



THE TRUMPET

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MARCH 20, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



SMEC Outreach Spotlight



SMEC YOUTH SERVE AT COMMUNITY FIRST VILLAGE

Students in the St. Michael's Youth Confirmation Class, joined by youth from Church of the Incarnation, made dinner on March 6 for sixty residents at Community First Village. All worked together to prepare and deliver the food. After the meal, the group took a tour and asked thoughtful questions. *Amanda Evans Lang, Family Minister*



“In confirmation class that morning, we discussed the commitment to ‘respect the dignity of every human being.’ I felt like I saw the students’ **thoughtfulness and respect** for our neighbors at Community First in the way they prepared the food and served it while we were there.” *The Rev. Hope Benko, Assisting Clergy*



“Seeing our youth engage in this service project with **empathy and care** was so inspiring. It fills me with excitement to think about future service endeavors with this group of students!” *Grayson Dail, Student Director*

NOTES

Spring Bible Study: Ephesians | Sundays

@12:45 pm Join the Rev. Dr. Philip Turner for a 5-week study on Ephesians. This Sunday, March 20, chapter 2 will be discussed. Zoom info: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84620183719?pwd=ait6RFhzZFIRY2RxR0FqWTFvZ0JmUT09>, Meeting ID: 846 2018 3719; passcode: bible.

Youth Group Countdown-to-Easter Study

Sundays 5:00-6:15 pm | Now through April 3

Family Life Center All youth are welcome to join Ms. Grayson for a 4-week study now through April 3. Learn more about Jesus' last days as we count down to Easter! The time coincides with our Lenten Speaker Series, and we have formation or activity options for the entire family at 5:00 pm, and then all are invited to come together for a delicious dinner at 6:15 in the parish hall.



Save the Date! Fourth Sunday 4 families

March 27 | 10:00am hour | Parish Hall Ms.

Amanda, Ms. Grayson, and the rest of the Family Ministry team invite you to join in our next Fourth Sunday 4 families project on March 27 in the parish hall!

Save the Date! Bishop's Visit | April 3

Bishop Andy Doyle will be visiting St. Michael's on April 3 during the 11am service. All are invited to this joyful occasion—we'll have confirmation of youth and adults, not to mention it's Taco Sunday!

Easter Lily Dedications Easter lily dedications are a lovely way to remember and celebrate those who are always in your heart. If you'd like to have your dedication in the Easter Sunday bulletins, please email to Christine at chavens@st-michaels.org by **5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 6.**

SUNDAY AT ST. MICHAEL'S March 20, 2022 *Third Sunday in Lent*

7:45 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
10:00 am	Coffee Hour Parish Hall The Seekers Bride's Rm & Zoom
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite I
12:45 pm	Bible Study--Ephesians Zoom led by the Rev. Dr. Philip Turner

TRUSTING IN GRACE: LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES

5:00 pm	Eucharist Sanctuary Youth Group Study Family Life Ctr Children's activities Gathering Rm
5:30 pm	Dr. Rebecca Poe Hays Sanctuary
6:15 pm	Dinner & refreshments Parish Hall

Watch the 9:00 & 11:00 am services and the Lenten Speaker Series online at www.st-michaels.org/worship-online

Readings: Exodus 3:1-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13;
Luke 13:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8



**COME FOR REBECCA POE HAYS,
STAY FOR JAMES RUSSELL'S FAMOUS PELLA**

March 6 | "When Grace Abounds"
Trisha Taylor, author, *The Leader's Journey*

March 13 | "Grace and Goodness"
Dr. Scott Bader-Saye, Professor of Christian Ethics, SSW

March 20 | "Gracious Cursing"
Dr. Rebecca Poe Hays, Professor of Christian Scriptures, Baylor

March 27 | "Grace as Gift"
Dr. Anthony Baker, Professor of Theology, SSW

April 3 | "Grace and Grief"
The Rev. Kelly Koonce, Founder, *Life after Loss*

**TRUSTING
IN
Grace**

SUNDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

5:00 pm Eucharist*
5:30 pm Speaker*
*In-person & livestreamed
6:15 pm Refreshments

Activities available for children & youth

ST. MICHAEL'S PRESENTS TRUSTING IN GRACE, OUR 2022 LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES

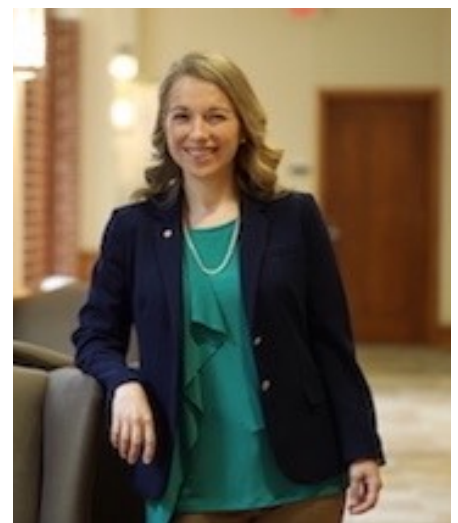
The Collect for the third Sunday in Lent begins with an acknowledgment that we "have no power in ourselves to help ourselves." As we prepare our hearts yet again to find grace and hope in the empty tomb, how might we be intentional about our spiritual practice, all the while growing in a life of trust that God's "glory is always to have mercy?" Five lay and clergy speakers share their thoughts in the St. Michael's sanctuary following a brief Eucharist service. Join us in person or via livestream on our website.

