



# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news for our community*

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The Back to School Drive-through Bash is nearly here!

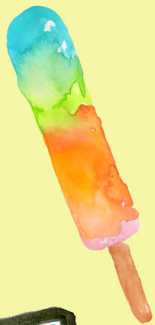
What a great opportunity to come and meet Amanda Evans Lang, our “new” Family Minister! She’s been here since May and hasn’t been able to get to know the St. Michael’s families very well yet. Amanda and John will be blessing the backpack tags this Sunday so that you can pick them up on August 23. All kinds of fun items have been arriving in the office for the bash—think giraffe sprinklers, water squirters, AND one of our staff members will be dressed up as a **pink flamingo**! Who will that be? Don’t wait for photos of the event—come and see for yourself! And be prepared for a fun evening!



# Back to School



- Drive-through bash -



Come wave Hi!  
and  
**SPLASH** our  
church staff and  
SMEDS teachers



August 23 5-7pm

St. Michael’s Episcopal Church

backpack blessings & popsicle pick-ups

[tablets + briefcases + plan books + masks, etc.]



## GLIMPSES OF GRACE

### Thoughts for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost by the Rev. Minerva Camarena Skeith

Three months ago, Samuel, my older son, convinced us to accept free chicks offered by his teacher. Every year Mr. Harper has his students build an incubator. During “regular” school the project and the school year end with chicks hatching and the students adopting a chick. However, as we all know, this was no “regular” school year. Mr. Harper ended up with a garage filled with chicks. He sent out an email to all his students pleading them to come and pick up as many chicks as their parents would allow.

We brought home three. Felix is the lone survivor. I have to admit that I did not think chickens were a good idea. I thought the last thing we needed during this pandemic is to have more things to worry about and take care of. However, Felix has provided unexpected moments of grace for our family. I have enjoyed watching my son and my father care for this chicken. Grandfather and grandson have spent hours trying to figure out how to best care for Felix. They worked closely to build a chicken coop when Felix had outgrown her plastic bin in the garage. They take turns feeding the chicken. My father takes the morning shift—Samuel is not an early riser. I love watching my father sit outside drinking his coffee. My father and Felix have mastered the art of reducing the fly population in our backyard. Samuel has the afternoon shift. He goes outside, lets Felix out of her coop, changes her water and hangs out. He has another living creature to interact with during this time of isolation. He comes back from his visits with Felix renewed.

Felix has provided all of us an opportunity to see one of God’s creatures grow and develop. She has become part of our family. When Samuel first asked us if he could have some chickens, I could only see the cost it would be to add another living creature to our family. I had no idea that this feathery creature would bring laughs, discovery, and create good memories that we will remember forever.

What relationships or experiences have surprised you in unexpected way?

## NOTES

**PICNIC CHURCH NEWS** This completely outdoor service will have a soft launch on Sunday, August 23 at 9:15 am. *This pilot service will be limited to 15 people.* Please email Mother Minerva at [mskeith@st-michaels.org](mailto:mskeith@st-michaels.org) to reserve space.

**UPDATED WEBSITE DESIGN!** Last year, we rolled out our new website design. In recent months, we’ve considered revisions based on your feedback and input from the website team. We’re still unveiling some of those changes. You’re invited to take some time to visit and become familiar with the new layout; the URL is the same: [www.st-michaels.org](http://www.st-michaels.org). One big change is that the service will not be on the homepage—there will be a quick link to take you to our streaming page. A big thank you to Family Minister Amanda Lang, and the website team, for their hard work on the upgrade.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AVAILABLE** One of our parishioners, Sally Lombardo, is offering free spiritual direction to St. Michael’s parishioners during this time. Sally has an MDiv from Truett Seminary at Baylor and a Certificate in Spiritual Direction. If you are interested, please email Sally at [shlombardo@gmail.com](mailto:shlombardo@gmail.com).

## REGULAR ZOOM GATHERINGS

**ST. MICHAEL’S BOOK CLUB** Join St. Michael’s book group this summer! August’s book selection is *Jayber Crow* by Wendell Berry; that discussion happens on **August 26 at 2:30 pm**. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at [rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com](mailto:rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com) or Gail Reid at [reid.gail@gmail.com](mailto:reid.gail@gmail.com) for more information and the Zoom link.

**WOMEN OF ST. MICHAEL’S VIRTUAL POTLUCK** Table fellowship with friends via Zoom—women of all ages are welcome to join. They generally gather **Monday evenings at 6:00 pm** every other week. Please email Becky Brindley at [rmbrindley@yahoo.com](mailto:rmbrindley@yahoo.com) for the Zoom link, password, and email updates.

**MORNING PRAYER, TUESDAYS @9:00 AM** You're invited to Morning Prayer with Mother Minerva each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Please email [mskeith@st-michaels.org](mailto:mskeith@st-michaels.org) for Zoom meeting link.

**EVENING PRAYER, WEDNESDAYS @4:30 PM** Led by Fr. John each Wednesday at 4:30 pm. Please email [jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org) for the Zoom meeting info or look for the information in our weekly Tuesday e-news.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY** Weekly Tuesday Bible Study is at 1:00 pm, via Zoom. Please email [mskeith@st-michaels.org](mailto:mskeith@st-michaels.org) for the Zoom link and meeting ID.

**CENTERING PRAYER ON TUESDAY EVENINGS** This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Here is the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjIVU3YyZz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees with questions: [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com).

**SEEKERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** The Seekers are currently reading *Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation* by Richard Rohr and Mike Morrell. They meet at **9:15 am each Sunday**. The Zoom link is the same as for Center Prayer. Please email Phyllis Blees at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) with any questions.

