



THE TRUMPET

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APRIL 30, 2023

Eagle Scout Project: Trail Map for Stations of the Cross

Good Friday is not the only time for walking the Stations of the Cross or just walking the trail—many people feel a need for contemplative prayer throughout the year. Thanks to Troop 30 and Eagle Scout projects over the years, St. Michael's offers the space for anyone to connect with God in an outdoor setting.

The latest Eagle Scout project—an easy-to-read trail map that will be available soon at the trailhead as a QR code and on our website—is thanks to James Gibson and his extravagant generosity. James is a 17-year-old junior at Westlake High School. He joined Troop 30 in 2017 and has been working toward his Eagle Scout rank.

For his Eagle Project, James wanted to give back to St. Michael's for their sponsorship of the Troop, and he undertook clean-up and rehabilitation of the Stations of the Cross trail. His creation of the map of the trail is part of the project, and he is proud to share it and continue Troop 30's history of service to the church. A big thanks to James and the rest of Troop 30 for their hard work and dedication.

—Christine Havens, Director of Communications



James Gibson, member of Troop 30.

Stations of the Cross trail map makes navigation easier.

NOTES

Choral Evensong | Sunday, April 30

5:00 pm St. Michael's Chancel Choir invites you to join them in the sanctuary for choral evensong, which is a beautiful worship service, this Sunday, followed by a wine & cheese reception in the parish hall. Bring your family & friends.

The service will be livestreamed—you can watch at st-michaels.org/worship-online.

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!

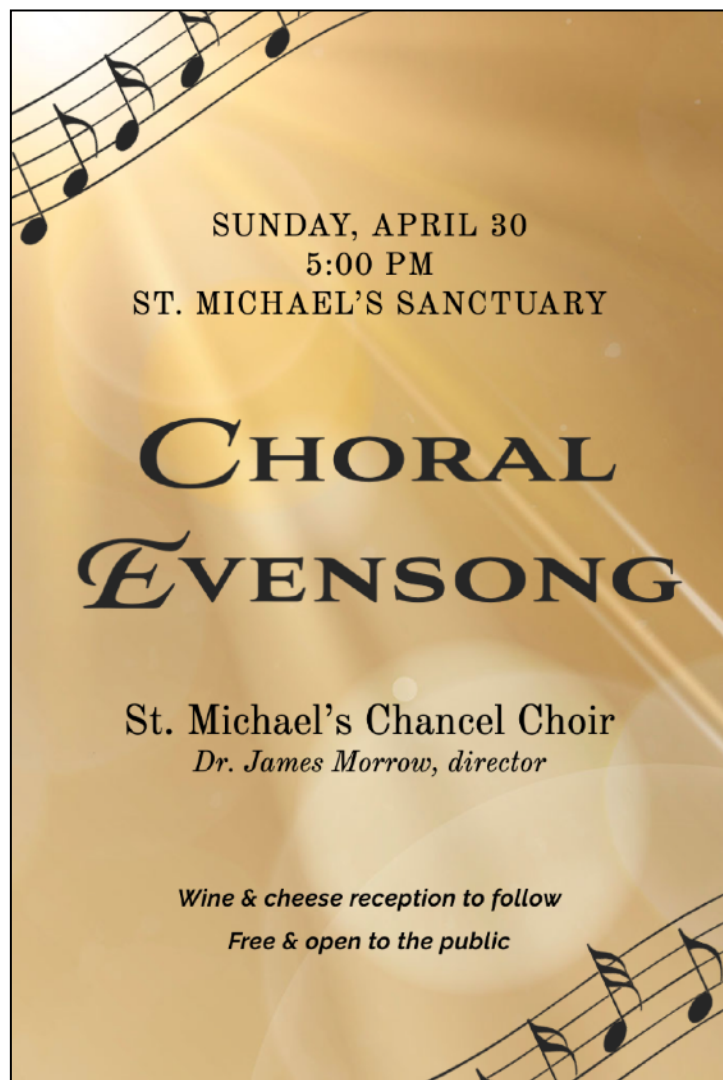
Hours: 1:30 pm- 4:30 pm

Register here: bit.ly/2023VBCRegistration

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.

A poster for Choral Evensong. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with a subtle pattern of musical notes and staves. At the top left and bottom right, there are illustrations of musical staves with notes. The text is centered and reads: "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", and "Free & open to the public".

