



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for our community

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FALL FORMATION PROGRAMMING FOR ALL AGES RESUMES SOON! YAY!

September brings the good news of Christian formation resuming again, albeit virtually for the time being! We've got great offerings—the Rector's Bible Study, Holy Moly!, and EYC and Youth Sunday School. Fr. John's class starts on Tuesday, September 8. Sunday, September 13 is the kickoff for children's and youth programming. Details are below!

ONLINE ADULT FORMATION
Tuesdays & Sundays
Sept. 8-Dec. 13, 2020
12:00 pm
ZOOM LINK:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84133373380>

Rector's Bible Study: The Acts of the Apostles

with Fr. John Newton

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Sessions will be recorded & available
on Youtube for those who cannot attend.

What was the early church like? How did Christianity spread? What can we learn about the church's mission today by studying the acts and actions of Jesus's first apostles? These are just a few of the questions we will explore over a period of 14 weeks. Sessions will be recorded and made available on YouTube for those who cannot attend a live one. Click the link for the full syllabus. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84133373380>.

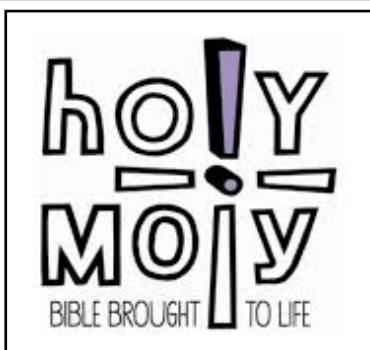
ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL & EYC KICK-OFF

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

Holy Moly! Sundays for Kids 12:15-12:45 pm

Discover, Relate, and Connect—the three core ideas of Holy Moly! Children are introduced to Bible story characters through animated videos, open Bibles, and lively discussion. Right now, Sunday School is online. Parents, email Amanda Evans Lang, Family Minister, at amanda@st-michaels.org for the Zoom link if you'd your children to participate in this creative and inspiring program. For more about our Family Ministry program, go to www.st-michaels.org/family-ministry.



Sunday School kicks off online via Zoom at 2:45 pm, but we will be starting a hybrid in-person and online version soon, so be on the lookout!

EYC starts at 4:30 pm and will be gathering outdoors for a check-in and trail walk in the St. Michael's grounds (if the weather allows). Check the Student Ministry webpage at www.st-michaels.org/students for more information or contact Luis at Livas@st-michaels.org.

GLIMPSES OF GRACE

Thoughts for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost by Luis Rivas, Youth Minister

If I were to ask you who is the most influential Christian author in the last hundred years or so, one of your top choices might be C.S. Lewis. Lewis wrote with a perfect balance of a high view of creation, appreciation of mystery, nuanced spirituality, creedal orthodoxy, evangelical zeal, and accessible language (to his contemporary readers, at least) that has endeared him to Christians from every tradition.

I have been delighted to rediscover his works. Perhaps due to the current circumstances of the world, I noticed a recurring theme of characters struggling with slipping away from the faith during difficult times or because of the worries of daily living. Characters like (spoiler alert!) Susan in the later Chronicles of Narnia books, Ransom at the beginning of *Out of the Silent Planet*, or the Patient in *The Screwtape Letters*, show that Lewis was no stranger to the concept of life being an obstacle to a vibrant faith sometimes. He was, however, always optimistic that all it took was an encounter with something, or rather, Someone, larger than ourselves, along with a little bit of humility, to make even the most mundane of people into a hero of the faith. I feel comforted by the idea that someone I look up to so much felt the same way I currently do, and it is an encouraging reminder to keep reaching out to God even when I don't feel like doing so; perhaps especially when I don't feel like doing so.

NOTES

WORSHIP SERVICES

10:30 AM IN-PERSON WORSHIP SOFT LAUNCH On September 6, we will have a soft launch of in-person worship in the sanctuary. *Space is limited to 10 individuals.* Please check-in using the instructions below but enter "10:30 am" when prompted.

CHECK-IN INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES Heading to campus for in-person worship? **Please text "SMEC" to 312-487-3550 and follow the prompts.** This allows us to contact folks in case of weather issues and if we have a COVID-19 exposure. Here is a link to the website, which has a video tutorial: <https://www.st-michaels.org/checkin-1>. We'll have a table on Sunday morning if you need assistance. If you've checked in successfully using your phone, just grab a bulletin and you're all set!

