



# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news*



APRIL 23, 2023

## Save the Date for Choral Evensong at SMEC

The marvelous St. Michael's Chancel Choir invite all to the sanctuary on Sunday, April 30, at 5:00 pm for Choral Evensong. This is a beautiful expression of worship; afterward, folks are welcome to gather in the parish hall for a wine & cheese reception. No RSVP necessary—it is free and open to the public. Invite your friends & neighbors!

SUNDAY, APRIL 30  
5:00 PM  
ST. MICHAEL'S SANCTUARY

# CHORAL EVENSONG

St. Michael's Chancel Choir  
*Dr. James Morrow, director*

*Wine & cheese reception to follow*  
*Free & open to the public*

## Spring Book Drive for Del Valle Elementary

*The final day of the Del Valle Elementary book drive is Sunday, April 23.* We're collecting for all elementary ages and want every child to get two books to take home for summer reading.

Last year, we donated over 1500 books! Can we match that this year?

Drop off books in the narthex. THANK YOU to all who have donated. Questions? Email Alison Fly ([alisoncfly@icloud.com](mailto:alisoncfly@icloud.com)) or Tammy Gross ([tammygross@me.com](mailto:tammygross@me.com)).



## 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 meets from 10:00–10:50 am in the church office.

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](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org) for a book or for more information.

For April 23, the group will discuss Chapters 2 and 3; please read in advance if possible.

**Honoring Your Graduates** Would you like to honor your graduating students, high school, college, or grade school? We'll be doing so in the May 21 issue of the Trumpet. Parents and grandparents, send your graduate's name with a brief, one-sentence bio to Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org) by Tuesday, May 16.

### **Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study**

**Now through May 23 | 6:00 pm | Church Office**

All women are invited to join parishioner Trish Thompson for a 7-week Tuesday night Bible study April 11-May 23. 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](mailto:home.thompson@gmail.com).

**Stephen Minister Training** 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.

### **Register Now for Vacation Bible Camp!**

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](https://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](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org) for scholarship info or to volunteer.



**New SMEC Facebook Group** St. Michael's new and private Facebook group makes it easy to share eleventh-hour news and events and other happenings that might not make it into the Trumpet. Please take a moment to read the Group Code of Conduct and the Respectful Communication Guidelines once you join.

Click here to join: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/719685306264485>



**Family Camp—May 5-7, 2023—Some Spaces Still Available** 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](https://bit.ly/2023FamilyCamp)

Questions? Contact Family Minister Amanda at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org)

**April 30—Plug into the Trinity Center/Trinity Streets** St. Michael's has four dates this year that we will serve at the Trinity Center's Sunday worship service. These dates are: April 30, August 6, October 15, November 12. We would love volunteers from the parish to be present for all aspects of the event: helping with set-up/clean-up, participating in liturgy, serving the meal, visiting with guests, etc. If you are interested in participating, please contact Fr. Josh at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org) for more information.

#### Schedule

2:00pm - Volunteers arrive to help in the kitchen and with setting up the space.

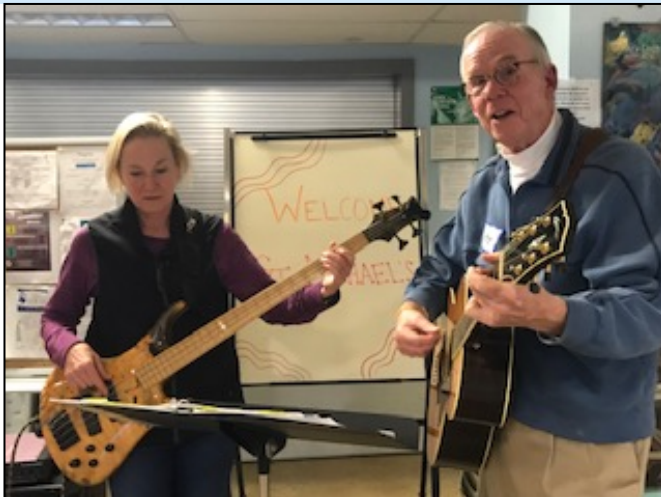
2:50pm - Doors open

3:00pm - Worship service

3:30pm - Lunch

4:30pm - Doors close

*About the Trinity Center worship service:* On Sunday afternoon, the Trinity Center acts as the church for people experiencing homelessness with a service that is offered alternately by different churches and is followed with a meal. Many of the neighbors do not feel welcome in the regular Sunday services in town. By setting up the center as a communal place to worship, with a service, music, meal and a collaboration with other spiritual services' providers we "walk the walk" of loving our neighbors as ourselves. There are usually 30-40 people who come to Sunday services.





