

THE TRUMPET

Your gateway to all things St. Michael's

JANUARY 19, 2020 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



Dear St. Michael's family,

Our Annual Meeting is just around the corner; you are most cordially invited to participate in this important gathering. These meetings often elicit moans and groans around any given church community, even if they're tongue-in-cheek, at least in my experience in Austin and in Iowa. But what Jesus says in Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them," holds true here even if discussion revolves around the business of the church—budgets, electing vestry, and such—rather than around prayer and praise. You are witnesses and workers who are very much the heart of St. Michael's. Abide in this space, for an hour, before or after you worship, and be present for a conversation about the logistics of 2020 for St. Michael's. Perhaps you'll have something that needs to be said. We'll have refreshments and be in fellowship with each other. See you then!

In the January 26 Trumpet, we'll share photos and bios of those who are standing for election for vestry.

Have a prayerful and playful week,

Christine Havens
Assistant for Administration & Communication

NEWS THIS WEEK

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MLK DAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 20 The church office will be closed on Monday, January 20 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. national holiday Regular hours, which are Monday-Thursday, 9am-4pm, will resume on Tuesday, January 21.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! MINERVA'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD On Friday, January 31, at 7:00 pm, our curate, the Rev. Minerva Camarena Skeith, will become a priest here in our sanctuary. All are welcome to this celebration of new life in the church. St. Michael's has not had an ordination in this space in a very long time. The Episcopal Services in which bishops, deacons, or priests, become ordained ministers, are truly moving occasions and fairly unique in the life of a church or the Church. Minerva and the staff would love to see you all there; wear red (it's the proper liturgical color for ordinations)!

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (DOK) MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 The St. Michael's Chapter of the Daughters of the King will meet on Sunday, January 19, from 10:10 am to 10:50 am in the curate's (Minerva's) office. Current Daughters as well as anyone interested in learning more about the DOK are invited to attend. Please bring any daily devotional collections (books, etc.) that you find helpful. Please email Margaret Connor (margaretconnor@juno.com) for more information.

Announcing Joint Men's February 28-March 1 Wessendorf Ranch, Blanco, TX For the first time, St Julian of Norwich and St Michael's Episcopal Churches have jointly organized a men's retreat for February 28-March 1— another long weekend of connection, community, communion, and fun. The retreat will be held at Well Spring Retreat Center at the Wessendorf Ranch outside Blanco, Texas. Fr. John will be leading a program called "The Power of Grace." For details, including directions and schedule, follow this link. To register, click here. To pay the \$90 fee (financial assistance available), use the giving link at the St Julian's website or contact Andy Hines at ahines@hinespool.com. You can also contact Andy with any questions.

INTERESTED IN BEING CONFIRMED? BISHOP'S VISIT & CONFIRMATIONS, SUNDAY, MARCH 29 If you're an adult curious about confirmation and taking a deeper step into St. Michael's, contact Fr. John at jnewton@st-michaels.org.

MICHAEL'S BOOK GROUP The next meeting of the St. Michael's book group is **Wednesday, January 29, at 2:30 pm at Trianon**. We will discuss *The Secrets We Kept*, by Lara Prescott. Please join us! Contact Jackie King for more information: jsking2010@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES ADULTS

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES Each of the four evangelists offer a unique take on who Jesus is and how his life, death, and resurrection have changed our world. Join us this fall as we tackle topics like discipleship, mission, mercy, healing, forgiveness, the church, our purpose in life, and the Kingdom of Heaven through John's eyes. The class is offered **Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00 pm, in Room 8, and Sundays, 10:10-10:50 am, in the parish hall**. Led by Fr. John Newton.

SEEKERS' ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK STUDY The Seekers meet from 10:00-11:00 am, except on Taco Sundays. The group is now meeting in Room 6. The current book is *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*, by Rachel Held Evans. *The Divine Dance*, by Richard Rohr, is the selection following that. Invite your friends for these great spiritual reads. Contact Phyllis Blees (phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more information.

