



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news



APRIL 9, 2023

EASTER SUNDAY AT SMEC!!

Easter Sunday and the joy of the resurrection is here! What a glorious day it will be!

Services are at 7:45, 9:00, and 11:00 am, with Easter egg hunts at 10:00 am & noon. Look for Ms. Amanda and the Family Ministry team, who will be guiding kids & parents in the right direction. There is no Sunday school this day, but plenty of wiggle bags. The gathering room is available for extra wiggly kids as well.

Coffee & donuts will be available in the parish hall during the egg hunts.

The 9:00 & 11:00 am services will be online as well if you aren't able to attend in person—you can watch at st-michaels.org/worship-online.

The Flowering of the Cross is an Easter tradition at St. Michael's. Children (of all ages) are welcome to bring their favorite flower to place on the wooden cross that will be in the narthex before each service. Don't worry—we will have plenty of flowers on hand if you don't have any to bring.

Easteride continues until we celebrate the Day of Pentecost at the end of May. St. Michael's has much to offer in the coming weeks. Check out the inside pages of the Trumpet for ways in which you, and your family, can live more deeply into the resurrection life with your church community. —Christine

Havens, Director of Communication

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9

Worship

7:45 am
9:00 am*
11:00 am*

Egg Hunts

10:00 am
Noon

*livestreamed at
st-michaels.org/worship-online



A special thank you to long-time parishioner Mary Hermes for this lovely poem!

More Than the Moon

If my heart
were centered
on forms and formulas
and scientific detail,
I would note that today is
the first Sunday
after the full moon
after the vernal equinox.
I would seem more clever
than I really am yet be running
after passing shadows.
As it is,
my heart cares far more
about real people and real love.
So I note, with no claim
to cleverness
or esoteric knowledge,
that today is
Resurrection Sunday,
which, as surely as
the cyclic waxing
and waning of the moon
is about very real people
and unsurpassed love.

Happy Easter.

by Mary Hermes

“Thanks to the extravagant generosity of our members, as well as a \$100,000 gift from the St. Michael’s Day School, we are debt free for the first time in almost two decades. This achievement highlights the church's commitment to financial responsibility and stewardship, as well as the strong partnership and shared ministry between the church and school. Even more, it enables both communities to look to the future with great hope as, together, we dream big dreams about what God might have in store for us next.” —*Fr. John Newton*



Kash & Kennedy, day school students and grandchildren of our senior warden, David Gross, “sign” the check.



Head of School, Rebecca Hope, along with Rebecca Beavers, Director of Operations, were on hand to help present the check to Fr. John Newton. Annie Newton, SMEDS alum, and KK Newton, current student, were also there to help in this special occasion.

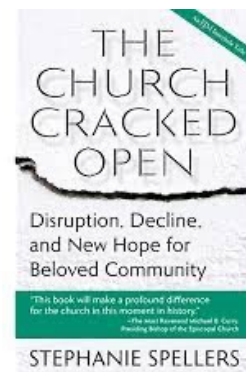
NOTES

The Church Cracked Open Book Study Sundays April 16-May 21 | 10:00-10:50

am Please join Fr. Josh for a six-week book study of Stephanie Spellers' *The Church Cracked Open*. The group will meet from 10:00–10:50 am in the church office, starting April 16 and concluding on May 21.

Written during the pandemic and after the murder of George Floyd, the book explores how the Episcopal Church can love Jesus, live in solidarity with the oppressed, and seek the flourishing of all God's children. Paperback copies of the book are available upon request. Email Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org for more information.

At the first session, the group will discuss the introduction and Chapter One; please read in advance if possible.



The Seekers and Fr. John's Bible study are taking a break for Easter Sunday and will resume on April 16.

Please join Fr. John on Easter Tuesday, April 11, at noon for a special study on the Easter Vigil, the paschal mystery and the book of Exodus. You can find the Zoom link on page 5.

Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study Begins April

11 Join parishioner Trish Thompson for a 7-week Tuesday night Bible study beginning on April 11. This video study, *The Miracles of Jesus* by Jennie Allen, was filmed on location in Israel. The group will meet consecutive Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the St. Michael's office. Questions? Contact Trish at 281-851-7463 or home.thompson@gmail.com.

Family Camp—May 5-7, 2023

A beloved tradition has returned to St. Michael's—Family Camp at Camp Allen! All are welcome, no matter the size of your family! The weekend of May 5 will be filled with fun, time in nature, and lots of family time. There will be campfires, swimming, trail rides, hiking, and more. While not exactly glamping, climate-controlled bunkhouses offer



comfortable twin beds. Our meals will be served family style and it will be a great chance to get to know other members of our parish family. Saturday will include options for spiritual formation, rest, and adventure.