Here are links to a couple of Zoom tutorials on YouTube. This one, <https://youtu.be/9isp3qPeQ0E>, from the Creative Life Center, is great for those just using the platform for joining meetings. Click this link, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnFSBjFvK2o>, for a more detailed tutorial or if you're interested in how to host a meeting. If you have questions about using Zoom that aren't answered in either of the videos or you need clarification, please email Luis Rivas at [lrvivas@st-michaels.org](mailto:lrvivas@st-michaels.org) about a Q&A session.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS STARTS UP ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2:45-4:00 PM VIA ZOOM!** Contact Luis Rivas, Student Minister, at [lrvivas@st-michaels.org](mailto:lrvivas@st-michaels.org) with any questions.

**AVATAR IN AUGUST WITH ST. MICHAEL'S EYC!** Sundays in August, from 4:00-6:00 pm, watch Nickelodeon's great animated series, *Avatar*, with your friends! Just download the Chrome extension, Netflix Party, and you're all set for throwback fun! Questions? Contact Luis Rivas, Student Minister, at [lrvivas@st-michaels.org](mailto:lrvivas@st-michaels.org).

**PARENTS & STUDENTS—STAY IN THE KNOW! FOLLOW AUSTIN AREA EYC ON INSTAGRAM!** The Austin Area EYC continues having fun activities at a safe distance. Follow [@austin\\_eyc](https://www.instagram.com/austin_eyc) on Instagram to stay connected to future opportunities for virtual worship and fun with other Episcopal youth from around the city. Direct Message on Instagram for Zoom links. Please contact Luis Rivas, Student Minister, at [lrvivas@st-michaels.org](mailto:lrvivas@st-michaels.org) for more news about youth group happenings.

## FAMILY MINISTRY

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE-THROUGH BASH! SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 5:00-7:00 PM** Come wave "Hi" and splash our church staff and SMEDS teachers! Back-to-schoolers and teachers are invited for backpack (+tablets + briefcases + plan books + masks + more) blessings and popsicle pick-ups! We will kick off Fall Children's programming that weekend, too! Contact Amanda Lang, Family Minister, at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org) for more info.

**ONLINE CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS** are on hiatus until August 23 to give everyone a break from screen fatigue. Stay tuned to the SMEC Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/St.Michaels.Austin/>, for pop-up activities and inspiration for family fun!

## THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

### NEW PRAYERS

For Connor Clark, grandson of Susie Orum, as he moves into his dorm at the University of Nebraska.  
For Julie Hodges and her family--safe travels.  
For George Jones, grandson of the Rev. Janice Jones, who will be baptized at home.  
For those in Beirut during the ongoing recovery from the devastating warehouse explosion last week.

### COVID-19 RELATED

For the Jacob and Abramo families  
For all children and teachers prepping for, and starting, the school year.  
For Liz, friend of Donna H., who lost her husband to COVID-19.  
For Sue, friend of Donna H., who lost her mother to COVID-19.  
For Suzanne, who is struggling with loneliness and isolation during this time, and for all who struggle with these issues.  
For Marshall and Madison, family members of Margie Ayres, who have COVID-19.  
For Sara, who has COVID-19, and for the Hines family; may she recover safely and the rest of the family stay healthy.  
For Rosa, cousin of Lena Carson, as she returns to her work as a physician.  
For all those living in eldercare facilities, and for the staff, and for their families.  
For Stuart Wiggin, who is an EMT, that he might be safe and stay well.  
Prayers for Drew Marye's stepsister, Sherry, who was diagnosed with COVID-19.  
For all those without employment at this time.  
For Hannah M.  
All of our hospital workers, including J'aime, and Patty who works in Yale's ICU, and all who are keeping services for us.  
Miriam Carrillo, and Alfred Carrillo, sister and brother of José, whose livelihoods have been affected by the public emergency.  
For Ed Erdman.

## RESOURCES

### MEDICAL & MENTAL HEALTH

One Good Turn: <https://www.onegoodturn.org/covid-19-resources>  
Corona Care Kit: <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/3/folders/1CTVtsrX6AuO4PfvHSSStKdRLa0Cy95Xvj>  
Texas Health & Human Services COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line:  
<https://files.constantcontact.com/8f1dee88001/d0a7b37e-45a2-4d63-aec6-ca2dd9aefb03.pdf>

### PRAYER

Prayers for Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic: [https://episcopalchurch.org/files/wol\\_prayers\\_for\\_pandemic\\_final.pdf](https://episcopalchurch.org/files/wol_prayers_for_pandemic_final.pdf)  
Society of Saint John the Evangelist: <https://www.ssje.org/>  
Mission of St. Clare—Daily Office: <https://missionstclare.com/english/index.html>  
Online Book of Common Prayer: <https://www.bcponline.org/>  
Venite App: <https://www.venite.app/>  
iACT's Daily Dose of Hope: <https://interfaithtexas.org/category/the-daily-dose-of-hope/>

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

Travis Co. Health & Human Services Family Support Services Division  
<https://www.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/community-centers>  
United Way Emergency Food and Other Assistance: [connectatx.org/](https://connectatx.org/)

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## ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers this week are given 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 the office: [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto: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>.

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary? We'd love to pray for you during the Sunday service and print your name(s) in the bulletin. The submission deadline is noon of the Wednesday prior to when you'd like to receive a blessing; email to Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org).

## READINGS, AUGUST 16, 2020 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

## SHARE YOUR STAY-AT-HOME PHOTOS!

Worshipping with your family, friends, pets? Have something else you'd like to share? We'd would still love to see your photos and share them on Facebook and/or in the Trumpet! Please send in as high a resolution as possible to Christine at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org). Thank you!

## THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send it to Christine ([chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org)) by 12:00 pm on the Wednesday prior to the date you would like your announcement to appear in the Trumpet. Running it two weeks prior to your event is recommended for most church announcements.

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