CHILDREN

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE: All children are welcome to Sunday School in the education wing during the 10 am hour.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL CHILDREN pre-K through 3rd grade are invited to Children's Chapel, where we read the same scriptures as "big church," learn prayers, and sing songs. Children in 4th & 5th grade are welcome, too. We rejoin the congregation during the Peace.

WORSHIP BAGS are available in the narthex, as well as in the Gathering Room, the place you can have wiggle room for the little ones, hear the service, and have some coffee.

Kids can **LOOK FOR OUR CHURCH MOUSE DURING WORSHIP.** If they tell Family Minister Lizzie after church where they spotted the mouse, she will give them a sticker!



STUDENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:10 AM, RM 8 Sunday school is back in session—all youth are welcome.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL | SUMMER MOON COFFEE | 3:00 - 4:00 PM All high school students are invited to come to meet for an hour of fellowship, coffee, and pastries—St. Michael's treat!

EYC (EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY) This week is our split Guys' and Girls' Gathering. After enjoying some tasty snacks together, that is!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES! Bishop Suffragan Kai Ryan will be at St. Michael's on Sunday, March 29. Beginning Sunday, February 2, through Sunday, March 1, classes for students 8th grade and above will be held from **9:45-10:45 am in Room 8** of the Education wing. Confirmation preparation will also include a service day on February 15, and we will have a Confirmation meal and rehearsal the Saturday evening before on March 28. Classes will be taught by Todd FitzGerald, Luis Rivas, and other members of the St. Michael's clergy team. These classes are mandatory as part of the Confirmation preparation process. If you're tentatively curious, please come and check it out. Questions? Contact Luis Rivas, our Student Minister, email at Lrivas @stmichaels.org. You may also contact Fr. John with questions: jnewton@st-michaels.org.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ACOLYTE? Email Luis at Irivas@st-michaels.org for more information on how to participate in this beautiful part of our Episcopal tradition. Anyone from 5th grade and above, including adults, is welcome to participate! **Next training for all acolytes will take place on February 2, from 12:30 - 2:30 pm**.

EPISCOPAL YOUTH EVENT 2020 | JULY 7-11, 2020 | UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND-

COLLEGE PARK Every three years, the Episcopal Church convenes an international youth event so "that the energy of the youth of the Episcopal Church can continue to be utilized in active ministry as members of the Body of Christ." Since the first EYE (pronounced E-Y-E) in 1982, this popular event has welcomed thousands of young people from across the Episcopal Church for celebration, worship, learning, and leadership training.

The next Episcopal Youth Event (EYE20) will be held in partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Washington D.C. from July 7-11, 2020. Cost per participant for EYE is \$300. EYE is open to youth currently in 9th – 12th grades, or equivalent and those who will be between the ages of 15 and 19 at the time of the event.



Applications are due online by January 20, 2020. For more info visit https://events.episcopalchurch.org/eye/.

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers this week are given to the Glory of God.

A donation to the St. Michael's flower fund is a beautiful way to honor your loved ones, or to mark a special occasion. Donation envelopes are available in the narthex, or you may email Christine Havens directly (chavens@st-michaels.org). Please note "flowers" on the memo line of your check. Place the envelope in the alms basin, hand your envelope to the vestry person of the day, or give to the rector. You can also donate online by going to our Give page and clicking the "Give Online Here" button. There is a flower option in the "Select a fund" drop-down box, with a place to write a memo or dedication.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

This week, we pray especially for Michael Reeves, for Kathryn, for Rob B. and for his family, for the repose of Ralph's soul and for Yvonne, his wife, for Tom & Claire Bray. For all those affected and displaced by natural disasters.

WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICES

Morning Prayer

Every Tuesday at 9:00 am in the Worship Space. For more information, contact Gail Reid (reid.gail@gmail.com).

Centering Prayer

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the side chapel. For more information contact Phyllis Blees (phyllis.blees@gmail.com).

THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send it to Christine (chavens@st-michaels.org) by 12:00 pm on the Wednesday prior to the date you would like your announcement to appear in the Trumpet.

READINGS, JANUARY 19, 2020

Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42; Psalm 40:1-6, 11-12

Didn't bring cash?
Text SMEC1500 to 73256 and follow the prompts to make an e-offering.