



THE TRUMPET

AN INSTRUMENT OF GOOD NEWS

MARCH 27, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SMEC: ROOTS & SHOOTS

So much growth at St. Michael's—roots deepening and shoots sprouting everywhere you look. Thanks to everyone who has sent in photos! Keep 'em coming! —Christine Havens, Director of Communications



Britt Behrens, showing new Altar Guild member, Karen Moody, how to set the credence table.



Boy Scout Troop 30 are growing through their care of our trails and the many other projects they do here and through here.



The parish hall is such fertile ground for growing relationships, as on Fourth Sunday 4 families.



Learning something new is always life giving; our Lenten Speaker Series is one such opportunity.

NOTES



March 27 | 10:00am hour | Parish Hall Ms. Amanda, Ms. Grayson, and the rest of the Family Ministry team invite you for a little fun in the sun during the 10am hour! Yard games in the courtyard, or come to the parish hall to decorate bags for the Trinity Center. All ages are welcome to play!

Easter Eggs to Stuff–We Need You! Ms. Amanda and the Family Ministry team need your help to prep MANY eggs for children to hunt on Easter Sunday. *This Sunday, March 27*, you're invited to pick up a bag (or two) of eggs, fill with candy or other treats, and return to Ms. Amanda by Palm Sunday. NO jaw breakers or hard candy like Jolly Ranchers that are easy for little ones to choke on. Donations of pre-stuffed eggs or cascarones (confetti-filled eggs) are welcome, too. Thank you!

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! Bishop's Visit Next Week | 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 27, 2022
Fourth Sunday in Lent

7:45 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
10:00 am	Fourth Sunday 4 families 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. Tony Baker 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 for the Fourth Sunday in Lent:
Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21;
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32; Psalm 32

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

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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, Trish & Michael Thompson are preparing baked ziti, with Italian sausage & peppers and from-scratch meatballs on the side. Andy Hines’ special toasted garlic bread, a cranberry kale salad, and dark fudge brownies for dessert round out the meal. *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 27 “Grace as Gift” One of the synonyms for grace in the theological tradition is “gift.” Grace is like a gift that gets exchanged within God: that’s one way of understanding the Trinity. It’s also a gift that gets exchanged between God and us. On a third level, grace is the divine gift that we can exchange among ourselves. To give one another grace is not just to tolerate each other: it’s to give something holy and divine. In this session, we’ll take a look at this classic teaching, and talk together about how it might enliven our communal faith.



Anthony Baker is on faculty at the Seminary of the Southwest. He teaches courses in constructive theology, ecotheology, Patristics, and theological research. His latest books are *Shakespeare, Theology, and the Unstaged God* (Routledge, 2020), and *Leaving Emmaus: A New Departure in Christian Theology* (Baylor University Press, 2021). He is currently exploring the intersection of classical accounts of theosis, or union with God, with current issues in ecology. Professor Baker works with other members of the community on green initiatives around campus. He is the theologian-in-residence at Saint Julian of Norwich Episcopal Church in north Austin, where he and his family worship.

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

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.

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=ait6RFhzZFIRY2RxR0FqWTFvZ0JmUT09>, 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 Bles at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for more info. Here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1IWIYjVU3YyZz09>, 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=SGRmQXhoYlIXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; 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=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlFVZm2t04wUFVHUT09>. 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=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1IWIYjVU3YyZz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Bles 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

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 your children off with Ms. Amanda, our family minister, at the front doors of the church, and you will be reunited in the sanctuary in time for communion together as a family.



Save the Date! Easter Countdown | April 10 (Palm Sunday) | 4-6pm Parents and children, you're invited to an Easter countdown BIG enough for the whole family! Palm Sunday? Maundy Thursday? Good Friday? What's it all about? Learn more about what Jesus experienced in the week between his entry into Jerusalem and his death upon the cross. Stay for pizza after the program. Questions? Email Amanda Evans Lang, family minister, at amanda@st-michaels.org for more information.



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 Make Waves. Registration opens April 1. Contact Family Minister Amanda at Amanda@st-michael's.org for more details.

Camp Allen Summer Camp Registration Still 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>.

PLUG INTO OUTREACH

Spring Book Drive for Del Valle Elementary Time to start collecting books for elementary students to enrich their summer reading options. We need pre-K to 2nd grade in English and in Spanish as well as bilingual ones and 2nd-5th grade chapter books for Del Valle Elementary School. Drop off will be in the church entrance (narthex) on April 24 and May 1. *Please do not drop books off until then.* Our goal is 2,000 books; we're half way there thanks to a 1,000 book donation from Half Price Books. Let's meet the challenge—we've done it before. Enrich a child's life—give the gift of reading! Questions? Email Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@me.com.

Trinity Center Update St. Michael's have committed to provide sack lunches one time per month through December for Trinity Center. We need five people/families to make a total of 40 sack lunches each month. These can be delivered directly to Trinity Center or Harriett Choffel can assist you with delivery. Remaining dates available: June 1; September 1; October 1; November 1; December 1. If you're interested, contact Marsha Hart (mhartsales@outlook.com).

Support for Episcopal Relief & Development Work in Ukraine Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with Anglican agencies and ecumenical partners to meet the urgent humanitarian needs of Ukrainians fleeing violence in Europe. Thanks to your extravagant generosity, St. Michael's just gave \$1500 toward those needs. ERD has expressed its gratitude to us and to all who have joined in to make a difference.

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!

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.

DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

How do you hatch a “dinosaur” egg? The Lambs class used their problem-solving skills to figure it out. Thanks to Miss Debbi 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 Mary, Doug Wiggin's mother, who passed away recently; for Doug and the Wiggin family as they mourn her.

For all those in Round Rock and the Central Texas area affected by Monday's tornadoes; for all those in the New Orleans area affected by those on Tuesday.

For Episcopal Relief & Development and all the work they do, especially for their work in the Ukraine.

For the Trinity Center staff and neighbors.

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

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. John's, Columbus; St. John's, Sealy; St. Mary's, Bellville; St. Paul's, Navasota.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

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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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