



# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news for our community*

OCTOBER 18, 2020

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY AT SMEC

We really want to give a shout out to two people for their extravagant generosity during these last 7 months—Amanda Evans Lang, Family Minister, and Luis Rivas, Student Minister. The entire worship team is amazing, but these two have really gone above and beyond, using their talents and creativity to enable St. Michael's to livestream our service from the very beginning of the pandemic. They've researched ways to enrich worship each week, and make it as user-friendly as possible for those of us on staff and, hopefully, for you, our parishioners worshipping at home. Granted there have been tech glitches, but St. Michael's has been authentic, which according to Rachel Held Evans, the late millennial theologian, is what so many people crave.

Thanks to Amanda and Luis, we've had choir singers and instrumental music, in and even outside of the service (the videos of Ezra Bartz and Brigid Becker performing some of our favorite hymns are still available on our YouTube channel). Fr. John started a new podcast during this time with Luis' help; Amanda provided creative ways for children to stay engaged while having to stay home, not to mention that great drive-through Back to School Bash she designed as we began to regather.

Your own extravagant generosity through all this, as we acquired the technology and software we needed, certainly empowered Amanda and Luis to minister to all of us. Your faithfulness meshed with their faithfulness, spreading love into the community in so many ways, seen and unseen.

—*The Rev. John Newton, Rector, and Christine Havens, Assistant for Administration & Communication*



## BEARING WITNESS: KRISTEN & TED LECLAIR



Kristen and Ted LeClair found St. Michael's in 2012, and have loved growing with the church community. Their wonderfully blended family includes older sons, Nolan (15) and Davis (13), and younger son, Teddy (7), a St. Michael's Day School alum.

Kris is a member of the vestry, treasurer on the day school board, and in non-COVID times, bakes the famous St. Michael's communion bread. Ted spends much of his time deployed across the world as a rear admiral in the US Navy. Together, they own a wealth management firm focused on experiencing the richness of life.

Pledge cards for 2021 will be mailed on October 22 and will be available on our website the following week.

## NOTES

**WORSHIP SERVICES** *All our services follow COVID-19 precautions as outlined by the Diocese of Texas and the City of Austin.*

**CHECK-IN INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES** Heading to campus for in-person worship? Please text “SMEC” to 312-487-3550 *each week and follow the text prompt; include your name and the service you plan to attend. Check in at anytime, right up to the service.* This simply allows us to contact folks if we have a COVID-19 exposure and in case of weather issues. We certainly won't turn anyone away. Here is a link to the website, which has a more detailed how-to: <https://www.st-michaels.org/checkin-1>. We'll have a table on Sunday mornings if you need assistance. If you've checked in successfully using your phone, just grab a bulletin and you're all set!

**COURTYARD EUCHARIST** A spoken Rite I Eucharist that begins at **8:00 am**. Seating is provided.

**PICNIC CHURCH** This completely outdoor service, complete with blankets and wiggly baskets for the kids, happens every Sunday at **9:15 am** in the courtyard. Bring your own chairs.

**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II WITH MUSIC** Join us in the sanctuary at **10:30 am** for this service, which is in-person and livestreamed on our website.

**INTERESTED IN SERVING ON VESTRY?** The St. Michael's vestry (akin to an organization's board) has the role of tending to the financial and organizational health of the church. Qualification for serving on vestry is based on the canons of the church, as well as alignment with the core values we have for our leadership. If you would like more information on how new vestry members are selected or are interesting in serving, please contact Father John Newton at [jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org). Vestry members are elected to a three-year term at our annual parish meeting in January.

**ALL SAINTS' DAY IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1** It has been the St. Michael's custom to read the names of our departed loved ones during our worship on All Saints' Sunday. This year may be slightly different due to the pandemic but we will still honor our saints in some fashion. You can email Claire Bray at [claire.bray@sbcglobal.net](mailto:claire.bray@sbcglobal.net) with your loved ones. The deadline for submitting names is Wednesday, Oct. 30.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY HERE FOR YOU** Lonely? Sad? Discouraged? Pandemic fatigue? Going through a rough time—emotionally or spiritually? Struggling with a life crisis? Consider letting a Stephen Minister help. A Stephen Minister is a parish member who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray, and walk alongside you during difficult times. It's confidential, free, very helpful, and the ministers follow CDC guidelines for safe visits. To learn more, please contact a Stephen Leader: *Jeff Robinson* ([jrobinson100@gmail.com](mailto:jrobinson100@gmail.com) or 512-963-6687) or *Julie de Wette* ([julie@losmadrones.com](mailto:julie@losmadrones.com) or 512-925-7029). Or you may contact our rector: *the Rev. John Newton* ([jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org)).

## ADULT FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

**RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES TUESDAYS & SUNDAYS @NOON** 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, **September 8-December 13**. 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 BOOK CLUB** All are invited! October's book selection is *Blessings*, by Anna Quindlen. The gathering happens on **October 28 at 2:30 pm**. November's title is *White Fragility*, by Robin DiAngelo. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at [rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com](mailto: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. 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 Mthr. Minerva Camarena Skeith, [mskeith@st-michaels.org](mailto:mskeith@st-michaels.org). Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217?pwd=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgyK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. **PLEASE NOTE** that you should use this passcode: biblestudy.

**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](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com).

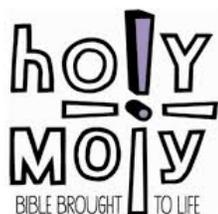
**SEEKERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP PLEASE NOTE THE NEW MEETING TIME** The Seekers are currently reading *Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation* by Richard Rohr and Mike Morrell. They now meet at **11:45 am each Sunday**. The Zoom link is the same as for Center Prayer. Please email Phyllis Blees at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) with any questions.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

### SUNDAY SCHOOL & EYC

**Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)** is at 4:00 pm and will be gathering outdoors, too. Check the Student Ministry webpage at [www.st-michaels.org/students](http://www.st-michaels.org/students) for more information or contact Luis at [livas@st-michaels.org](mailto:livas@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](#) 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 [livas@st-michaels.org](mailto:livas@st-michaels.org) for more news about youth group happenings.



### FAMILY MINISTRY

**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](mailto: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](http://www.st-michaels.org/family-ministry).

## **SMEC STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION FOR 2020**

A special thank you to this year's stewardship commission! SMEC very much appreciates the extravagant generosity of your time and talents.

- ✦ Melissa Agnese
- ✦ Thomas Carstens
- ✦ Donna Emery
- ✦ Chuck McDonald
- ✦ Holly Hargis
- ✦ Tracy Helms
- ✦ Ian Shelton
- ✦ Michael Donegan (*vestry liaison*)

## **THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS**

### **NEW PRAYERS**

For Karyn Pina, friend of Jose Carrillo, who died due to lung cancer, and for her family and friends.

For Papito, father of Chris Whitty's godmother, who died late last week; for his loved ones.

For those experiencing hardship in the aftermath of Hurricane Delta.

For the Armenian Church of America (Eastern) and for a peaceful resolution to the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

### **COVID-19**

For Alex & Sam, son and daughter-in-law of Karen Moody, who have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

For Gary & Daisy, friends of Mary Hermes; they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 as has Fr. Robert, their parish priest.

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 during this unexpected style of attending school.

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

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

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/1CTVtsrX6AuO4PfvHSStKdRLa0Cy95Xvj>

Texas Health & Human Services COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/8f1dee88001/d0a7b37e-45a2-4d63-acc6-ca2dd9aefb03.pdf>

### **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).

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## TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY READINGS

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Mark 12:41-44

## 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.

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