



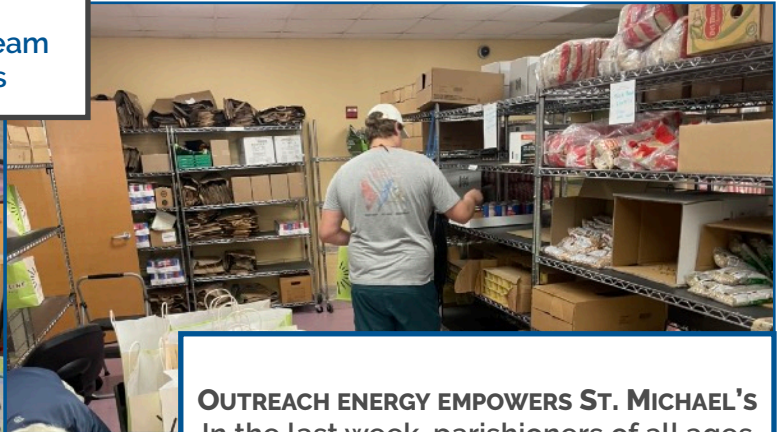
# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news*



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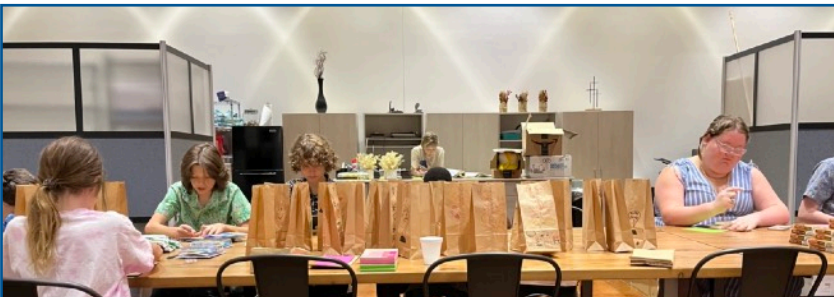
AUGUST 17  
Our El Buen Food Pantry Team  
helps serve 250 families



### OUTREACH ENERGY EMPOWERS ST. MICHAEL'S

In the last week, parishioners of all ages found ways to plug into outreach. 14 youngsters showed up in the church office for SMEYC Connect, where they talked about the Trinity Center and put together bag lunches for unhoused neighbors.

Our new El Buen Food Pantry Team, which includes longtime parishioners and newcomers, spent Thursday morning helping to distribute food to 250 families in need of assistance.



**More Outreach  
and SMEYC news inside!**

August 20  
Our SMEYC kids make 30+ bag  
lunches for the Trinity Center

## NOTES

### Upcoming SMEYC Connects Events!

#### August 27

##### 10:00 am Priest in the Hot Seat Game Show

You will not want to miss our clergy attempt to answer any and all of your pressing (& *anonymously submitted*) questions in this highly entertaining game show. Fr. John Newton, our rector, is first up! Meet up in the church office.

#### September 3

##### 10:00 am Taco Sunday Challenge



Meet us in the Parish Hall for breakfast tacos between services. Each Taco Sunday, SMEYC will issue a new challenge for youth to complete. The winner of each challenge wins the chance to pie an adult in the face, along with the coveted Viking helmet to be worn during church until the next Taco Sunday. Challenge will begin promptly at 10:05am—be there.

**Grief Group Begins in October** No matter what you've lost—a loved one, a relationship, a pet, your balance due to a life change or move, a job, health, your dreams for the future—you can find help, hope, and healing by joining with others who walk the same path. Your story and pain matters—come share your story.

Meetings will take place Monday evenings at 6:00 pm. Dates are October 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, and Nov 13 at St. Michael's in the gathering room (in sanctuary). Meetings run 90 minutes.

*Registration is required.* Limit 6 participants.

For more information or to sign up, contact the Rev. Kelly Koonce: [kellykoonce@icloud.com](mailto:kellykoonce@icloud.com) or 512-940-9727.

Confidentiality will be the bedrock of the group. It will be a safe and grace-filled space.

**Drive a Senior & Chariot Volunteers Needed** Looking for a way to plug into outreach? Get involved with *Drive A Senior ATX* ([www.driveasenioratx.org](http://www.driveasenioratx.org)) and *Chariot* ([chariot.org](http://chariot.org)), two local non-profit organizations that provide free rides to senior citizens, taking them to doctors, stores, and other essential destinations within the greater Austin-Travis County area.

