

THE SUNDAY TRUMPET

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday Worship at St. Michael's

The St. Michael's family invites you to join us as we worship, work, sing, laugh, cry, admit our sin, and experience forgiveness and healing in the fellowship of Christ.

Worship with Holy Eucharist at 7:45am and 10am; Evening prayer at 6pm.

Receiving Communion

All persons desiring to lead a new life in Christ are welcome to receive Communion. For Blessings simply cross your arms over your chest. For gluten free wafers ask your bread minister.

Prayers for Healing

Prayer Team members are available at the Prayer Desk during Communion and after the services.

Altar Flowers

This week's flowers were donated by Barbara and Con Rusling for their anniversary and for Jennifer Rusling's birthday. Please contact **Brin** for more information if you'd like to donate.

Transitions for the coming fall:

On behalf of the Vestry and Staff we share with you the following letter from Anthony Orona. We are grateful for Anthony's time with us and for the great ministry he served with our students and families. He will be missed by all of us. We are already at work talking with possible interim youth ministers about helping us out after Anthony leaves, so stay tuned for more information. We will celebrate Anthony's ministry and wish him well in his new career path on Sunday, August 27th.

Dear parishioners,

It is with mixed emotions that I announce my time as a staff member at St. Michael's is coming to a close. I have accepted a position working for Austin Interfaith as a Special Projects Coordinator. AIF partners with churches, synagogues, mosques, workers unions, school districts and more to organize coalitions of community leaders around initiatives and new programs important to their communities. They then lobby for legislation, policy, and funding at the Capitol. Public policy has long been an interest of mine. However, recently I have felt called to help evolve the tone of our political conversation. AIF is a bi-partisan organization that looks for solutions on all sides of the political spectrum. While I am sad I will no longer be doing full-time ministry, I look forward to the new direction of my career.

St. Michael's is a special place with many special people. It has been an honor working with our students and families and I hope to continue fostering those friendships even as I depart our staff. I want to thank our wonderful vestry and staff for the opportunities they have provided me during the last year and a half. I respect Robby, Peter, Brin, Lesley, Margo, and Lisa more than words can say. All of you have made an immense impact on my life. My last Sunday will be August 27th. I will continue to keep St. Michael's in my prayers and close to my heart. I know our paths will cross again in the future.

Peace and blessings - **Anthony**

Scripture Readings for Today

First Reading -Genesis 28:10-19a; Second Reading -Romans 8:12-25 Gospel -Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Weekly Prayer Services

Morning Prayer

Tuesdays at 9am in the Worship Space. For more information contact Rev. Brin or Lesley.

Centering Prayer

Tuesday evenings at 6pm in the side chapel. For more information contact Phyllis Blee, (phyllis.blees@gmail.com).

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What's Going On Today

Sermon Series: How to Read the Bible: An Introduction for Beginners, Skeptics, and Spiritual Nomads

In the final sermon of the series, "Wondering About the Bible: A Book of Answers or a Book of Questions?", Rev. Brin will preach about what questions we might bring to the Bible and the benefits of reading the Bible from a place of wonder. Find the other sermons on our Facebook page (<http://facebook.com/st.michaels.austin>) under the 'Videos' tab.

Today's Sunday Roundtable at 9:15am is with Phillip Boone as he discusses Integrity and the LGBTQ community of faith.

Upcoming Roundtables: Race in the Gospel of John (Andrew Benko) - July 30; Outreach ministry (also Taco Sunday after the 10am service) (Caroline Kibler) - Aug. 6; Faith in the workplace (Andy Hines) - Aug 13; Lesley Margerrison on her walkabout pilgrimage - Aug. 20; Game Over? Faith as a storytelling device in video games (Will Harrison) - Aug. 27.

Announcements and Events

Do Want to Go Deeper in Your Faith?

If you are interested in joining with a small group of people wanting to go deeper in their faith with each other while exploring the Bible and discussing how to live as a person of faith, then a St. Michael's Small Group might be just the thing. We are still working out the details, but we hope to start in the fall. If you are interested, please fill out this brief online form (<https://goo.gl/forms/WWr08Q0uArMbdCX83>), or sign up near the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Weekly Brown-Bag Bible Study

Bring your lunch and join us on Tuesday afternoons in the fall for this lectionary-based Bible Study. We will meet from 12-1pm in Room 8, beginning on September 12. Please contact **Rev. Brin** for more information.

