



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for the community

MAY 9, 2021
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CELEBRATING OUR STAFF!

Julie Hodges, Parish Administrator, and Amanda Evans Lang, Family Minister, joined the staff of St. Michael's a year ago! We're so glad they're here; this week and next week, we honor each in this space. As Fr. John says, "I am hopeful and expectant that both Julie and Amanda will be with us for many years to come." He notes that Julie "brings and attentiveness to detail, a strong sense of responsibility and accountability, and a passion for excellence to her work as parish administrator." She brought her French bulldog, Elvis, to visit the day school children early this year—they loved it. Just one example of her extravagant generosity!

—Christine Havens, Assistant for Administration & Communication



What to say about my one year at St. Michael's Episcopal Church? Two words come to mind: *adapt* and *adventure!*

One year ago was extremely exciting for me. I was to begin a new parish administrator job at St. Michael's Episcopal Church during a pandemic, after being quarantined. I got to leave my house, meet new people (while socially distancing) and learn the ways of a new parish. Little did I know I would be adding the skill set "Construction/Restoration Project Management" to my resume.

Being the parish administrator for St. Michael's, I wear many hats and have learned many skills that normal parish administrators will never learn (how to restore a day school in less than a month, comes to mind). Having the opportunity to help guide St. Michael's through COVID, the roofing project, the winter storm, and managing the parish business is a blessing. I treasure being a part of the St. Michael's family.

I have yet to experience an actual church service at St. Michael's and eagerly await the opportunity to worship with the St. Michael's community and the much lauded "Taco Sunday."

I look forward to the many next years at St. Michael's with joy and hope.

—Julie Hodges



NOTES


IN-PERSON AND ONLINE WORSHIP AT ST. MICHAEL'S! We have worship in both kinds right now at St. Michael's and we invite to join us however you feel comfortable—in-person or online. Our summer services are at 8:00 and 10:00 am. BOTH services are now in the sanctuary, and you may enter through the courtyard-facing doors. No more need to register, though we are still asking folks to wear masks and follow social-distancing precautions. For those of you participating from home, we will continue with our livestreaming of the 10:00 am service. The Sunday morning email will have more details and links, and will go out by 9:00 am.

HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL (AND OTHER) GRADUATES Graduation is nearly here, and we'd like to honor all of our graduates—high school, college or other—in the May 30 issue of the Trumpet. Parents, or grandparents, send your graduate's name and a brief, one-sentence bio to Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org by Tuesday, May 25.

EASTER SPEAKER SERIES CONTINUES THIS SUNDAY Our third guest is the Rev. Patrick Hall, who serves as rector of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Houston. He's passionate about prayer for the Astros and Longhorns and college student ministry. Fr. John will welcome Fr. Patrick to his podcast for deeper exploration of the hope of resurrection. The videos and podcasts will be sent in our Sunday & Tuesday emails and posted on our website in keeping with the schedule—go to www.st-michaels.org/adult-formation.

St. Michael's Episcopal Church presents

The Hope of Resurrection



2021 Easter Speaker Series

New video message on Sundays

+

New podcast episodes on Tuesdays

April 25 + 27
The Rev. Mark Andrew Jefferson, PhD
Assistant Professor of Homiletics
Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Virginia

May 2 + 4
The Rev. Beth Fain
Missioner for Congregational Vitality
Episcopal Diocese of Texas, Houston, Texas

May 9 + 11
The Rev. Patrick Hall, Rector
Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Houston, Texas

May 16 + 18
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Kinney, Assisting Priest
All Saints' Episcopal Church
Austin, Texas

ADULT FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: DANIEL, THE APOCALYPSE, AND THE SON OF MAN Behind Jesus' use of the title "Son of Man," we find the Book of Daniel. Join us in a thorough study of Daniel's vision of God Almighty on Zoom at 12:00 pm on Tuesdays and Sundays. Click the link for the [syllabus](#). Sessions will be recorded and the audio only made available at www.st-michaels.org/listen for those who might miss a session. Here is the Zoom information:

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83976491370?pwd=aUZfekdvUkFENWJNSWRza1BzcC9TUT09>

Meeting ID: 839 7649 1370

Passcode: 276756

SEEKERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP The Seekers are reading the internationally-renowned novel about the life and death of Jesus—*The Last Temptation of Christ* by Nikos Kazantzakis, a book that has generated controversy and conversation since its publication. The group meets at **11:45 am each Sunday** and all are welcome. Join anytime, as they will be reading this title through July 2021. Here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>. Passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Bles at phyllis.blees@gmail.com with any questions.

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB Looking for fellowship and conversation? Love reading? Join the SMEC Book Club! The next meeting is on May 26 at 2:30 pm; the book is *In a Narrow Grave: Essays on Texas*, by native son Larry McMurtry. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com for more information and for the Zoom link.

ST. MICHAEL'S WOMEN'S VIRTUAL POTLUCK Table fellowship with friends via Zoom—women of all ages are welcome to join. Alternate **Monday evenings at 6:00 pm** every other week. 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 new Zoom link and passcode: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81346686555?pwd=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tlb04wUFVhUT09>. **New Passcode:** prayer.

CENTERING PRAYER ON TUESDAY EVENINGS 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 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. **NEW** Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969>. **Passcode now required:** 826364. The information is also in Fr. John's weekly Tuesday e-news.

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=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgyK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. **PLEASE NOTE** that you should use this passcode: biblestudy.

St. Michael's Family Ministry
Vacation Bible Camp 2021
Changing the world with
LOVINGKINDNESS
August 2nd - 6th
1 pm - 4 pm
Children ages 3 years - 5th grade
\$25 {Pre-Registration Required}

COMPASSION
CAMP
CHANGING THE WORLD WITH LOVINGKINDNESS

FAMILY MINISTRY

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

STUDENT MINISTRY

Students, Luis Rivas invites you to check out the [Student Ministry](#) page on the St. Michael's website for updates and activities to enrich your growth in Christ. Please email him with questions at lrivas@st-michaels.org.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS Please email Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.

NEW PRAYERS

For Lee Kobayashi, who is intensive care.

For Emma-Kate, a student recovering from open heart surgery done on Monday.

A Mother's Day Prayer: Gracious God, as adopted members of your family, we pray for all those who have been a mothering presence in our lives. We pray for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility; for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; and for mothers who are tired, stressed, or exhausted, pouring out all they have for their children. We ask that you console those who are grieving the loss of a mother and those who want to be mothers but for whatever reason are unable to have children. We pray that all mothers might feel uplifted and celebrated and blessed. May we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. May our hearts overflow with gratitude for them, and for you, who formed and knitted each of us in our mother's womb. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

COVID-19

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.

Luis Rivas, Student Minister, and Amanda Evans Lang, Family Minister, serving as digital ministers on Sunday mornings.



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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. 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>.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

We'll be returning to inviting folks to come up during the announcements for birthday and anniversary prayers. If you are worshipping at home, please continue to send your names to Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org and you will be prayed for at the 10 am service, which will be livestreaming soon.

MAY 9, 2021 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 10:44-48

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

Psalm 98

FOLLOW ST. MICHAEL'S ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: @St.Michaels.Austin

Instagram: stmichaels_atx

Twitter: StMichaelsEpiscopal @StMichaelsATX

THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Good news about yourself or our parish? Photos of you and your family participating in worship or fellowship activities?

Please send your ideas, stories, or photos to Christine Havens, Communication Assistant, (chavens@st-michaels.org) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays. Running event announcements two weeks prior to the date is recommended.

*Your extravagant generosity is appreciated.
Text SMEC1500 to 73256 and follow the prompts to make an e-offering.*