch at the Prince Arthur starting at 12:00 noon

Wednesday June 15th Coffee and Conversation 1-3pm

July and August 2011 **no meetings**

CAMP GITCHIGOMEE 2011 'ONE IN SPIRIT, FUN AND LOVE'

Information and registration is now available from the back of church and especially the Camp Gitchigomee Board in the Hall.

- Youth Weekend** **Ages 14-24** **May 20th — 22nd, \$55**
- Senior Camp** **Ages 13-15** **July 3rd — 9th, \$185**
- Junior Camp** **Ages 7-9** **July 10th—16, \$185**
- Intermediate Camp** **Ages 10-12** **July 17th—23th, \$185**

It all happens at beautiful Sandstone Lake. Speak to our Parish Camp Gitchigomee representatives Stacey Woods or Liz Smyth or go to www.campgitchigomee.ca for more information and how to register. There are bursaries available.

An experience to remember!

The Annual Blessing of the Fleet - This has become an annual event bringing the community together and showing the church active in the wider community. **Date and location to be determined in the next short while.** For vessel instructions, and further information, please visit www.missiontoseafarers.ca/thunderbay

or contact Rev'd Ed Swayze (344-8241).



**PARISH PICNIC GAMMONDALE FARM
SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH, 2011 2:00—5:30 PM**

Bring a Salad or Dessert, yourself and friends.



Fun for children and relaxation for adults.

**Cost \$5.00 per person (under 3 free)
Please give money to Donna at the Parish Office
or Stacey Livitski, the Nursery Co-ordinator.**



Rector Writes cont' from page 2

Parish groups are being encouraged to discuss it, there will be copies available for anyone at the back of church. Please give the questions & your answers prayerful consideration as we seek God's guidance for the future, the next 3-5 years and beyond. Please return them to the box at the back of church, the office or in an envelope on the offering plate by June 1st, 2011. The information will then be collected and presented to the parish in the Fall. Blessing & Peace to you and yours this Holy Season.

Peter (Rev)



**PARISH SPRING YARD
CLEAN UP**
**Wednesday, May 11th, 2011 at
6:30 pm**
St. Michael's Church grounds.
(weather permitting)
Bring a rake, gloves, black or paper bags.
A little help goes a long way!

Diocesan Synod 2011

May 5-7th Sault Ste Marie

Every 2 years clergy and the Synod Delegates elected from each parish in the diocese meet to share ideas, discuss issues, make decisions & socialize. The Synod delegates for St. Michaels are Sandra Drindak, Sue Simonsen & Angela Woods. If you have something you would like brought forward speak to them. A report following Synod will be presented to the parish.

Sunday June 5th 2011 10am Divine Service

We will be joined at the service by members of the Masonic Order who will participate in the worship. The focus will be on living by example and supporting each other in doing so.

CONFIRMATION 2011

Bishop Stephen Andrews will lead this service at St. Michaels on **Friday 3rd June 7:30pm** with reception in the parish hall to follow. Those confirming their commitment to the Christian way of life have been participating in a course called 'The Great Adventure' with 5 themes Jesus, God, Belonging, Christian Living & the Church since January 2011. They are Ronald Simpson, Michaela Turner, Tannor Steudle, Kellen Steudle, Regan Swerhun, Benjamin Baker. & Jasmine Beaver. I am asking you to come and show support for them at the service but also in the weeks prior to pray for them. Rev Peter



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MOVING

Please consider passing on any change of address, telephone numbers, emails to Donna in the Parish Office so we can keep our information up-to-date & keep in touch with you.
Thank you



A reminder that at St. Michaels we recycle pop/beer cans as part of a fundraiser.



Thank you to those who use the can crate outside, on the south side of the church. Future generations will thank us.

DEW DROP INN



Meeting real need in our local community. A group of parishioners from St. Michael's cooks and prepares a meal on the **2nd Thursday of each month**. They can feed up to 300 people of all ages and stages. It is a very loving and rewarding way to support others.

If you are interested in helping those from St. Michael's or know those who would, **please speak to Joan Kyle at the Sunday 8:30 am service; Eleanor Watts at the 10:00 am service, or contact Donna in the Parish Office at 767-4711.** Help make a difference. Information about the Dew Drop Inn is also at the back of church.

St Michael's and All Angels Anglican Church
Invites you to

Beef on a Bun & Family Fun!



Saturday, May 14, 2011
Church Hall
675 Red River Road
Supper 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.



Beef on a Bun
Salad
Dessert
Tea – Coffee – Juice



After supper please stay and enjoy the activities of Card Games (Euchre –Cribbage—Bid Euchre & various board games) And movies for the Children

&

SILENT AUCTION

Donations of items for the auction are greatly appreciated



Tickets

Adults \$10.00 (\$12.00 at the door)
Children \$5.00 (under 12)

Available from any Parish Team Leadership Board Member, or Church Office For more information or require transportation please contact the church office at 767-4711 (mornings) or Barb Fontaine, Rector's Warden 344-8607 (evenings)



In support of St Michael and All Angels Anglican Church General Operating Fund

Thank you



S.T.E.P.S.

Spring is here! and the children are preparing for the ***Easter Sunday All Ages Service (April 24)***. The current educational rotation is called, "The Road to Jerusalem". During the four weeks leading up to Easter the children will follow Jesus on his journey to the cross and the resurrection.

