



# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news*



JUNE 25, 2023

## VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2023: YOUR GIFTS NEEDED

The magic of summer is camp—Vacation Bible Camp, space and time where kids learn that church and community are full of joy and belonging. Helping people feel welcome is one of the things St. Michael's does best, and children love all the ways we offer each summer, and throughout the year. One small gesture is all it takes. You can help make the magic of *Operation Restoration: Mending God's World* extra special this year—show your dance moves, share your courage, guide the way, get wet, have fun. Share your gifts with the youngest in our community—no one's too old to join the team. Come and play with us!

The Family Ministry team needs VBC volunteers July 31-August 3 between 1:00-4:30 pm. Shepherd kids, serve snacks, help with craft time. Volunteer for an hour, a day, or the entire time. Contact Family Minister Amanda at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org) with questions or click here: [bit.ly/VBCRegisterHere](https://bit.ly/VBCRegisterHere) and sign up. Thank you!



## NOTES

**Summer at St. Michael's June 25-August 6** St. Michael's kicks off summer with a parish picnic on June 25, with burgers, Kona Ice, and more! June 25 is also the day we go to two services: 8:00 & 10:00 am; only the 10:00 am service will be livestreamed. Taco Sundays and coffee hour will happen around 11:00-ish, following the 10:00am service. Sunday School will be available at the 10:00am service, although not on July 2, due to the holiday weekend.



**Invitation: Small Group Leader Training** This fall, we will provide Small Group Leader Training to empower SMEC lay people to facilitate small groups. Our goal is to equip people with the necessary tools, skills, and guidance to successfully facilitate meaningful and transformative group experiences. The six training sessions will last 90 minutes each and will be held as in-person meetings, starting in September and concluding by mid-November. [Click here to read Fr. John's complete invitation.](#) Contact Fr. John at [jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org) or Trish Thompson at [home.thompon@gmail.com](mailto:home.thompon@gmail.com) with any questions.

# VACATION BIBLE CAMP

JULY 31-AUGUST 3, 2023

CHILDREN 3 YRS - 5TH GRADE



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

Register here: [bit.ly/2023VBCRegistration](https://bit.ly/2023VBCRegistration)

Please email [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org) for scholarship info or to volunteer.



One of the really great things about St. Michael's is the young people who are excited get involved on Sundays. The photo on the left is Chris Whitty, leading the Prayers of the People; on the right is Kirby Ricketts, reading one of the lessons. (Photos: Kirstie Cowan, Christine Havens)

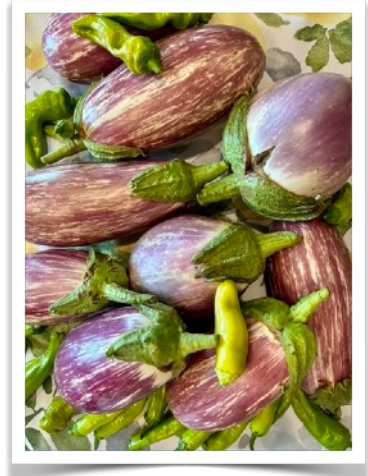
## PLUG INTO OUTREACH

**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. Click on the links to learn more about each organization:

- [Seminary of the Southwest](#) (*theological and pastoral education*)
- [The Texas Pauli Murray Scholarship](#) (*scholarship for seminary students of color*)
- [Episcopal Relief and Development](#) (*disaster relief & sustainable development*)
- [Interfaith Action of Central Texas \(iACT\)](#) (*interfaith outreach*)
- [Trinity Center](#) (*homelessness*)
- [Casa Marianella](#) (*displaced immigrants*)
- [Saint 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.



**The Heat Can't Beat SMEC—Garden Volunteers Needed** The SMEC Community Garden is thriving despite the heat. Eggplants, peppers, and green beans are better cooked for a meal than roasting on their stalks. Can you help? Our veggies go to Hope Food Pantry—yesterday, one person picked 15 eggplant, 22 peppers, and 2 bags of green beans to share with our neighbors. 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).

