



# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news*



OCTOBER 29, 2023



COMMEMORATING ALL SAINTS,  
KNOWN & UNKNOWN

## ALL SAINTS' DAY SERVICE Wednesday, November 1

6:00 pm Quiet Reflection and Reading of Names  
6:15 pm Spoken Eucharist (*Enriching Our Worship*)

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

Pledge cards can  
be found online  
and in the narthex

### INGATHERING SUNDAYS

A blessing of commitment cards  
during the services.

October 29  
November 5

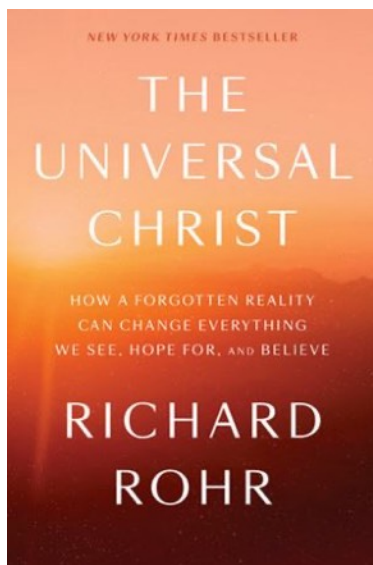
## NOTES

**Names for All Saints' Day Prayers** During the All Saints' Day service on Wednesday, November 1, we'll be reading aloud the names of people who are no longer among the living. Those names will also be printed in the 9:00 & 11:00 am November 5 bulletins and prayed for during the service. If you would like to share the names of your loved ones who have passed away and whom you wish to remember before God, please email your list to Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org). *The deadline is Monday, October 30.*

**The Seekers Adult Formation Group**  
**New Book Discussion: *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr | meets Sundays at 10:00 am in Rm 4 (Education Wing) and via Zoom** The group started discussing a new book on October 22: *The Universal Christ*, by Richard Rohr. Franciscan friar and ecumenical teacher, Rohr bears witness to the deep wisdom of Christian mysticism and traditions of action and contemplation.

Drop in anytime, regardless of whether you've read the book. Contact Harriett Choffel at [harriettchoffel@me.com](mailto:harriettchoffel@me.com) or Phyllis Bleebs 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.



**Christians in the Holy Land RSVP Link** If you're interested in attending the event on November 5, please use this link to RSVP: <https://stmichaelsfamily.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1986605>.

**PLEASE NOTE: Thursday Afternoon Bible Study is Changing Days | New Meeting Time is Wednesdays at 1:00 pm** Beginning on November 1, our Thursday afternoon Bible study group will move gatherings to Wednesdays. The group will continue to meet by Zoom (using the same link); and for one hour beginning at 1:00 pm CT. This change of meeting day provides a little bit of a "new beginning" making this a perfect time to invite others to join our group. Please consider inviting a friend or someone you think may benefit from our time together with the Word. 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.

## FAMILY LIFE

### Sunday Morning Nursery Volunteers Needed

Our nursery ministry is blooming and we need your help. Chelsea, our lead nanny, has begun welcoming babies and toddlers into our beautiful nursery in the education wing. We need an additional adult to read stories, sing songs, and serve snacks at each service. Can you help once a month? Contact Family Minister Amanda at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org) to volunteer.



**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 October 10:00 am hours:

*Oct. 28 is Trunk or Treat and students can earn up to 3 service hours for volunteering*

Oct. 29 Service Project—Making toiletry bags for Street Youth Ministry; meet in the church office

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

Piper



Charlie



Gabby





## 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 Outreach program funds a variety of theological and social service organizations and also continues to support St. Michael's Day School, SMEC community garden, Honduras Mission project, and the Del Valle Elementary School book drive. We also provide volunteer opportunities with several local organizations during the year. If you have a passion for spreading love and grace throughout the community, please connect with 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)

**Refugee Youth Mentors** Our ministry partner Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT) is searching for adult volunteers for their refugee youth mentorship program. Mentors meet with students for an hour at least once a week for a minimum of 10 weeks to help with adjustment to life in the US. iACT currently has a backlog of 50 students so volunteers are in high demand. Contact Fr. Josh at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org) if you are interested in this opportunity.

**October Outreach Spotlight: iACT (Interfaith Action of Central Texas)** One of St. Michael's Outreach partners is iACT (Interfaith Action of Central Texas) which exists to build healthy relationships between faith communities of Central Texas. Their mission is to cultivate peace and respect through interfaith dialogue, service and celebration. Among their core beliefs, they believe "that a future of peace and respect begins with you- and that together we can all be the 'i' in iACT; and Love is the Purest Form of Generosity."

As a way of demonstrating our extravagant generosity, St. Michael's participated in the Raise the Roof event on October 21, helping to make needed repairs to a home that the owner could not otherwise do.