After Easter we will begin our final educational rotation – "The Prodigal Son". Our focus during the final rotation is on family and relationships and belonging. Also within the last two months of S.T.E.P.S. we will be celebrating ***Mother's Day*** with a special tea that the children will prepare for the Gathering Time after the ***10:00 a.m. service on May 8, 2011 – All are Welcome!*** In recognition of our older S.T.E.P.S. children and Rite 13 children we will be celebrating their graduation from the respective programs. ***If you are going up into Rite 13 in the Fall please join us on May 15, 2011.*** Finally, the S.T.E.P.S. '***Wrap-Up Sunday***' will be on ***June 12, 2011***...the same day as the Spring St. Michael and All Angels Church Picnic!!! So prepare yourself for a day of fun and friendship!!!

GROUP STUDY WITH THE REV. MARGARET LUCAS

'Saving Jesus' DVD and web-based small group study. 12 week course of 1.5 hrs each. **Thursday's 7-30p.m. in St Michaels siderooms downstairs.** Exploring a credible Jesus for the 3rd millennium Led by the Rev'd Margaret Lucas **Cost \$20**



EASTER FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to donate Easter Flowers may do so by placing an envelope on the collection plate, or by bringing it to the church office. Please print the name(s) in whose memory the flowers are given, and your envelope number. The flower list has to be printed ahead of time so it is very important that you get the names in no later than **Friday, April 15th.**

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2011

Sunday, April 17th Palm Sunday (Palm crosses given out at each service)

8:30 am Communion

10:00 am—Palm Procession—recalling Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Tuesday April 19th 7 p.m. St. John's Anglican Church (Pearl) **Joint Anglican & Lutheran Service Celebrating 10 years in Communion.**

Maundy Thursday, April 21st

10:00 am—Hopy Communion

5:30 pm –Potluck Supper in the hall then we will proceed upstairs for the 7:00 pm service We recall Jesus' '**Last Supper**' with his disciples before his death and the command to love one another.

Good Friday, April 22nd

10:30 am—All Age Service

2:00 pm—Devotional Hour

Easter Sunday, April 24th

7:30 am Sunrise Service at Hillcrest Park (North End)

8:30 am Communion

10:00 am Communion



**PARISH
VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION**
SUNDAY, May 1st
8:30 am & 10:00
am Services

Time in and after the service will be given to saying, 'THANK YOU' for all you do at St. Michael's and in the wider community using your time, talent and treasure.

**ST. MICHAELS FELLOW-
SHIP MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Saturday, April 9th 2011
Frank Gerry talking
about the Thunder Bay
museum and its history
8:30am to 10am.
ALL MEN WELCOME.



VESTRY 2011 FEBRUARY

At the annual meeting a number of things were discussed and decided upon:

- † The church roof tiles need replaced with 3quotes to be obtained by the Wardens.
- † The work to the Parking Lot door way needs to be completed.
- † Support was given for Sue Simonsen, Joyce Primmer, Irene Wyrozub & Brianna Locke to remain as Parish Lay Readers. Sandra Drindak is remaining as Treasurer & Trudy Berzowski as Assistant for the coming year.
- † After receiving many suggestions as to what to do with the \$114,000 from the sale of the 2 rental houses a committee put to the Vestry 4 suggestions. People expressed a preference for B- Install Solar Panels on Roof and C-Re-invest: initial amount \$75,000 Capital Projects: \$ 29,000 and Programs: \$10,000(\$2,000 per year for 5 years) . Those interested in Solar Panels who would be willing to do some research please speak to Rev. Peter or a Warden. A decision to proceed with a suggestion will require a Special Vestry Meeting.
- † The Motion 'Vestry approved, on principle construction of a passenger elevator at St. Michaels' Moved by Debby deBakker & seconded by Lyn Aldrich is Carried.



**ST. MICHAEL'S ANNUAL PARISH
COMMUNITY TRUNK SALE**
SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH 2011
ST. MICHAEL'S PARKING LOT
9:00 AM—12:00 PM

Sell Plants, Garden items,
Clothing, Household items
Be Creative!
Donations of your sale proceeds
are 100% tax deductible!

**SIGN UP AT THE BACK OF
CHURCH**
Wendy Locke 767-3831

NEWSLETTER ONLINE!

Save Paper and Work!
Contact Donna the Parish
Secretary, if you are
Interested!

Email: stmichaelsch@tbaytel.net



GETTING CONNECTED

To find out more about what is going on in the parishes and wider Anglican church in our Diocese, go to:

deanery_net_word@tbaytel.net

and ask Debby deBakker to add your name to the distribution list.



Financial Information	Operating	Designated
Budget to end of February	\$34,789	\$4,117
Actual received	\$30,771	\$1,835
Shortfall	\$ 4,016	\$2,282

Note: It takes approximately \$640 per day to operate the church. Please come out and support all parish events. Some have said that most of the suppers that we put on are like cooking for one big happy family! With everyone pitching in and doing a small part it makes it so much easier for everyone and enjoyable for all.

We have one major capital project that needs to be addressed this year, our roof. We are researching prices for repairs and finding an expert to assist with determining what will be required. Again, if you have any ideas you want to share regarding this project or would like to assist please contact the Wardens or Rector.



**HAVE YOU GOT A NEW
FUNDRAISING IDEA? IF
SO, PLEASE CONTACT
THE WARDENS OR THE
RECTOR AND SHARE
THEM!! MEETING OUR
FINANCIAL OBLIGA-
TIONS TOGETHER**