Dinner will be served in the parish hall afterward—this Sunday, James Russell is making his famous paella. There will be a seafood option and a meat option; a kid-friendly option will be available, too. *Ms. Amanda will have children's activities in the parish hall beginning at 5pm; youth can join our student director, Grayson, in the Family Life Center for games.* You can learn more about all our speakers here: www.st-michaels.org/lenten-speaker-series.

March 20 "Gracious Cursing" | Rebecca Poe Hays

Part of trusting in the grace of God involves feeling free to be brutally honest about what is broken in this world. We see brokenness in our own experience and emotions, in human systems of injustice and oppression, in natural disasters of destruction and disease. Sometimes trusting in God's grace to fix all this brokenness looks like peace and contentment, but it can also look like crying and cursing. In this session, we'll explore how the psalms teach us to curse graciously.

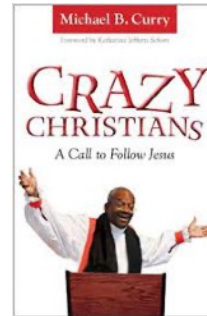
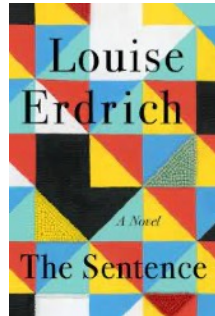
Rebecca Poe Hays is Assistant Professor of Christian Scriptures at Truett Seminary of Baylor University. Her research explores how the Psalms help individuals and faith communities cope with trauma and develop resilience. An ordained deacon and an almost-ordained Baptist minister, she has served in churches and Christian nonprofits in Tennessee, Alabama, and Texas.



FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

Spring Bible Study: Lectionary Readings | Tuesdays @noon Fr. John leads a lectionary reading study on Tuesdays. Zoom info: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84620183719?pwd=ait6RFhzZFIRY2RxB0FqWTFvZ0JmUT09>, Meeting ID: 846 2018 3719, Passcode: bible.

St. Michael's Book Club Looking for fellowship and conversation? Love reading? Join the SMEC Book Club! The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 2:30pm via Zoom. March's book is *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich, and the group will meet on the 30th. For April, the group will read *Apeirogon* by Colum McCann. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com for more information and for the Zoom link.



UPDATE! The Seekers | Sundays @10:00am | In person and via Zoom The Seekers just began reading *Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus*, by Michael Curry, currently the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church. Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@me.com or Phyllis Bleebs at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for more info. Here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>, Passcode: 541706.

St. Michael's Women's Virtual Potluck The SMEC Women's Potluck group gathers at 6:00 pm on the first Monday of each month unless it falls on a holiday. All women of the parish are invited—bring a friend! Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019837778?pwd=SGRmQXhoYlXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; passcode is 242636.

Morning Prayer: Tuesdays @9:00 am You're invited to Morning Prayer each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Please note the Zoom link and passcode: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81346686555?pwd=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tib04wUFVHUT09>. **Passcode:** prayer.

Centering Prayer: Tuesdays @6:30 pm This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Bleebs with questions: phyllis.blees@gmail.com. For more about contemplative prayer, click this link: [Heart of Texas Contemplative Outreach](#).

Evening Prayer: Wednesdays @4:30 pm Each Wednesday at 4:30 pm. Use Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969> and passcode 826364.

Thursday Afternoon Bible Study @1:00 pm This informal group discusses the Daily Office readings—drop in anytime! Led by Mary Healy, mary.r.healy@gmail.com. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217?pwd=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgvK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

FAMILY LIFE

Amanda Evans Lang, family minister, invites you to check out the [Family Ministry](#) and [Student Ministry](#) pages on the St. Michael's website for updates and activities to enrich your spiritual life. Please email with questions at amanda@st-michaels.org.

Sunday School @9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School is a place where children and their families can practice being compassionate in a community that values love and compassion. 9:00 and 11:00 am in the Family Life Center. Drop off is on the playground and you will be reunited in the sanctuary in time for communion together as a family.

Vacation Bible Camp—Save the Date! It's not too early to get excited about VBC, which happens the week of August 1! This year's theme is Catch the Wave. Registration opens April 1. Contact Family Minister Amanda at Amanda@st-michael's.org for more details.

Camp Allen Summer Camp Registration Now Open! Now is the perfect time to register your child or grandchild for a great week of camp at Camp Allen. The season begins in June, and sessions fill up quickly! For more information, or to register, click here: <https://www.campallen.org/summercamp.html>.



MINISTRIES

Stephen Ministry Occasionally, worry, pain, anxiety or loneliness feel relentless. Jobs, unemployment, family, or eldercare may bring unique highs and weighty lows. A caring Stephen Minister, a trained and confidential listener, not a therapist or friend, may be best equipped to hold your concerns with you for an hour each week, offering understanding, support and prayers.