PICNIC CHURCH This completely outdoor service, complete with blankets and wiggle baskets for the kids, every Sunday at 9:15 am. *Please follow the check-in instructions above, but enter "9:15 am" when prompted.*

MANOS DE CRISTO FOOD DRIVE The Outreach Commission has organized a food drive to help Manos de Cristo, one of our outreach partners. This will be a curbside drop off on two days in September. Please **DO NOT** drop donations off except on the days/times listed below. The **ONLY** foods being accepted are: *1 or 2 lb. bags of dry beans and/or white rice, soft granola bars, small cans of tuna, and canned Vienna-style sausages.* Cans with pop-top lids are preferable. If you would prefer to donate money directly to Manos, go to <http://www.manosdecristo.org/donate.html>.

Curbside Donation Days: Wednesday, Sept. 9, 12:30-2:00 pm **AND** Sunday, Sept. 13, 3:00-4:30 pm. To arrange a home pick up donation, call or text Susie Orum at 512-429-0411.

ONE VOTE DOCUMENTARY Christine Woodhouse, St. Michael's parishioner, recently produced and directed a new documentary called *One Vote*. This movie tells the wonderful and hopeful story of four individuals, and one funky little tavern, who voted in the 2016 election. It is a deeply hopeful, inspiring and thought-provoking piece. Interested in watching the movie and having a zoom conversation with Fr. John and Christine W? If so, visit <https://www.onevote.us/> for more info and email Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org at to express interest.

CORONA CARE HANDBOOK NOW AVAILABLE FREE ON AMAZON The One Good Turn organization wants everyone to have their new handbook. Parishioner Dr. Ann Messer is active in this nonprofit and helped develop this project. People can download the book for free on Amazon **now through Saturday, August 29**. You can download [here](#). The *Corona Care Handbook* is an essential guide to the COVID-19 pandemic. It provides practical tips for essential workers, students returning to school, those who are sick, and anyone looking to protect themselves from COVID-19.

REGULAR ZOOM GATHERINGS

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB All are invited! September's book selection is *In a Sunburned Country* by Bill Bryson; that discussion happens on **September 30 at 2:30 pm**. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com for more information and for the Zoom link.

ST. MICHAEL'S VIRTUAL POTLUCK Table fellowship with friends via Zoom—women of all ages are welcome to join. Alternate **Monday evenings at 6:00 pm** every other week; the next gathering is September 7. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019837778?pwd=SGRmQXhoYlIXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; passcode is 242636.

MORNING PRAYER, TUESDAYS @9:00 AM You're invited to Morning Prayer with Mother Minerva each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/506672577> or Dial by your location: +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston).

EVENING PRAYER, WEDNESDAYS @4:30 PM Led by Fr. John each Wednesday at 4:30 pm. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969> or look for the information in our weekly Tuesday e-news.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY @1:00 pm This informal group discusses the Daily Office readings—drop in anytime! Led by Mtr. Minerva Camarena Skeith, mskeith@st-michaels.org. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/210182059>.

CENTERING PRAYER ON TUESDAY EVENINGS This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. You can learn more about this ancient Christian practice at [Heart of Texas Contemplative Outreach](#). Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees with questions: 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 with any questions.

STUDENT MINISTRY

SEE THE FRONT PAGE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL & EYC KICK OFF DETAILS!

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](#) 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 lrivas@st-michaels.org for more news about youth group happenings.

FAMILY MINISTRY

SEE THE FRONT PAGE FOR DETAILS ABOUT ONLINE CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

NEW PRAYERS

For Dan Havens, father of Christine, for recovery from sepsis.

COVID-19

For Rob Rhodes, college friend of Donna & Bill Hulsey, who recently died of COVID-19.

For the Jacob and Abramo families.

For all children and teachers prepping for, and starting, the school year.

For Suzanne, who is struggling with loneliness and isolation during this time, and for all who struggle with these issues.

For Sara, who has COVID-19, and for the Hines family; may she recover safely and the rest of the family stay healthy.

For all those living in eldercare facilities, and for the staff, and for their families.

Prayers for Drew Marye's stepsister, Sherry, who was diagnosed with COVID-19.

For all those without employment at this time.

All of our hospital and healthcare workers, including Stuart Wiggin, Rosa, J'aime, and Patty, who are keeping healthcare services running.

Miriam Carrillo, and Alfred Carrillo, sister and brother of José, whose livelihoods have been affected by the public emergency.

For Hannah M.

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

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/>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

Travis Co. Health & Human Services Family Support Services Division

<https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/community-centers>

United Way Emergency Food and Other Assistance: 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. 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.

READINGS, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

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. Thank you!

THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send it to Christine (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.

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