



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news



AUGUST 6, 2023

An Amazing Week of World-mending at Vacation Bible Camp

On July 31-August 3, from 1:30-4:30 pm each day, St. Michael's hosted 70+ children, who were shepherded by an amazing, intergenerational group of 20 volunteers. Hearing their laughter and singing (and yes, some tears) ring through the sanctuary certainly brought smiles to all involved. Everyone enjoyed water play at the end of the day. Your extravagant generosity made all this possible. Thank you!

“This week at Vacation Bible Camp we are inviting our children to participate in this process of re-creation, of transformation, of mending God’s world through small acts of service. These acts parallel our wider commitment to offer grace and connection to every one, both inside and outside our parish. Whether it is serving lunch and participating in the Eucharist with our unhoused neighbors at the Trinity Center, volunteering at El Buen Samaritano, building a tiny home at Community First Village, sponsoring refugees and asylum seekers through Episcopal Migration Ministries, or harvesting vegetables from our community garden to donate to the Hope Food Pantry, St. Michael’s is committed to mending God’s world through Spirit-inspired acts of love and justice.

We yearn to see God’s kingdom come on earth as it already is in heaven, and we would love for you to join us in this work!”

—from Fr. Josh Kulak’s letter to the VBC families.



NOTES

Summer at St. Michael's Finale! St. Michael's summer finishes up this Sunday with a grand finale! At the 10:00 am service, the VBC children will share one of the songs they had fun learning. Children should sit with their parents at the beginning of the service; they will be invited to join Ms. Amanda for a special activity following the VBC performance. Join us after the service in the parish hall for an extra-special Taco Sunday!



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Save the Dates: Fall Edition



AUGUST 6 TACO SUNDAY

VBC CELEBRATION @ 10:00 am service

AUGUST 13 BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS & FALL KICK OFF

Services back to 7:45, 9:00, and 11:00 am

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY



AUGUST 13

10 AM SPOTLIGHT SUNDAY: Meet the SMEYC Team

5:00-6:30 pm SMEYC

AUGUST 27

10 AM PRIEST IN THE HOT SEAT GAME SHOW

5:00-6:30 pm SMEYC



AUGUST 20

10 AM SERVICE PROJECT SUNDAY (1 service hour)

5:00-6:30 pm SMEYC



SEPTEMBER 3

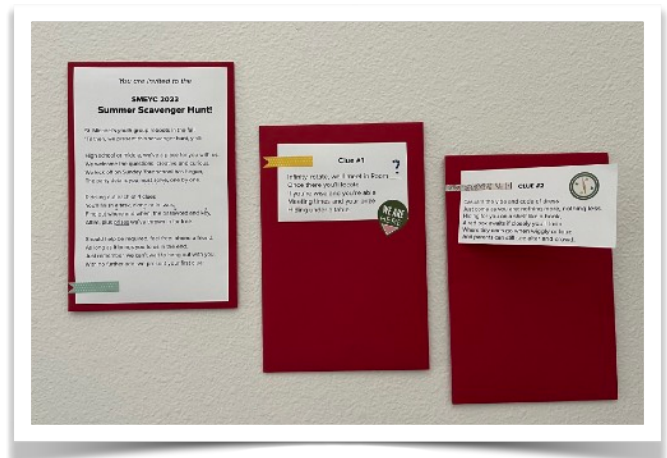
10 AM TACO SUNDAY CHALLENGE

5:00-6:30 pm SMEYC



SMEYC Kicks Off on August 13 High school & j. high peeps, hang out & connect on Sundays. Click the video below to meet our new youth leaders, Grace (left) & Reagan (<https://vimeo.com/846371863?share=copy>). They've got a Truth or Lies Challenge for our teens! Find out what's true and what's new on the 13th! Also, donuts. Learn more about St. Michael's Episcopal Community at www.smeyc.org.

SMEYC Scavenger Hunt Look in the narthex for the clues that Ms. Bonnie put up on the wall. Prizes are hidden around the church.



Centering Prayer: Intro/Sit, Potluck, Summer Movie

August 8 | 6:00 pm until end Curious about centering prayer? This contemplative practice has been happening at SMEC for many years and annually practitioners gather at Phyllis Blee's home for a potluck and a movie, *The Tree of Life*, starring Brad Pitt, Sean Penn, Jessica Chastain, and directed by Terrence Malick. Through Malick's signature imagery, we see how both brute nature and spiritual grace shape not only our lives as individuals and families, but all life.

This gathering is open to all adults. If you'd like to attend, please to RSVP to Phyllis at phyllis.blees@gmail.com or 512.426.1266. Bring a dish of your choice. The address is 1510 Falcon Ledge Dr, Austin, TX 78746.

Prophetic Insights from the Book of Jeremiah: Rector's Bible Study | Begins August 20 & 22 (Sundays 12:45pm and Tuesdays 12:00pm)

Jeremiah's journey is one of faithfulness, sorrow, exile, and redemption. This book raises questions about God's judgment, mercy, forgiveness, and ultimately points to the great Liberator we have in Jesus. Join us this fall as we examine Jeremiah's life and prophetic proclamations, as well as how the various themes of the book are ultimately answered and clarified in the life and ministry of Jesus.

ZOOM INFO: bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink Meeting ID: 832 6049 2080; passcode: bible.

