



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for the community

MAY 16, 2021

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CELEBRATING OUR STAFF!

THIS week, Amanda Evans Lang, our family minister, gets the spotlight as she also celebrates her first anniversary as part of the St. Michael's community. Fr. John is spot on when he says that "Amanda's creativity, experience working in the church, and wholistic vision for family ministry at St. Michaels will bless our ministry beyond measure." Amanda shares so much with SMEC—even her daughters, who have helped with so many family formation events. We are grateful for her extravagant generosity, and we're thankful for the parish's extravagant generosity, which allowed us to call her, and Julie.

—Christine Havens, Assistant for Administration & Communication



EARLY last spring after I accepted the call to St. Michael's, I impatiently counted down the days until I returned to full-time ministry. What I never expected was to also begin to count COVID-19 cases and weigh risk factors. By the time I was officially on board, we were making our way into lockdown and trying to handle the emergency. Instead of getting to know families and connecting them to authentic faith experiences, my work shifted to creating virtual connection and learning about streaming hardware and Zoom.

For me, as for many of you, the last year has been disappointing, overwhelming, discouraging, lonely, and at times paralyzing. But this season of leaning into God's heart (and not just the work for him) my total dependence on him has brought consolation, joy, and most significantly, *hope*.

I hope there are many of you that are as excited as I am, to move in to a new season where we serve God to his glory and honor our love for the church through the families we get to serve in our community.

I hope that you and I will gather around a table soon, sharing a meal and dreaming together about what it means to live in community after so much isolation.

I hope that this next season is one where I leverage my best gifts and love for ministry to serve your precious family.

And I hope that we continue to lean into God's plan and grace in the way that only a global pandemic could have taught us.

—Amanda Evans Lang



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 livestreaming the 10:00 am service. If we have technical difficulties, and the streaming cuts out, apologies in advance. We will continue to record the service and post it on the website at www.st-michaels.org/worship-online. The Sunday morning email will have this information, too; it should arrive in your inbox by 9:00 am.

FAMILY MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Family Minister Amanda is looking for some volunteers to help with prep work. If you enjoy being crafty, helping with tasks like mailing postcards and organizing supplies, and are available during the week, please contact her at amanda@st-michaels.org.

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 CONCLUDES THIS SUNDAY Our final guest is the Rev. Dr. Steve Kinney, assisting priest at All Saints' here in Austin. Fr. Steve is a creative soul who founded The Front Porch, and coordinated the innovative, ecumenical Easter Vigil held downtown in pre-COVID times. We'll share his video reflection and podcast conversation with Fr. John in our Sunday & Tuesday emails; they'll be posted on our website in keeping with the schedule—go to www.st-michaels.org/adult-formation.



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

The poster features a colorful background with abstract shapes in shades of blue, yellow, and pink. A large, stylized heart shape is composed of overlapping red, purple, and yellow sections. A green banner with the word 'COMPASSION' in white capital letters is draped across the heart. Below the heart, the word 'CAMP' is written in white capital letters on a yellow background. At the bottom of the heart, the phrase 'CHANGING THE WORLD WITH LOVINGKINDNESS' is written in a curved path.

ADULT FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: DANIEL, THE APOCALYPSE, AND THE SON OF MAN This next Sunday, May 16, will be the last Bible study for the Sunday group for the Book of Daniel. We will look at select verses from the Book of revelation, and that will bring our Daniel study to a close. There will be no Bible study on Sunday beginning May 23. Stay tuned for exciting news about Christian education in July.

The last Tuesday Bible study on Daniel will be May 18. On May 25, June 1, June 8, June 15, and June 22, we will still meet and study the lectionary readings for the coming Sunday. The lectionary bible studies will not be recorded.

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=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1IwYjVU3YyZz09>. Passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees 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=MHFKdmlwWXRnZFVZM2tib04wUFVHUT09>. **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=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1IwYjVU3YyZz09>; 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 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=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgVkdXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. **PLEASE NOTE** that you should use this passcode: biblestudy.

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 Hannah, that she might heal and recover, and for her caregiver.

From Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's statement on the violence in the Land of the Holy One: "We pray God to grant wisdom and courage to all those in authority to seek peace and pursue it without delay, without excuses, without confusion and with only one agenda: a negotiated and equitable agreement for peace between Israelis and Palestinians—once and for all."

COVID-19

For all children and teachers during this unexpected style of attending school.

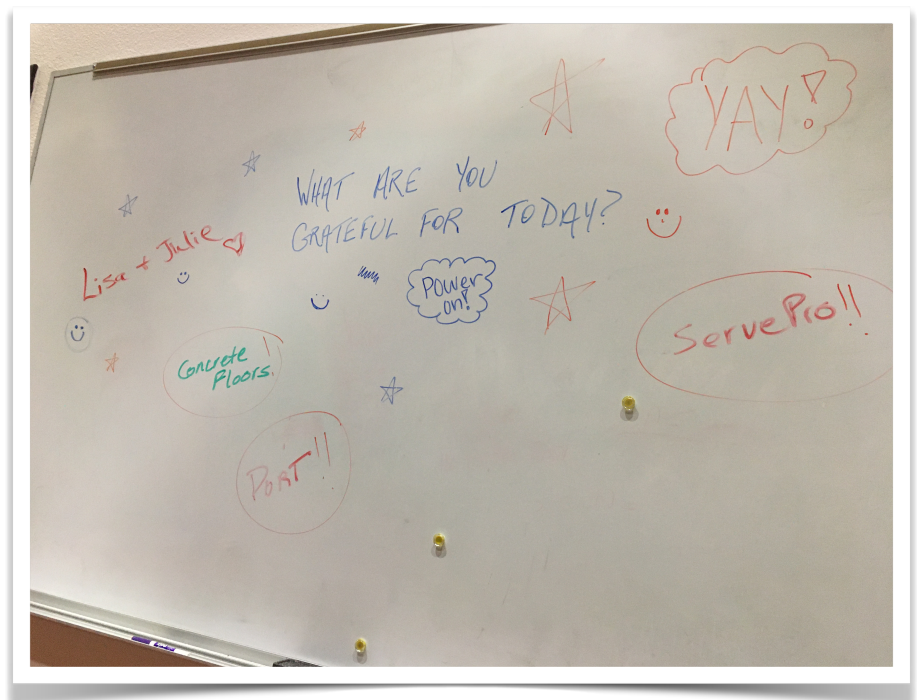
For all who struggle with loneliness and isolation.

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.

*Even in a stressful time,
this question, left on the office
whiteboard before the winter storm,
found responses.*



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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.

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Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

Psalm 1

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.*