Cost: Individual-\$75; Family-\$180

Register here: bit.ly/2023FamilyCamp

Questions? Contact Family Minister Amanda at amanda@st-michaels.org

Iftar Dinner with Dialogue ATX | April 16

@6:45 | Parish Hall During the month of Ramadan, our Muslim siblings fast from dawn to sunset in order to focus on prayer, charity, and thanksgiving. Each evening they break their fast with an iftar dinner. Our neighbors at Dialogue ATX visit different places of worship every night to celebrate this moment of fast-breaking with a shared meal and a conversation about our faith traditions. St. Michael's will host Dialogue ATX on April 16 at 6:45 in the Parish Hall for this interfaith fellowship, with dinner starting immediately after sunset. For more information please visit www.dialogueatx.org/ramadan/. Please RSVP to Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org if you plan to attend.

Want to be a Stephen Minister? Are you a trustworthy listener? Would you like to belong to a group of people who walk with others through life's storms while supporting one another? Becoming a Stephen Minister is a life-transforming experience—an opportunity to serve God, help others, and grow in faith. We plan to offer training, starting in August and wrapping up before Christmas.

To learn about training to become a Stephen Minister, please call Julie de Wette 512-925-7029 or Jeff Robinson 512-963-6687.

PLUG INTO OUTREACH

2023 Outreach Partners The Outreach Commission is excited to support these organizations in 2023 and seek to grow opportunities for purposeful connections with many of them:

- Seminary of the Southwest** (*theological and pastoral education*)
- Pauli Murray Scholarship** (*scholarship for seminary students of color*)
- Episcopal Relief and Development** (*disaster relief & sustainable development*)
- iACT-Interfaith Action of Central Texas** (*interfaith outreach*)
- Trinity Center** (*homelessness*)
- Casa Marianella** (*displaced immigrants*)
- St. Francis Ministries** (*foster care*)
- El Buen Samaritano** (*family services*)
- One Good Turn** (*global health in underserved communities*)

The Commission intentionally focused on connecting with a variety of theological and social service organizations. Additionally, the church will continue to support St. Michael's Day School, SMEC Community garden, Honduras Mission project, and the Del Valle Elementary School book drive.

If you have a passion for any of these organizations and projects or want more information about them, we would love to hear from you. We sincerely want to increase parish participation in spreading our love and grace throughout the community.

Please reach out to Harriett Choffel, Outreach Commission Chair, at harriettchoffel@icloud.com; or Fr. Josh Kulak at jkulak@st-michaels.org if you'd like to serve.

El Buen Samaritano Volunteer Opportunities & Monthly Food Pantry Team

El Buen Samaritano, one of SMEC's outreach partners, depends on volunteers year-round to maximize limited resources. Volunteer opportunities: Adult Education, Youth Education, Food Pantry, and Community Garden

All volunteer opportunities require a semester-long commitment with a minimum of volunteering one day a week. All in-person volunteer opportunities require COVID-19 vaccination. To sign up or learn more about each opportunity, visit elbuen.org/volunteers.

Spring Book Drive for Del Valle Elementary

We need pre-K to 2nd grade in English and in Spanish as well as bilingual ones and 2nd-5th grade chapter books. ***Please do not drop books off until April 16 and April 23 as we have limited storage space.*** Enrich a child's life—give the gift of reading! Questions? Email Alison Fly (alisoncfly@icloud.com) or Tammy Gross (tammygross@me.com).

El Buen Samaritano Monthly Food Pantry Team The SMEC Outreach Commission would like to form a small team to go to the Food Pantry on a monthly basis. If interested, contact Harriett Choffel at hchoffel@icloud.com or Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org.

Garden Volunteers Needed Recently, garden volunteers harvested and delivered 42 bags of veggies to Hope Food Pantry: spinach, kale, collards, onions, radishes, cilantro. This ministry provides fresh veggies to folks who might not otherwise get them. We need 2 more volunteers to help with watering and harvesting for the next few months— one day a week will be perfect! Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@icloud.com for more information.

FAMILY LIFE



VBC Registration Now Open!

Join St. Michael's July 31-August 3 for the most exciting week in Family Ministry. Games, stories, crafts, games, music, friends, and much more fun are in store. Children from pre-K through 5th grade are welcome!

