



# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news*



JULY 2, 2023

## LOVE ABOUNDS AT SMEC

On June 25, St. Michael's baptized three children, Lilyana, Dominic, and Lorelei; bid farewell to Jim Morrow, our longtime music director, and kicked off summer with a parish picnic. The smiling faces in the photographs attest to all the love in this strongly-knit community. —Christine Havens, Director of Communications



Photos: Gail Reid & John Newton

## NOTES

**Summer at St. Michael's | June 25-August 6** St. Michael's summer continues with two worship services: 8:00 & 10:00 am; only the 10:00 am service will be livestreamed. Join us after the services for the July & August Taco Sundays (first Sunday of each month) and coffee hour. Sunday School will be available at the 10:00 am service, although not on July 2, due to the holiday weekend. The Seekers Adult Book Group has a summer schedule—see page 5 for details.



**Church Office Closed on Tuesday, July 4** In observance of the Independence Day holiday, the church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4. Hours this week are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:00-4:00 pm.

**Lost & Found Items** In addition to a couple of black or dark blue compact umbrellas, the office has some other items left behind recently. These include a pair of glasses (black rims with multi-colored temples (the part that sits on your ears) and a women's gold Massimo Dutti watch. Please contact the office at 512-327-1474 or see Christine on Sunday.

**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.

## SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

JULY 2, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I

10:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
No Sunday School--  
wiggle bags available

11:00 am Taco Sunday | Parish Hall

11:15 am Seekers | Room 4, Ed. Wing

10:00 am service livestreamed  
at  
[st-michaels.org/worship-online](http://st-michaels.org/worship-online)



# 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.

## 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!



## 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.



Lunch bags packed by the Seekers and ready for delivery to our Trinity Center neighbors.  
Photo credit: Harriett Choffel

**The Heat Can't Beat SMEC—Garden Volunteers Needed** The SMEC Community Garden is thriving despite the heat: eggplant, peppers, tomatoes, garlic, spinach, sorrel, beets, lettuce. Our volunteers would love some extra hands. Can you help harvest? The veggies go to Hope Food Pantry; this week, 51 bags were delivered to folks who might not otherwise get fresh food.

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 Summer Schedule | Wiggle Bags on July 2 & 9** There is no Sunday School on July 2 or July 9—wiggle bags will be available in the narthex and the Gathering Room is open for parents with extra-wiggly children. Sunday 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** Here's the summer meeting schedule: July 2-August 6 at 11:15 am. They will return to their 10:00 am meeting time 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 Blee 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.

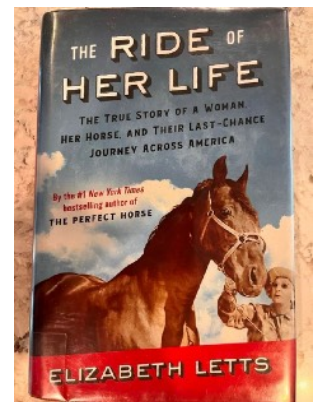
**Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study Continues through Summer | 6:00 pm | Church Office** All women are invited to join parishioner Trish Thompson on Tuesday nights for a discussion of hard questions found in the Bible. The group will meet at 6:00 pm in the St. Michael's office. Questions? Contact Trish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

It almost looked like it was snowing in the playground on Wednesday during the foam party! The wonder and glee on the children's faces is priceless. *Thanks to Ms. Kayla, Ms. Melody, and Ms. Michelle for the photos.*



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## 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 Fr. John, Emily, Annie, KK, Jack, and Junie--may they be safe in their travels and rest during their vacation.

For Presiding Bishop Michael Curry as he continues to recover from hospitalization or internal bleeding and heart arrhythmia.

For the Bellm family.

For all those who continue to be affected by the smoke from multiple wildfires in Canada.

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

For all those affected by gun violence, especially the victims of the recent multiple mass shootings.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** All Saints', Crockett; Christ Church, Jefferson; Christ Church, Nacogdoches

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil – Province

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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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