## 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:

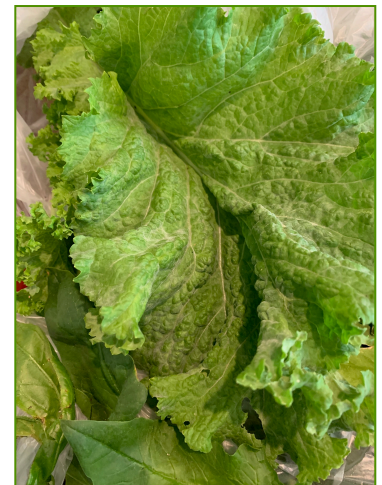
- Seminary of the Southwest** (*theological and pastoral education*)
- Pauli Murray Scholarship** (*scholarship for seminary students of color*)
- Episcopal Relief and Development** (*disaster relief & sustainable development*)
- iACT-Interfaith Action of Central Texas** (*interfaith outreach*)
- Trinity 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](mailto:harriettchoffel@icloud.com); or Fr. Josh Kulak at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org) if you'd like to serve.

**Garden Volunteers Needed** The SMEC Community Garden is thriving with greens. This week, 24 bags of veggies were delivered to Hope Food Pantry. Would you like to help with this impactful ministry? Great service opportunity for all ages. Contact Harriett Choffel at [harriettchoffel@icloud.com](mailto:harriettchoffel@icloud.com); or Beth Michaels at [ebethmichaels@gmail.com](mailto:ebethmichaels@gmail.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](mailto:hchoffel@icloud.com) or Fr. Josh at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org).

## FAMILY LIFE

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org). Adults are welcome, too!

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## 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](mailto:harriettchoffel@me.com) or Phyllis Bles at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more info. Here's the Zoom link: [bit.ly/SeekersZoomLink](https://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](https://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](mailto:rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com) or Sue Allen at [tom@northcoastbrewing.com](mailto: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](https://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](https://bit.ly/SMECCenteringPrayer); passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees with questions: [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto: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. *Stay tuned for May's meeting information*. Contact Andy Hines at [ahines@hinespool.com](mailto: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](mailto:mary.r.healy@gmail.com). Zoom Link: [bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy](https://bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy) ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

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## 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](http://www.st-michaels.org/stephen-ministry). If you'd like a Stephen Minister, please contact Jeff Robinson ([jarobinson100@gmail.com](mailto:jarobinson100@gmail.com)), Julie de Wette ([julie@losmadrone.com](mailto:julie@losmadrone.com)), or Fr. John Newton ([jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:reid.gail@gmail.com).



## DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

This week, the Pandas enjoyed different dress up wings and then spread their wings and flew around like butterflies! Together they engaged in pretend play, talked about how fast they were, and about the colors of their wings. *Thanks to Ms. Kayla for the photos!*



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## THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Please email Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org) with prayer requests or to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.

For healing and peace for Patrick Johnson.

For Rebecca Hope & her family as they welcome baby Ronan James Hope Kredell.

For Ann Hines, who died, and for all the Hines family as they mourn.

For Nancy Rickett's daughter-in-law, whose father died unexpectedly; for Kirby and his parents as they mourn him.

For all those affected by gun violence.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Alban's, Houston; St. James', Houston; St. Luke the Evangelist, Houston

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of the Province of Uganda

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### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God.* Consider sponsoring altar flowers after Easter or dedicate lilies on Easter Sunday. Your dedication can be emailed to: [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org).

Donate using the "Give Now" button on our homepage, [www.st-michaels.org](http://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](mailto: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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