



# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news*



SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

## Extravagant **GENEROSITY**

### Stewardship 2024

“Go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage.  
Do good, be rich in helping, be extravagantly generous.”

*1 Timothy 6:18, The Message*

#### **EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY AT SMEC**

St. Michael's Annual Stewardship program begins Sunday, October 1. Here is what you can expect of this year's journey, which we undertake together in the hope of renewing that spirit of generosity we each carry within ourselves.

#### **LATE OCTOBER**

Giving statements & commitment cards mailed.

#### **GENEROSITY SUNDAYS**

Lay witnesses share what extravagant generosity at SMEC means to them.

<b>October 1</b>	Catherine Bedell
<b>October 8</b>	Michael Thompson
<b>October 15</b>	Thomas Carstens
<b>October 22</b>	Kristen LeClair

#### **Ingathering Sundays**

A blessing of commitment cards during the services.

**October 29**  
**November 5**

#### **RESOURCES**

*Whole-Life Generosity Devotional* book  
*Extravagant Generosity 2024* magazine  
*available at the Stewardship table beginning Oct 1*

## NOTES



### Update: SMEYC Hangout for Sept. 24

In lieu of our regular on-campus hangout, SMEYC will meet at [Altitude Trampoline Park 6800 West Gate Blvd. St.120](#), this Sunday, September 24, 5-6:30pm for pizza and party times. Bring a friend. Jump passes reserved, just RSVP to [youth@st-michaels.org](mailto:youth@st-michaels.org) so we can get a head count. Jumpers must have a [signed waiver](#) on file.

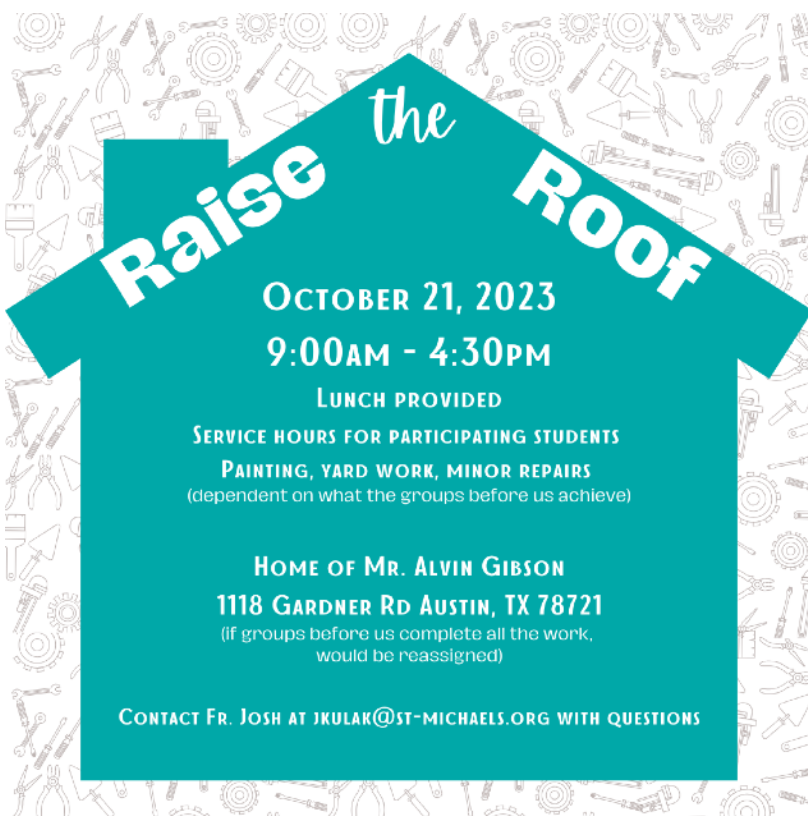


### Be a Trunk Host! Register Open

Halloween is just around the corner and the Family Ministry team is planning our annual Trunk or Treat event. The more trunks, the merrier. If you'd like to dress up your trunk and hand out candy and treats, please register to be a Trunk Host. We had some great trunks last year—kids and parents had a blast.

Trunk Hosts need to arrive between 4:00-4:45 pm and will stay until the event ends at 7 pm. Trunks will be judged in three categories: "spookiest," "kookiest," and "biggest surprise," with a separate contest for the best day school teacher's trunk. We expect 100-150 kids (but there could be more!), so please prepare accordingly.

**Register here:** <https://bit.ly/SMECHostATrunk>. Email Fr. Josh at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org) with any questions.