Learn more at www.st-michaels.org/stephen-ministry. If you'd like a Stephen Minister, please contact Jeff Robinson (jarobinson100@gmail.com), Julie de Wette (julie@losmadrone.com), or Fr. John Newton (jnewton@st-michaels.org).

Altar Guild The Altar Guild is always looking for women and men to join this ministry. This group makes sure that the sanctuary is clean and readied for services and other liturgical events that happen at St. Michael's. If you are interested in serving or for more information, please contact Gail Reid at reid.gail@gmail.com.

Photography Ministry Our photographers take on the role of capturing the special moments in the parish, may they be during worship, parish gatherings, or special events. If you're interested in helping with St. Michael's photography ministry, please email our director of communications, Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org. If you have any photos of community life or at-home worship that you'd like to share, Christine welcomes those, too. Please send via email at the highest resolution possible.

PLUG INTO OUTREACH

Book Drive Coming Soon Start collecting books for elementary students to enrich their summer reading options. Details coming soon. Please do not drop off books until dates for drive are announced. Questions? Email Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@me.com.

Honduras Mission Project Update Parishioners Bunny Cowan and Karen Haslund journeyed to the Holy Spirit Episcopal Bilingual School in Honduras, which is part of our Honduras Mission Project. Bunny taught there from 2006-2009 and she makes an annual trip to manage the library she has created. It began as a few boxes of books and a spare room. Now it has over 6,500 individual titles. Bunny and Karen spent two weeks repairing books, cataloging, and making the library ready for the students to return to in-person school soon. They went to Ash Wednesday services at the school's church and received a blessing from Bishop Allen as they prepared to return to Austin; all the students and their families are very appreciative of St. Michael's extravagant generosity. *Submitted by Karen Haslund.*

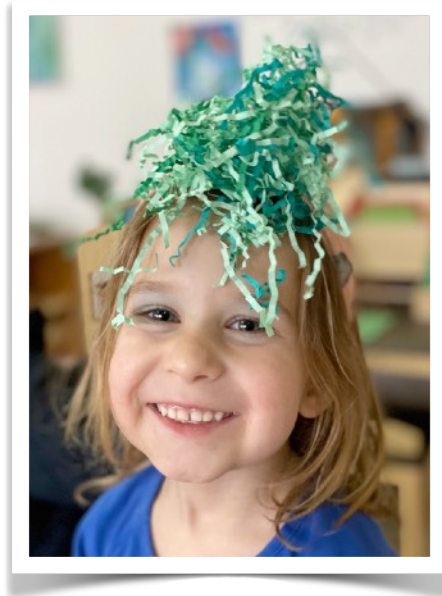


Trinity Center If you're interested in helping in April, our next opportunity, contact Marsha Hart (mhartsales@outlook.com) or Harriett Choffel (harriettchoffel@me.com).

Outreach Partners St. Michael's Outreach partners for 2022 are the following organizations: Seminary of the Southwest, Trinity Center, Refugee Services of Texas, Casa Marianella, Pauli Murray Scholarship, Episcopal Relief and Development, St. Michael's Day School, El Buen Samaritano, One Good Turn, Nicole's Place, St. Francis Ministries, Honduras Mission Project, Del Valle Book Project, and the SMEC garden. Throughout the year, we will try to establish deeper relationships with several of these organizations and offer ways for the parish to "plug in" and participate. Stay tuned! *Submitted by Harriett Choffel*

DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Some end-of-the-week silliness in the Dolphin class before spring break. Thanks to Miss Jennifer for the photos.



THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Please email Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org with prayer requests or to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.

Parish Prayer List

For all on spring break, that they have safe travels.

For all victims of gun violence.

“We pray in solidarity with all children of God who are now in harm’s way. I invite you to pray with me for peace—and for a world where we all join hands and ‘strive for justice and peace and respect the dignity of every human being.’” —From Presiding Bishop Michael Curry’s prayer for the Ukraine

Ongoing Prayers

COVID-19

Rita’s uncle, Allen Archer; his wife, Therese; and Brandy Brown’s grandfather, Kenneth Archer, who all have COVID.

For all children and teachers during this unexpected style of attending school.

For all who struggle with loneliness and isolation.

For all those living in eldercare facilities, and for the staff, and for their families.

For all those without employment at this time.

All of our hospital and healthcare workers, including Rosa, J’aime, and Patty, who are keeping healthcare services running.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Cecilia’s Church Plant, Round Top; St. Francis of Assisi, Prairie View; St. Francis’, College Station.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico.

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar is bare during Lent. Please consider dedicating Easter lilies or choosing a date later in the year.

Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. They are printed here and in the worship bulletins. Dedications can be emailed to: chavens@st-michaels.org. Your donation can be mailed to the church office or given via the "Give" page of our website: <https://www.st-michaels.org/take-action>.

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THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send your ideas, stories, or photos to Christine Havens, Communications Assistant, (chavens@st-michaels.org) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays.

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