



# THE TRUMPET

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AUGUST 13, 2023

## ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS & FALL KICK OFF  
Services back to 7:45, 9:00, and 11:00 am

**Blessing of the Backpacks & Return to Regular Sunday Schedule** School begins again soon! St. Michael's invites students of all ages to bring their backpacks or other bag to church this Sunday for a blessing.

We switch back to our regular schedule of 7:45, 9:00, and 11:00 am services. Coffee hour, the Seekers, and the new youth group happen during the 10:00 am hour.

Sunday School for the littles is back in full swing, too, during the 9:00 & 11:00 am services. Look for Ms. Amanda and the Family Ministry team outside the narthex or playground.



**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! Learn more about St. Michael's Episcopal Community at [www.smeyc.org](http://www.smeyc.org).

## ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

### Save the Dates



AUGUST 13

10 AM SPOTLIGHT SUNDAY: meet the SMEYC Team  
5:00-6:30 pm SMEYC

AUGUST 20

10 AM SERVICE PROJECT SUNDAY (1 service hour)  
5:00-6:30 pm SMEYC



AUGUST 27

10 AM PRIEST IN THE HOT SEAT GAME SHOW  
5:00-6:30 pm SMEYC



SEPTEMBER 3

10 AM TACO SUNDAY CHALLENGE  
5:00-6:30 pm SMEYC



## NOTES

### **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](https://bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink) Meeting ID: 832 6049 2080; passcode: bible.

### **SMEC Tuesday Night Women's Fall Bible Study | New Topic Begins Tuesday, August 29 | 6:00 pm | Church Office**

The Women's Bible Study has chosen a new book to discuss for fall. Beginning on August 29 and finishing up on October 17, the group will use *The Book of Philippians*, a video study guide by Jo Saxton. Through Paul's words and example, learn how joy and sacrifice can go hand-in-hand. All women are welcome—the group meets on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the church office. Contact Trish Thompson at [home.thompson@gmail.com](mailto:home.thompson@gmail.com) with questions or for more info.

**Successful Trinity Center Visit** Fourteen SMEC folks showed up to help at with lunch and worship at the Trinity Center on Sunday, August 6, including Gail Reid, Marsha Hart, Lee Crawford, Diane Boehm, Michael Donegan, Jackie King, Mary Parse, Julie McConnell, Alice Barton, Stephen Bedell, Hope Benko, Parker Benko, Grayson Benko, and Josh Kulak. About 20 unhoused neighbors were present.



## SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

AUGUST 13, 2023  
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 7:45 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour | Parish Hall  
The Seekers | Rm 4, Ed. Wing  
SMEYC | Rm 8, Ed. Wing
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II

9:00 & 11:00 am services  
livestreamed  
at  
[st-michaels.org/worship-online](https://st-michaels.org/worship-online)



**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](https://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.

**Operation Restoration: More Photos from the 2023 Vacation Bible Camp** Big thanks to Kaya Evans (*on the left in the top right photo*) daughter of Amanda Evans, our Family Minister, for taking so many amazing photographs during VBC. Here are a few; the joy of that week is so palpable in these pics.



## 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 or check out the new Outreach webpage at [st-michaels.org/outreach](https://st-michaels.org/outreach).

**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.

**Cook Dinner for the Episcopal Student Center** Join the Episcopal Student Center for dinner! Every week after evening Eucharist the ESC shares dinner together, and a home-cooked meal is a simple but profound gift to the students. *All you need to do is bring food for 25 people and they'll provide the rest.* The ESC has a fully-equipped kitchen available for you to use and they can reimburse you for groceries. [Sign up for a Sunday this semester here](#), or contact Fr. Josh ([jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org)) for any questions.



**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](https://elbuen.org/volunteers).

## FAMILY LIFE

**Sunday School Summer Schedule | Back to 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](mailto: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](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org).

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## FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

### **The Seekers: Sunday Adult Book Study | 10:00 am | Rm 4 (Education Wing) and via Zoom**

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.

**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 meeting is August 9 at the Waterloo Ice House at the intersection of 360 & FM 2222. 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

**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 [jcsrcc@gmail.com](mailto:jcsrcc@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](mailto:reid.gail@gmail.com).

**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](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 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

On Tuesday, the Ducklings made lemon poppyseed muffins. Looks like they were yummy.

*Thanks to Ms. Michelle for the adorable 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.*

In thanksgiving that Anna DeLeon is in remission and has completed her final round of chemotherapy.

For all those in the immediate Austin area in harm's way of wildfires; for those on Maui in Hawaii; and for those elsewhere around the world.

For all teachers as they head back to school to prepare for the 2023-2024 school year.

For all those affected by gun violence.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** All Saints', Cameron; Christ Church, Mexia; Christ Church, Temple

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

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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.*

*You can use this link to send your dedication and make a donation: [st-michaels.org/altar-flower-donations](https://st-michaels.org/altar-flower-donations). You may also 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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