**Coffee with the Curate**

Get to know Fr Josh on every second Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 at Trianon Coffee (3654 Bee Caves Rd)

Email [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org) to RSVP

- September 14
- October 12
- November 9
- December 13\*\*
- January 11
- February 8

**Sr. High Small Groups start this Sunday 12:30-2:30 pm** at the Tacodeli picnic tables in the [Village](#). Come hang out, then hit the books—we've got small group discussion and designated time and space to get some homework done and/or brainstorm leadership & service opportunities. Contact Bonnie [youth@st-michaels.org](mailto:youth@st-michaels.org) with any questions.

**TIME FOR STUDY**

**FALL 2023**

Upcoming Events  
@St. Michael's  
Episcopal Church

SEPT 24	<p><b>ST. MICHAEL'S DAY</b> 10-10:50 AM PETTING ZOO, KONA ICE, CAKE WALK, BIG BOUNCY SLIDE</p>
SEPT 28	<p><b>SEASONING OF THE GRILL</b> HAPPY HOUR 5 PM FAJITAS 5:30-6:30 PM</p>
OCT 8	<p><b>ST. FRANCIS DAY</b> PET BLESSING 4 PM</p>
OCT 28	<p><b>TRUNK OR TREAT</b> 5-7 PM</p>

**Small Group Leader Training** 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. *Meeting dates: 9/10, 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/12.* Meet in the church office at 12:15pm; lunch will be provided. Contact Trish Thompson at [home.thompon@gmail.com](mailto:home.thompon@gmail.com) if you're interested but have missed the first session.

**Job Opening: 11:00 am Choir Director**

St. Michael's currently has an opening for a choir director for the 11:00 am Sunday service. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please feel free to share this link to the job description with them:

[bit.ly/11amChoirDirectorJobDescription](https://bit.ly/11amChoirDirectorJobDescription).

## 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](http://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.

**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 October 19.

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](http://elbuen.org/volunteer).



Anne Flanagan, Karen Moody, and Harriett Choffel joined Fr. Josh Kulak at El Buen Samaritano on September 21. They helped pack boxes with fresh veggies and other items then distributed to 250 families currently in need of assistance.

## FAMILY LIFE

Anne Flanagan, Karen Moody, and Harriett Choffel joined Fr. Josh at El Buen Samaritano on September 21

**Sunday School | 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.

**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 what we've got on the calendar for the rest of the September 10am hours:

24th Service Project--helping with St. Michael's Day celebration (Playground)

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

**SMEYC Snacks Needed—Help us fuel the fun!** Our youth arrive hungry and play hard. Whether homemade or store-bought, snacks not only keep the pre-dinner tummy rumbles at bay, they help the new and nervous acclimate socially. This is a great way to support the program if you can't be there in person, and it's just as essential.

Sign up for a Sunday and see more details at [bit.ly/SMEYC\\_Snacks\\_Signup](https://bit.ly/SMEYC_Snacks_Signup). Contact Bonnie with any questions: [youth@st-michaels.org](mailto:youth@st-michaels.org).



*5th & 6th graders getting to know each other in small groups.*

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## FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

**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. 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.

**The Seekers: Sunday Adult Book Study | 10:00 am | Rm 4 (Education Wing) and via Zoom** *The Seekers will not meet on September 24, due to the St. Michael's Day celebration at the 10:00 am hour.* Meetings resume on October 1. The group will be starting a new book in mid-October. Stay tuned for details to come. Drop in anytime, even if you've not read the book! 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.

**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.

**SMEC Tuesday Night Women's Fall Bible Study | Tuesdays at 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) for more info.

**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](#).

**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.

**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 October 11; stay tuned for location information.* 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)

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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 PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

The Owls made name picture puzzles this week. The children loved the challenges, especially when they realized that they could use the clothes pins to stand up their cards. *Thanks to Ms. Sarah for sharing these photos & story.*



**SMEDS Chapel** takes place every Wednesday at 12:30 pm. Fr. Josh and Ms. Amanda gather with the students, parents, and teachers in the sanctuary for worship & Bible-based lessons. ***Lesson for September 27: Jacob & Esau***

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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 Randy Baldwin, who died this week; for Nancy Springer-Baldwin, his wife; for his children; and for all of his family and friends as they mourn his loss.

For Tom & Sue Allen, who have COVID.

For Darlene Penner, friend of Chris Whitty, as she deals with high blood pressure.

For Jennifer, Barbara Rusling's daughter-in-law, who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer.

For Melissa Stokes, Christine's daughter, who is recovering from a slight fall.

In thanksgiving that Sadie Bondurant is in remission and has some relief from her illness.

In thanksgiving that Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's surgery went well.

For all those affected by gun violence.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Isidore's, Spring; St. James the Apostle, Conroe; St. Luke's, Livingston

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of Ireland

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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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