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

A colorful illustration for Vacation Bible Camp. The scene is set on a green hill under a blue sky with white clouds. In the center, a large, stylized banner reads "OPERATION RESTORATION" in bold, block letters, with "MENDING GOD'S WORLD" written below it. The banner is decorated with various animals like a penguin, a cat, a dog, and a bird. To the right, a man in a white robe with a black sash (Jesus) is holding hands with a group of diverse children. One child is in a wheelchair. In the background, there are more children playing, a tree, and a night sky with stars and a crescent moon. The text "Vacation Bible Camp! July 31-August 3" is written in red on the right side of the image.

Vacation Bible Camp!
July 31-August 3

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 for a book or for more information.

For April 30, the group will discuss Chapter 4; please read in advance if possible.

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.

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 by Tuesday, May 16.

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.

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

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

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:

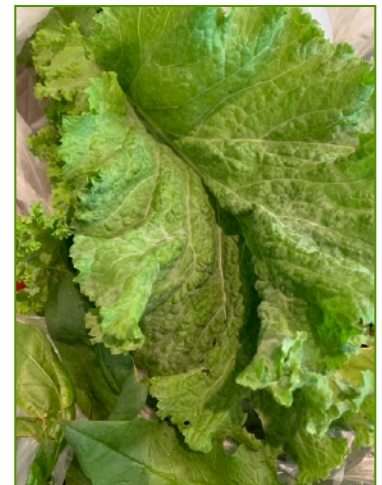
- Seminary of the Southwest** (*theological and pastoral education*)
- Pauli Murray Scholarship** (*scholarship for seminary students of color*)
- Episcopal Relief and Development** (*disaster relief & sustainable development*)
- iACT-Interfaith Action of Central Texas** (*interfaith outreach*)
- Trinity 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.

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; or Beth Michaels at 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 or Fr. Josh at 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.

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 Bles 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*. **Stay tuned for the summer title & schedule.** 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. **Stay tuned for May's meeting information.** 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.

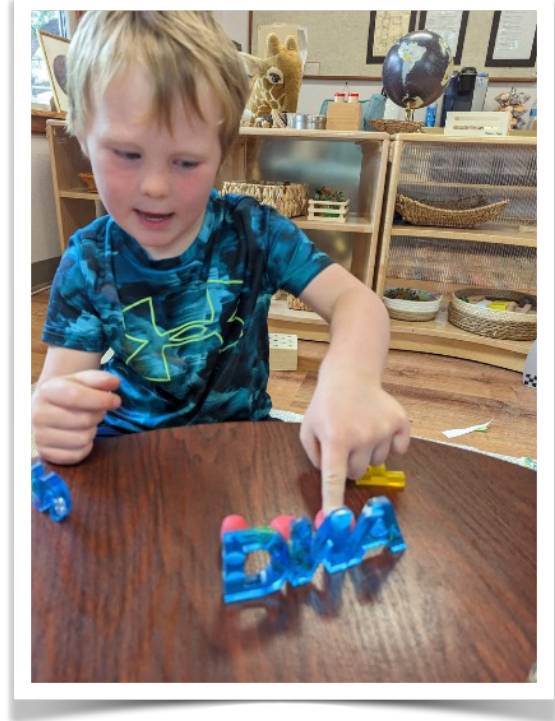
Learn more at www.st-michaels.org/stephen-ministry. If you'd like a Stephen Minister, please contact Jeff Robinson (jarobinson100@gmail.com), Julie de Wette (julie@losmadrone.com), or Fr. John Newton (jnewton@st-michaels.org).

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 jcsrceh@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

This week in Literacy Lab, the focus was on thinking about the sounds we hear in each word and then gradually building longer words. The Dolphins were given the letters T-D-A-N-S. They got to play and see what words they could create, most of these were nonsense words, but they loved sounding out the silly words. *Thanks to Ms. Sarah 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 Ruthanne Mulvihill, who recently fell, as she awaits surgery for a broken wrist.

For Zoey, who was recently in a car accident; for her family, including Jeremy Aschenbach, at this stressful time.

For Kendall Martin, as she recovers from a near-fatal car crash.

For Josh and for Charlotte.

For Connie, whose husband, John Roan, died this past Sunday; for the Roan family as they mourn.

For Barbara Rusling's Aunt Lorene, 101 years old, who was recently discharged from a hospital in southern California, and is diagnosed with congestive heart failure and breathing difficulties.

For all those affected by gun violence.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Mark's, Houston; Trinity, Baytown; Trinity, Houston

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The flowers are given to the Glory of God. Altar flower dedications are a wonderful way to celebrate the special people in your life or honor an important event or memory. 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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