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## FAMILY LIFE

**Sunday School | During the 10am Service** 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).

## FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

### **The Seekers: Sunday Adult Book Study | Summer Schedule | Rm 4 (Education Wing) and via Zoom**

The Seekers meet on 10:00 am in Room 4, which is in the Education Wing. *Here's the summer meeting schedule: June 25 at 8:45 am; July 2-August 6 at 11:15 am. They will return to their usual schedule on August 13.*

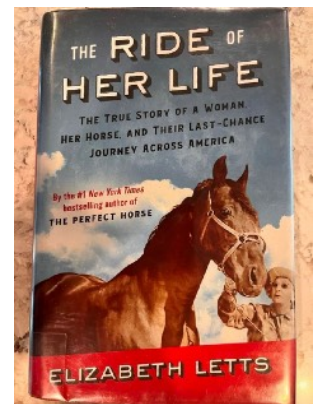
The group is reading *Do I Stay A Christian?: A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned* by Brian McLaren. McLaren, a pastor, explores the ways to say both yes and no by shifting the question from whether we stay Christian to the question of how we stay human. No need to have read the book to join the conversation. Drop in anytime!

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.

**Rector's Bible Study on Hiatus for the Summer** Please note that the Rector's Bible study will resume on Sunday, August 20 at 12:45 pm and Tuesday, August 22 at noon. Stay tuned for details on the topic later in the summer. ZOOM INFO: [bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink](https://bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink) Meeting ID: 832 6049 2080; passcode: bible.

**Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study Continues through Summer | 6:00 pm | Church Office** All women are invited to join parishioner Trish Thompson on Tuesday nights for a discussion of hard questions found in the Bible. The group will meet 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).

**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*. The summer read, for discussion at the end of September, is *The Ride of Her Life*, by Elizabeth Letts. 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 Bles 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. *The next gathering is July 12 at the County Line BBQ on Bee Caves Road.* 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 for Loneliness?** When I'm feeling lonely, there are times, all too often, even when people are around, that I feel this utter isolation. I'd like to share and just have someone listen . . . really listen. Not offer solutions or platitudes or bootstrap advice. Not say, "Well the very same thing happened to me!" How nice it would be to share my worries with someone who listens deeply. We can, with a Stephen Minister, who has been trained to provide safe, confidential Christian care. Contact Rev. John Newton ([jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org)) or Stephen Ministers Julie de Wette ([julie@losmadrone.com](mailto:julie@losmadrone.com)) or Jeff Robinson ([jarobinson100@gmail.com](mailto:jarobinson100@gmail.com)). Stephen Ministry can be with you.

**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).

**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 and they are meeting regularly again. If you're interested in learning more about the group, please contact Jonea Raney at [jcsrcc@gmail.com](mailto:jcsrcc@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).



*Daughters of the King luncheon, 2022*

## DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

On Wednesday, the day school children learned firsthand about reptiles fascinated by them and very brave.  
*Thanks to Ms. Kayla and Ms. Lorenza for the photos.*



## 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 Sue McCoy, Shane Oberle's mother, who suffered several strokes as well as a broken leg.

For Sherry & Roger Williams, who are experiencing health issues.

For Lou Dagal, Gena Tabery's mother, who has been hospitalized twice with an unknown health issue.

For those in Perryton, TX, and Matador, TX, who experienced severe tornado damage; for all those in the southeastern US who experienced severe storms and flooding earlier in the week.

In thanksgiving for Jim Morrow, who was SMEC's music director for 17 years, and so generously shared his gifts with this community.

For all those affected by the life-threatening heat in the United States, and around the world.

For the passengers of the submersible, *Titan*, for their families, and for the rescue crews who searched for them.

For all those affected by gun violence, especially the victims of the recent multiple mass shootings in St. Louis and Chicago.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. John's, LaPorte; St. Michael's, LaMarque; St. Thomas the Apostle (Nassau Bay), Houston; Trinity, Galveston

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of Bangladesh

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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](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org).*

Donate using the QR code below 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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