



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for the community

AUGUST 22, 2021

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FR. JOHN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Rector's Bible Study: Paul's Letter to the Romans

Join Fr. John Newton this fall and take a deep dive into this literary and theological masterpiece!

100% ZOOM

Tuesdays @Noon Begins August 24

Sundays @12:45 pm Begins August 29

ZOOM INFO

Meeting ID: 842 9031 0446

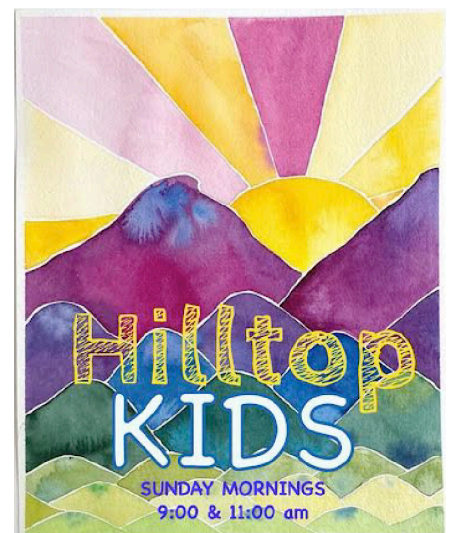
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A verse from Romans led to St. Augustine's conversion. Luther ensured that this epistle was at the heart of the Protestant Reformation, and Wesley's heart was "strangely warmed" when hearing a commentary on this letter read aloud. One can scarcely overestimate the importance of Paul's letter to the Romans in the history of Christian thought, where the apostle Paul, writing to a group of Christians he has never even met, speaks passionately about his belief that God's covenant with Israel was never meant to be a private affair, and that what God did for Israel God also did through Israel to bless the entire world. At the center of God's plan? Jesus, the Christ, in whom the righteousness of God has been revealed. Join us this fall as we take a deep dive into this literary and theological masterpiece! —*Fr. John Newton*

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN 5TH GRADE AND YOUNGER

Family Minister Amanda and Student Minister Michael invite children 5th grade and younger to join the Hilltop Kids Sunday School each week during the 9:00 am and 11:00 am worship services! Youth are welcome to join as well! Gather in front of the church and follow Amanda and Michael to Room 8 for some Christian learning and fun activities before heading back to rejoin parents during the announcements.

Questions? Email amanda@st-michaels.org!



NOTES

Province VII ECW Conference All Episcopal Women of Province VII are invited to attend the via Zoom on September 11, 2021 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. The Very Rev. Katie Churchwell, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, Oklahoma City, will be the speaker. You may register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/3hsn7hnm>. The registration fee is \$20.

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

Seekers Book Group The Seekers are currently 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 Blee 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 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. 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=SGRmQXhoYlIXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; passcode is 242636.

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/8134668655?pwd=MHFkdmlwWXRnZFVZM2tlb04wUFVhUT09>. **Passcode:** prayer.

Centering Prayer: Tuesdays @6:30 pm This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blee 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. Use Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969> and passcode 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=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgVdXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

FAMILIES & STUDENTS

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.

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.

MINISTRIES

Stephen Ministry Would you like a caring person to be with you steadfastly, in and through a hard time in your life? Consider asking for a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministry is a free, confidential program that provides Christian care to hurting people with our congregation and surrounding community. Learn more at www.st-michaels.org/stephen-ministry. If you'd like a Stephen Minister, please contact Jeff Robinson (jarobinson100@gmail.com), Julie de Wette (julie@losmadrone.com), or Fr. John Newton (jnewton@st-michaels.org).

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.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

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

Parish Prayer List

For Jim, cousin of Karen Moody who died this past week; for Karen, her cousins, John and Rick, and all her family as they grieve Jim & Jean.

We hold the people of Haiti in our prayers after last week's devastating earthquake and this week's tropical storm.

For Kristen Turner, who is still in uncertainty about a diagnosis.

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.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ the King, Humble; Good Shepherd, Kingwood; Good Shepherd, Tomball

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of South America

DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

The day school children are on summer break, so here are some lovely photos of the Blessing of the Backpacks and of communion from Sunday, August 15.



Photos courtesy of Amanda Evans Lang and Kirstie Cowan.

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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

1 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10-11],
22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

Track 2

Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18
Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

FOLLOW ST. MICHAEL'S ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: @St.Michaels.Austin

Instagram: stmichaels_atx

Twitter: StMichaelsEpiscopal @StMichaelsATX

CONNECT TO THE WIDER CHURCH

Episcopal Diocese of Texas (EDOT): www.epicenter.org

The Episcopal Church (TEC): www.episcopalchurch.org

THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send your ideas, stories, or photos to Christine Havens, Communications Assistant, (chavens@st-michaels.org) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays.

*Your extravagant generosity is appreciated.
Text SMEC1500 to 73256 and follow the prompts to make an e-offering.*