



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for the community

JUNE 27, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY & FOND FAREWELL

This is our last Sunday with Luis Rivas, our excellent student minister and tech guru. He's leaving us to begin the Master of Divinity program at the Seminary of the Southwest this fall. I add my gratitude to that of the rest of the staff below for his exuberant presence at St. Michael's these last three years, and join them in wishing him all the best in this stage of his journey. I look forward to seeing what's in store for him next! Join us at the 10 am service and help us bid Luis godspeed!

—Christine Havens, Assistant for Administration & Communication

Truly, it has been a blessing to work with Luis these past three years. His commitment to our church, our youth, and to helping us adapt during the pandemic last year is something for which I will always be grateful. I will miss working alongside him. Luis will make an excellent priest, and I know he will thrive in seminary in the coming years.

—Fr. John Newton, Rector

Luis has been such an incredible partner as we learned to stream and worship online. I'm excited for this next part of his journey and thankful to have had this time to serve with him.

—Amanda Evans Lang, Family Minister

Luis has been a stellar staff member...smart, talented, and clever. No way would we have been able to provide livestream services and videos without his expertise during the COVID pandemic. With great affection and good wishes as he enters seminary,

—The Rev. Sherry Williams, Deacon

Prior to COVID, Luis was a wonderful youth minister. When we had to shift to virtual worship, he saved our bacon with his tech gifts and willingness to offer those gifts, doing so with grace and expertise. As a colleague, he always has an astute theological perspective to offer. Luis will be a fine priest and we will miss him.

—The Rev. Elizabeth Turner, Assistant for Pastoral Care



I am so incredibly grateful for the time I have spent here at St. Michael's that it is almost impossible to put into words. St. Michael's hasn't just been my favorite job I've ever had by far—complete with the best co-workers and the best students and parishioners—it has also been such a loving and supportive community for me to grow and learn over the past few years. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve here and I will hold this time fondly in my heart as I continue into my seminary education and future career in ministry.

—Luis Rivas, postulant for Holy Orders

Luis has been a wealth of information for me! His ability to guide me through the "tech world" has been invaluable. I will miss Luis (and Bear!) greatly but am thrilled to see where his journey takes him. Thank you, Luis, for being a teacher and a friend!

—Julie Hodges, Parish Administrator

NOTES

IN-PERSON AND ONLINE WORSHIP AT ST. MICHAEL'S! We have worship in both kinds 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 in the sanctuary, and the parish hall restrooms are open. As a reminder, we do have an updated COVID worship policy; you can read it by [clicking here](#).

For those of you participating from home, we are streaming the 10:00 am service. If we have technical difficulties, and the streaming cuts out, our apologies in advance. We will record the service instead and post it on the website as soon as possible 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.

SAVE THE DATES & ORDER THE BOOK: BOOK STUDY WITH THE REV. DR. PHILIP TURNER We have a great summer adult Christian Ed opportunity coming up! The Rev. Dr. Philip Turner will lead a study on his latest book, *Christian Socialism: The Promise of an Almost Forgotten Tradition*, which you can order through the link. Mark your calendars: July 11-August 8 at noon.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84851264278?pwd=OHZHU2tWU0FYKzRsQ3FZTmZJVFlzQT09>; use passcode 779105.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES: CASA MARIANELLA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Casa Marianella, which works with displaced immigrants, has several opportunities for volunteers: drive residents to appointments, help sort donations, organize mail, deliver food, help residents move into housing, or help residents complete job applications by phone (Spanish, French, Portuguese speakers needed). Learn more at www.casamarianella.org. Interested in volunteering? Call 512-385-5571!

ADULT FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

SEEKERS BOOK GROUP The Seekers have just started reading *Mary Magdalene Revealed: The First Apostle, Her Feminist Gospel & the Christianity We Haven't Tried Yet* by Meggan Watterson, a WSJ bestseller about the gospel attributed to Mary and about her role in Christian tradition. The group meets at **11:45 am each Sunday** and all are welcome. *Interested in joining the group?* Contact Phyllis Blees at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for more info. Here's the book group Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>, Passcode: 541706.

ST. MICHAEL'S WOMEN'S VIRTUAL POTLUCK UPDATE! The SMEC Women's Virtual Potluck group is now gathering at 6:00 pm on the first Monday of each month unless it falls on a holiday. **Mark your calendars for the next one on July 12**; all women of the parish are invited—bring a friend! Stay tuned for news about returning to gathering in person on the church campus in the fall. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019837778?pwd=SGRmQXhoYllXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; passcode is 242636.

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY UPDATE: Sunday morning and Tuesday afternoon Bible study with Fr. John is on hiatus for the summer. Stay tuned for an update on the fall schedule at the end of July.

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB Looking for fellowship and conversation? Love reading? Join the SMEC Book Club! The group will meet again at the end of September (the 29th), but have already chosen the book to read over the summer: *The Library Book*, by master nonfictionist, Susan Orlean. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com for more information and for the Zoom link.

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: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81346686555?pwd=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tlb04wUFVHUT09>. **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=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjlVU3YyZz09>; 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. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969>. **Passcode now required:** 826364.

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=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgvcK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. **PLEASE NOTE** that you should use this passcode: biblestudy.

FAMILY & STUDENT MINISTRIES

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

VBC REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! Ready to register your children or grandchildren for Vacation Bible Camp? We also need a bunch of helpers. [Click here to register or to volunteer!](#) We're super excited to welcome kiddos and their families back to our campus this summer!



7/11 & 8/1: EPISCOPAL STRONG 2021 Episcopal Strong lives on! All youth and youth leaders are invited to two very casual, worship-and-discussion gatherings on Zoom. Get a little bit of that mission trip magic, no matter how you serve this summer! No cost, no preparation required. See old friends & make new. Email episcopalstrong@gmail.com for Zoom link. More details [here](#).

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.

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

NEW PRAYERS

For newborn triplets, John, Peter, and Wilson Lohse, grandsons of Mary & Ed Healy, born June 18, and currently in the NICU at Texas Children's Hospital. For Callie, their mother, and Ryan, their father, and older brother, Richard.

For Christine's grandmother, Harriet Burns, who died June 19, and for the Burns family as they grieve and celebrate her.

Safe travels for Fr. John and his family as they head to Colorado for vacation.

For all those in the American West suffering from the extreme heat and drought.

For all those affected by gun violence.

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.



The Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray's feast day is celebrated on July 1, but since that is near the July 4 holiday weekend, the Episcopal Church is celebrating the life of this saint on Sunday, June 27.

St. Michael's supports the Texas Pauli Murray scholarship, thanks to your extravagant generosity, which helps low-income African American students attend the Seminary of the Southwest. Our own Lee Crawford and the Rev. Hope Benko serve on the TPMS Committee.

This Sunday, the loose plate offerings will be given to the scholarship fund.

Pauli Murray Icon Graphic by Christopher Taylor;
<https://www.paulimurraycenter.com/events-and-celebrations/2020/10/22/showing-up-whole-pauli-murrays-courageous-life>

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God.

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>.

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Track 1

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

Track 2

Wisdom of Solomon
1:13-15; 2:23-24
Lamentations 3:21-33
or Psalm 30
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

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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, Communications 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.*