A successful Raise the Roof event on Saturday, October 21, with a bunch of folks from St. Michael's showing up. Pictured here (*from the left*): Kassidi Kaminski and Connor Shannon, Barbara Johnson (*in blue*), Scott Madison, Tom Bray, and Fr. Josh Kulak. Not pictured: Mark Hinshaw and Sean Willing.

## 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.

**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 Bible Study | Tuesdays at 6:00 pm | Church Office** Our new study on friendship begins Tuesday, Nov. 7, and runs six weeks until Dec 12. It is open to all women. *Description:* In the beginning, God created a human. And in God's sin-free, beautiful world, only one thing was declared not good; that the human was alone. This isn't just the story of marriage; it's the story of humanity. We're made in the image of our God who exists in Trinity--God exists in divine community. Sisters, we were created for community. And because our Father is generous, he's given us one of the most essential, fun, and life-changing relationships for community: friendship. 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 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](#).

**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 2:30 pm. The group is now meeting *in person at St. Michael's*. November's read is *Trust*, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, by Hernan Diaz. 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/88196769453> and passcode 945676.

**Men's Pub Theology | Second Wednesdays @5:00pm** Join the men of St. Michael's for fellowship and theological conversation. *The next meeting is November 8 at the Waterloo Ice House on the corner of FM 2222 & 360.* Contact Andy Hines at [ahines@hinespool.com](mailto:ahines@hinespool.com) for more information.

**St. Michael's Women's Potluck | November 9 | 6pm | Parish Hall** The Women of St. Michael's are invited to gather on Thursday, November 9, for food and fellowship. Bring a dish or adult beverage to share. If you don't have time to cook, just join us. There is always plenty of food to share. Email Becky Brindley at [rbrindley@yahoo.com](mailto:rbrindley@yahoo.com) or Gail Reid at [reid.gail@gmail.com](mailto:reid.gail@gmail.com) for more information.

**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.thompson@gmail.com](mailto:home.thompson@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## 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 [jcsrch@gmail.com](mailto:jcsrch@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@losmadrones.com](mailto:julie@losmadrones.com)) or Jeff Robinson ([jarobinson100@gmail.com](mailto:jarobinson100@gmail.com)).

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### SMEYC Spotlight Sunday: Meet Scott Madison, seminarian

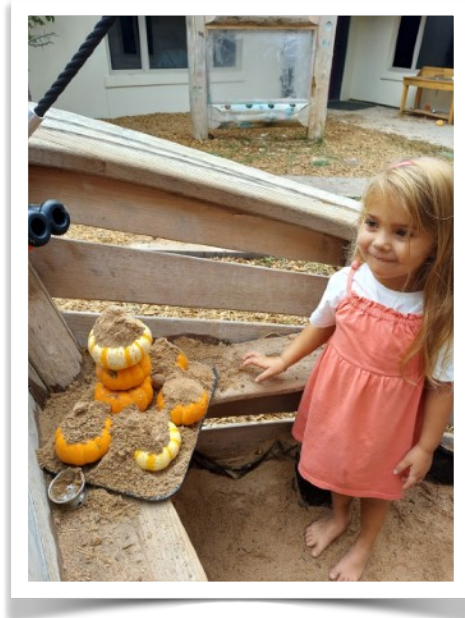
On October 15, the SMEYC Connects group hosted Scott Madison, our seminarian, on their Spotlight Sunday show. Great questions were asked by Bonnie Walton and the students. Scott's responses were engaging and thoughtful. Here's his answer to the question: "When you were a radio DJ, did you have any strange or unusual callers?"

Click on the video to watch, or use this link: <https://vimeo.com/878737909>.



## DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

In between the rainy moments, the Ducklings had a chance to play outside, making pumpkin sandcastles and experimenting with bubbles. *Thanks to Ms. Jessica for sharing this 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 November 1: Daniel*

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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 David Gross, who is having cardiac surgery on Monday; for his family as they worry about him.

For Anna Wiggin, daughter of Amy & Stuart, who has two broken arms.

For Roman Frank Buch, born on Oct. 6; he is awaiting needed heart surgery, but has complications. For his parents, family, and medical team.

For Austin Harrison, Marine on active duty.

Prayers for safety in advance of the cold front heading through much of the US, including the south.

For all those affected by Hurricane Otis.

For the people of Israel and Palestine as they endure the violence of war.

For all those affected by gun violence, especially the aftermath of the mass shooting in Lewiston, Maine.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** All Saints', Stafford; Calvary, Richmond; Christ Church, Eagle Lake; Christ Church, Matagorda

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



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### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God,  
and by the Baldwin family in remembrance of  
Randy.=*

*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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