New Way to Submit Altar Flower Dedications Did you know that you can celebrate the special people in your life or honor an important event or memory with an altar flower dedication that gets printed in the 11:00 am service bulletin and in the Trumpet? We are beta testing this link for folks to submit a dedication and a donation in one place: st-michaels.org/altar-flower-donations. Otherwise, you can still use the QR code on the back page, or send a check to the church office at 1500 N. Capital of Texas Highway, 78746; put "altar flowers" as the memo.

Feeling Overwhelmed? Stephen Ministers Care Sometimes, I tremble under the weight of life. I'm being stretched too thinly by a shredding relationship, others' ceaseless needs or my exhaustion. Imagine what it might be like to have someone hold, with you, the sources of that heavy pressure that tightens and presses on you. To know and understand. A Stephen Minister will listen for an hour, week after week, and not grow weary or frustrated or try to fix. Stephen Ministers are trained to provide safe, confidential Christian care.

Contact the Rev. John Newton (jnewton@st-michaels.org) or Stephen Ministers Julie de Wette (julie@losmadrone.com) or Jeff Robinson (jarobinson100@gmail.com).

SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

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THE TRANSFIGURATION

8:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I

10:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II

11:00 am Coffee Hour | Parish Hall

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

10:00 am service livestreamed
at
st-michaels.org/worship-online



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; or Fr. Josh Kulak at jkulak@st-michaels.org if you'd like to serve.

El Buen Samaritano Volunteer Opportunities El Buen Samaritano, one of SMEC's outreach partners, depends on volunteers year-round to maximize limited resources. Volunteer opportunities: Adult Education, Youth Education, Food Pantry, and Community Garden. All volunteer opportunities require a semester-long commitment with a minimum of volunteering one day a week. All in-person volunteer opportunities require COVID-19 vaccination. To sign up or learn more about each opportunity, visit elbuen.org/volunteers.



Members of the Stephen Ministry (Sandra Borenstein, Donna McDonald, Barbara Johnson, and Donna's husband, Chuck, filling bag lunches that will be delivered to the Trinity Center and distributed to our unhomed neighbors.

FAMILY LIFE

Sunday School Summer Schedule | Resumes at 9:00 & 11:00 am on August 13 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. Contact Amanda at amanda@st-michaels.org for more info.

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.

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

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

The Seekers' summer meeting schedule: July 2-August 6 at 11:15am. 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 or Phyllis Bles at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for more info. Here's the Zoom link: bit.ly/SeekersZoomLink, Passcode: 541706.

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.

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 or Sue Allen at 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. **Passcode:** prayer.

Centering Prayer | Tuesdays @6:30 pm This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: bit.ly/SMECCenteringPrayer; 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 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 meeting is August 9 at the Waterloo Ice House at the intersection of 360 & FM 2222. Contact Andy Hines at 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. Zoom Link: bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

MINISTRIES

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, they meet in the Gathering Room (next to the sanctuary) the third Saturday of each month at 10:30am. Contact Jonea Raney at jcsrrech@gmail.com if you have any questions.

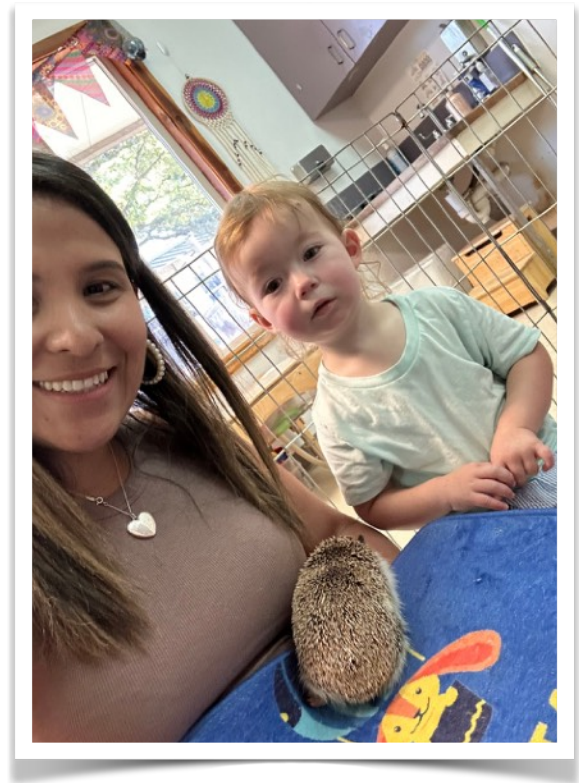
Altar Guild The Altar Guild is always looking for women and men to join this ministry. This group makes sure that the sanctuary is clean and readied for services and other liturgical events that happen at St. Michael's. If you are interested in serving or for more information, please contact Gail Reid at reid.gail@gmail.com.

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).

DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday was petting zoo day! The children held all kinds of animals, including a hedgehog and a fancy chicken!
Thanks to Ms. Ileana & Ms. Melody for the sweet photos.



THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Please email Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org with prayer requests or to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.

For Bill Bruce, Margaret Connor's father, as he experiences symptoms of temporal arteritis.

For Mack.

In thanksgiving for the children, the parents, the volunteers, and the Family Ministry team who shared themselves with each other and with God this past week for Vacation Bible Camp.

For all those affected by gun violence.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Trinity, Jacksonville; Trinity, Longview; Trinity, Marshall

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

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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.

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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) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays. We recommend running stories beginning two weeks prior to your event.

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