Hours: 1:30 pm- 4:30 pm

Register here: bit.ly/2023VBCRegistration

Cost: \$25, which includes a T-shirt and snacks.

The Family Ministry team needs volunteers to help shepherd children, etc. Sign up for one day or all.

Please email amanda@st-michaels.org for scholarship info or to volunteer.

Sunday School | During 9am & 11am Services

Sunday school begins Lenten spiritual practices for children. Ms. Amanda, our Family Minister, and the Family Ministry team welcome children and their parents at the front of the church and guide them to the Family Life Center in the Education Wing. Parents are reunited with their children in the sanctuary at the announcements—in time for communion together as a family. Questions? Contact Amanda at amanda@st-michaels.org.

Our Sunday School Classes are Growing!

Sunday School Helpers Needed Do you love working with children? Our Sunday school classes are growing, and the Family Ministry team needs adults to serve as Sunday School helpers one or two Sundays a month. If you are interested or for more information, please email Amanda Evans Lang, our family minister, at amanda@st-michaels.org.

The A(colyte)-Team St. Michael's A-Team—our amazing acolyte team—is so appreciated! They add light to our Sunday worship by leading the procession as torchbearers and crucifers. A big thanks to all of the parents of our acolytes as well. If you're nine-years-old and above, and interested in joining the team, contact Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org. Adults are welcome, too!

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

The Seekers | Sundays @10:00am | Rm 4 (Education Wing) and via Zoom The Seekers meet weekly at 10:00am. The group is starting a new book this week: *Do I Stay A Christian?: A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned* by Brian McLaren. McLaren, a pastor, explores the ways to say both yes and no by shifting the question from whether we stay Christian to the question of how we stay human. A fascinating discussion ensues in this recently-released and favorably-reviewed book. Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@me.com or Phyllis Blee at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for more info. Here's the Zoom link: bit.ly/SeekersZoomLink, Passcode: 541706.

Spring Bible Study on the Book of Exodus with Fr. John | Sundays @12:45 & Tuesdays @noon Take a journey through the Book of Exodus with Fr. John. This in-depth Bible study meets via Zoom on Sundays and Tuesdays now through the end of May. ZOOM INFO: bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink Meeting ID: 832 6049 2080; passcode: bible.

St. Michael's Book Club | Fourth Wednesdays @2:30pm 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. The group is now meeting *in person at St. Michael's*. **Here is the title for April 26—*The Woman in the Library***, by Sulari Gentill. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com or Sue Allen at tom@northcoastbrewing.com for more information.

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: bit.ly/SMECTuesMorningPrayer. **Passcode:** prayer.

Centering Prayer | Tuesdays @6:30 pm This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: bit.ly/SMECCenteringPrayer; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees 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 All are welcome to join each Wednesday at 4:30 pm for prayer and conversation. Use Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969> and passcode 826364.

Men's Pub Theology | Second Wednesdays @5:00pm Join the men of St. Michael's for fellowship and theological conversation. ***The next meeting is April 12 at County Line BBQ on Bee Caves Road.*** Contact Andy Hines at ahines@hinespool.com for more information.

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: bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

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).

Daughters of the King The Daughters of the King® is an order for women who are members of the Episcopal Church. The DOK's mission is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through prayer, service and evangelism. St. Michael's chapter was established in 2014 but went on hiatus during COVID. They are meeting regularly again. If you're interested in learning more about the group, please contact Jonea Raney at jcsrrech@gmail.com.

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.

DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

The Dolphins and Pandas collaborated today to paint and hide wooden eggs for each other! Each group hid the eggs for the next. Thanks to Ms. Annelise 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.

For Wallace Harwood, as he heals from a slight fall.

For Sara & Dan Havens, as they travel from Texas to Iowa.

For all clergy, church staff, altar guild, musicians, and others as they prepare for Holy Week and Easter Sunday services.

For all those affected by gun violence.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Lord of the Streets, Houston; Northside, Houston; Palmer Memorial, Houston

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar remains bare during the season of Lent.
Consider sponsoring altar flowers after Easter or dedicate lilies on Easter Sunday. Your dedication can be emailed to: chavens@st-michaels.org.

Donate using the "Give Now" button on our homepage, www.st-michaels.org, or send a check to the church office at 1500 N. Capital of Texas Highway, 78746; put "altar flowers" as the memo.

GIVE TO SMEC



THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet?
Please send your ideas, stories, or photos to Christine Havens, Director of Communications (chavens@st-michaels.org) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays. We recommend running stories beginning two weeks prior to your event.

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