Open Arms Integrity Austin panel on July 29, 2-4pm in the Parish Hall. Members of the LGBTQ community will share their walk with faith, where it has taken them and the path that each one is on. There will be a panel talk and then each panelist will move to a table and answer any questions that you may have.

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Financial Peace University is a 9-week program, created by best-selling author and radio show host Dave Ramsey, offered mostly by churches to help congregation members pay off debt, create a budget, save for emergencies and build toward tithing 10 percent. More than 5 million families have attended Financial Peace University since 1994. The average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 in the first three months. Courses will be held starting Wednesday nights 7pm at SMC in Room 8 starting August 30. Sign up here: <https://fpu.com/1043945>

Neighbor to Neighbor is an outreach ministry of St. James Episcopal Church that St. Michael's has supported in many ways over the years. We have provided school supplies, Christmas parties and presents, HEB gift cards, clothing, diapers, and organic vegetables. Please help N2N this month with your donations of money for HEB gift cards, by working in St. Michael's garden to provide organic vegetables, delivering our fresh produce to St. James, or by donating diapers, feminine products, paper towels, toilet paper, and laundry pods. Look for the donation basket in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Reid at reid.gail@gmail.com or 512 925-4220.

St. Michaels Pastoral Care Team

Our Associate Rector, Brin Bon, our Deacon, Sherry Williams, and one of our parishioners who is also a Hospital Chaplain, Barbara Rusling, are available to pray with you during times of illness, hospitalization, loss, or personal crises. If you find yourself in need or are anticipating a surgery or hospitalization, please contact one of us so we can coordinate a visit with you. Know that a eucharistic minister is available to bring bread and wine from the Sunday Eucharist to those who are homebound? You may contact Brin, Sherry, or Barbara (512-925-3043 or brusling@sbcglobal.net) when you have a request for a Eucharistic Visitor.

A thanks for those that attended the Congregation Visioning Event

The staff and clergy wishes to extend thanks to everyone who was able to be at the Congregation Visioning Event last Sunday. Having the input and thoughts of the congregation as a whole is an important step moving forward and we're glad we could foster a sense of openness during this time of transition.

Christian Formation and Education for the Summer at 9am

All **6th-12th** graders are invited to join Student Ministries for our 24 Hours of Fun **August 4th-5th**. We will meet at St. Michael's at 12 pm on **August 4th**. Pick up will be at BlazerTag (**1701 W. Ben White Blvd.**) on Saturday, August 5th. The cost is \$50. For more information contact **Anthony**.

Children's Sunday School in the Education Wing. Our Summer program for children, preschool through 5th grade, takes place in room 2. We explore some of our more familiar Bible stories in a relaxed and fun way, incorporating the most popular part of our regular program - snack and games! Each week is a stand alone session so join us whenever you are in town.

Children's Chapel during the 10am service All children pre-school through 5th grade are invited to take part in our new chapel program. Everyone will begin in church together then, during the 'Song of Praise', those children who want to take part will have their own worship service in the Brides room. Chapel will follow the liturgy of the day with readings, prayers, and music and will help the children become familiar with our Episcopal Worship service. We will rejoin families in church at the Passing of the Peace, before Communion.

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Nursery care 7:45am to 11:30am in the Education wing for infants to three years old; staffed by professional, Safeguarding God’s Children certified nannies.

Summer Schedule

7:45am Worship with Holy Eucharist; **8:30am** Simple Breakfast; **9am** Education Hour; **10am** Worship with Holy Eucharist (w/Children’s Worship in Chapel/Bride’s Room); **6pm** Evening Prayer

St. Michael’s Outreach Commission

St. Michael’s Outreach Commission is comprised of parishioners who oversee parish outreach efforts in the community and the world in accordance with Jesus’ commandment to love God and love neighbor. **Calan**

Thurow has volunteered to serve as Chair of St. Michael’s Outreach Commission. The Commission generally will meet four times a year on a Saturday morning for an hour and a half. The first meeting of the Commission is scheduled for **Saturday, August 26**. If you would like to serve on the Outreach Commission, please send **Calan** (calan.thurow@gmail.com) and **Sherry** an email, noting your desire to serve on the Commission and your particular area(s) of interest in Outreach Ministry at St. Michael’s.

Parting Shots - Photos from the St. Michael’s Community



Anthony and intern Tess Gee (far left) with the youth ministry mission group in Houston this past week.

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