Drivers are greatly needed and scheduling is easy. If you are interested in volunteering as a driver or in another capacity OR if you or someone you know is over 60 and needs transportation assistance, please contact either of the organizations directly or contact Harriett Choffel at [harriettchoffel@icloud.com](mailto:harriettchoffel@icloud.com) or John Boehm at [jboehmjr@utexas.edu](mailto:jboehmjr@utexas.edu).

## SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

AUGUST 27, 2023

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7:45 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I

9:00 am Baptism & Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
Sunday School | Rm 8

10:00 am Coffee Hour | Parish Hall  
The Seekers | Rm 4, Ed. Wing  
SMEYC Connects | Office

11:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
Sunday School | Rm 8

5:00 pm SMEYC | Rm 8, Ed Wing

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



**Small Group Leader Training Begins Sunday, September 10 @12:15p in Church Office** 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.

Beginning on Sunday, September 10 and continuing through November 11, the six in-person training sessions will last 90 minutes each. Meet in the church office at 12:15pm. Contact Fr. John at [jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org) or Trish Thompson at [home.thompson@gmail.com](mailto:home.thompson@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Parking lot looks brand-new!** Did you notice on Sunday how renewed our parking lot looks? A big thanks to parishioners Josh & Jane Mooney, and their extravagant generosity! They refreshed our campus on August 19.



**Prophetic Insights from the Book of Jeremiah: Rector's Bible Study | Sundays @12:45pm and Tuesdays @noon** 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. Contact Fr. John at [jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org) with any questions.

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.

## 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** The SMEC El Buen Food Pantry team will volunteer every third Thursday on the early morning shift. The next volunteer day is September 21. Contact Father Josh at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org) to join the team! There are many other opportunities to volunteer with El Buen which can be found at [elbuen.org/volunteer](https://elbuen.org/volunteer).

**Prayers and Support for Maui Fire Victims** Please join SMEC in praying for those affected by the wildfires in Maui. For more information on how to support local recovery efforts through the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i please visit: [www.episcopalhawaii.org/maui-relief.html](https://www.episcopalhawaii.org/maui-relief.html).

## FAMILY LIFE

**Sunday School Summer Schedule | 9:00 & 11:00 am | Family Life Center (Rm 8)** 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).

**The St. Michael's Episcopal Youth Community (SMEYC)** welcomes youth 5th-12th grade to experience community and connection, to question and explore our faith and ourselves through our relationships with the church, with each other, and with the world beyond Westlake. Here's how we roll on Sundays:

### SMEYC Connects

Sundays 10-11am

Join us<sup>4</sup> we connect to the greater St. Michael's community through gameshows, service projects, our Taco Sunday Challenge, and Spotlight Sessions with people of St. Michael's. Oh, and DONUTS.

### SMEYC

Sundays at 5-6:30pm

Come hang out with other high school and j.high peeps as we experience what it means to be connected to a community through shenanigans, games, and exploration of life's big questions in small groups. Also, snacks, because: teens.

Questions? Ready to join? Email Bonnie Walton, Youth Coordinator, at [youth@st-michaels.org](mailto:youth@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 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.

**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 Blees 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 September 13* 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)).

## DAY SCHOOL NEWS

St. Michael's Day School begins their year this Monday, August 28!  
We're so looking forward to having the students back on campus and watch them grow and play.

Did you know they have chapel on Wednesdays? Fr. Josh and Ms. Amanda gather with them in the sanctuary each week to share Bible-based lessons and lead worship. Here are this semester's calendar:



September 6	Creation
September 13	Noah
September 20	St. Michael's Day
September 27	Jacob and Esau
October 4	St. Francis Day
October 11	Deborah
October 18	Queen Esther
October 25	The Fiery Furnace
November 1	Daniel
November 8	Jonah



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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 Mary, niece of Bunny Cowan, as she recovers from a copperhead bite.

For the Hope-Kredell family--Rebecca, Matt, Boden, and Ronan--as Ronan is baptized this Sunday at SMEC.

For Roy Rushing, Ali Martineau's father, who died recently; for the Rushing and Martineau families as they grieve.

For Lucy Nazro, former head of St. Andrew's School, who died this week.

For Bunny Cowan.

For E. V. Gross.

For Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, who is awaiting surgery to remove an adrenal gland that is causing internal bleeding.

For all those who have perished in the wildfires around the world, for those who have lost their homes, for those who are displaced, and for those who are otherwise distressed.

For all those affected by gun violence, especially the victims of the recent So. California shooting.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Cornelius Church Plant, Belton; St. Francis', Temple; St. John's, Marlin; St. Joseph's, Salado

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui



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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. They are printed here and in the 11am service bulletin.*

*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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