



# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news for the community*

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OCTOBER 31, 2021  
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

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## A BIG THANK YOU!!

Since the beginning of October, we've journeyed through stewardship season, leaning into this work together. As we enter the ingathering season, let's give a big shout out to those who gave insight into living an extravagantly generous life—our Sunday morning lay witnesses, the stewardship commission members who wrote the Generosity Thursday reflections, the staff who wrote devotionals, Fr. John for his excellent sermons. Most of all, though, all y'all get a huge shout out for taking this journey, for all the ways you've expressed extravagant generosity and all the ways in which you will yet express it! You help "St. Michael's ~~survive~~ thrive, adapt, and stay faithful to our mission during these very challenging times!"

*—Christine Havens, Assistant for Communication and Administration*

Extravagant  
**GENEROSITY**

We are grateful  
for you!

 **INGATHERING**   
*A Blessing of Your 2022 Pledge Cards*

**SUNDAYS**  
**OCTOBER 31 & NOVEMBER 7**  
**ALL SERVICES**

Ready to make your financial commitment?  
Use the QR code or go to  
[www.st-michaels.org/take-action](http://www.st-michaels.org/take-action).



## NOTES

**Trek or Treat** All families are invited to this intergenerational gathering on St. Michael's lovely campus!

There will be food, fellowship, and even a bouncy house!

A cake auction to raise money for the day school!

Invite your friends and family to join us!

Email Amanda Evans Lang, Family Minister, at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org) with any questions.

**Interested in Serving on the St. Michael's Vestry?** All confirmed communicants in good standing at the church at least 18 years of age are eligible for consideration. If you would like to hear more about this leadership opportunity, email the Rev. Fr. John Newton, the rector, at [jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org) to share any questions or sense of calling to this leadership role you may have.

St. Michael's Family Ministry  
presents

# Trek or Treat

October 30 | 5-7 pm

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

**Trunk or Treating - Food- Bounce House**

**New Book for the Seekers Book Group** On November 7, the Seekers begin reading *Divine Science: Finding Reason at the Heart of Faith*, by Michael Dennin, a physicist. The book is an exploration of science and faith as complementary ideas. The group meets at **12:00 pm each Sunday** and all are welcome. *Interested in joining the group?* Contact Phyllis Bles at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more info. Here's the book group Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjJlVU3YyZz09>, Passcode: 541706.

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

## Rector's Bible Study: Paul's Letter to the Romans

Join Fr. John Newton this fall and take a deep dive into this literary and theological masterpiece!

### 100% ZOOM

Tuesdays at Noon August-December

Sundays at 12:45pm August-December

### ZOOM INFO

Meeting ID: 842 9031 0446

Passcode: 582175

## FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

**St. Michael's Women's Virtual Potluck** The SMEC Women's Virtual Potluck group is now gathering at 6:00 pm on the first Monday of each month unless it falls on a holiday. All women of the parish are invited—bring a friend! Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019837778?pwd=SGRmQXhoYlIXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; passcode is 242636.

**St. Michael's Book Club** 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 via Zoom. The next book is *The Soul of America* by Jon Meacham; the next gathering is on Wednesday, December 1, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. If you want to get a head start on the January book, it's *The Lincoln Highway*, by Amor Towles (*A Gentleman of Moscow*). Please email Rhoda Silverberg at [rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com](mailto:rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com) for more information and for the Zoom link.

**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: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81346686555?pwd=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tlb04wUUVVHUT09>. Passcode: prayer.

**Rector's Bible Study—Paul's Letter to the Romans: Tuesdays @noon; Sundays @12:45 pm** Join Fr. John Newton this fall and take a deep dive into this literary and theological masterpiece. Zoom info: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84290310446?pwd=WG1iK0t6WFVITjdNVTYyTk41S29yZz09>  
Meeting ID: 842 9031 0446      Passcode: 582175

**Centering Prayer: Tuesdays @6:30 pm** This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blee 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** Each Wednesday at 4:30 pm. Use Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969> and passcode 826364.

**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: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217?pwd=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgvcK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

## FAMILY LIFE

Amanda Evans Lang, family minister, invites you to check out the [Family Ministry](#) and [Student Ministry](#) pages on the St. Michael's website for updates and activities to enrich your spiritual life. Please email with questions at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org).

**Fourth Sunday 4 families** Each month, the Family Ministry team hosts an intergenerational activity in the parish hall. All are welcome to join in between the 9:00 and 11:00 am services. There's usually a youth-oriented activity after the 11:00 am is over. The next Fourth Sunday is November 28, which is also the first Sunday of Advent—we hope to see you there!

**Hilltop Kids Sunday School | Sundays @9am & 11am** Children 5th grade and younger are invited each Sunday at the 9:00 & 11:00 am services to learn Bible stories and do fun projects. In October, special attention will be given to learning about generosity. The Family Ministry team will be outside to greet them and lead them into the education wing. They'll rejoin their parents in the sanctuary at the announcements.

**Family Ministry Volunteers Needed!** Family Minister Amanda is looking for some volunteers. If you enjoy being crafty, helping with tasks like mailing postcards and organizing supplies, and are available during the week, please contact her at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org).

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## MINISTRIES

**Stephen Ministry** Would you like a caring person to be with you steadfastly, in and through a hard time in your life? Consider asking for a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministry is a free, confidential program that provides Christian care to hurting people with our congregation and surrounding community. Learn more at [www.st-michaels.org/stephen-ministry](http://www.st-michaels.org/stephen-ministry). If you'd like a Stephen Minister, please contact Jeff Robinson ([jarobinson100@gmail.com](mailto:jarobinson100@gmail.com)), Julie de Wette ([julie@losmadrone.com](mailto:julie@losmadrone.com)), or Fr. John Newton ([jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org)).

**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).

**NEIGHBORSWELCOME**  
Webinar: From Newcomers to Neighbors:  
Messaging and Best Practices for Building  
Welcoming Communities for Afghan Arrivals  
Thursday, November 4th 3PM - 4:15PM ET  
Registration (FREE) is required:  
[bit.ly/newcomerstoneighbors](http://bit.ly/newcomerstoneighbors)  
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## DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Comic relief and creativity in the class rooms this week! A construction paper mustache and colorful pumpkins ready for Halloween. Thanks to Anna and Jessica for the great photos!



## 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.

### Parish Prayer List

For a safe and healthy transition for Leona, daughter of Barbara Rusling, as she moves to Germany to begin a new job; for Mitzi, Leona's dog, who is staying with Barbara temporarily.

For Jackie King's brother-in-law, who passed away from COVID; for his family and friends who are grieving.

For Tom Allen, who is having knee surgery on November 3.

For Louise Samuelson, who is having serious health issues.

For Mark Fallis, who will be undergoing knee surgery on November 1.

In thanksgiving for all clergy in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas.

For all victims of gun violence, especially those involved in the recent Boise mall shooting.

### COVID-19

For all children and teachers during this unexpected style of attending school.

For all who struggle with loneliness and isolation.

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 Rosa, J'aime, and Patty, who are keeping healthcare services running.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Holy Cross, Sugar Land; St. Catherine of Sienna, Missouri City; St. John's, Palacios

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria

## ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers are dedicated 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: [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>.

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**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 24

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

### FOLLOW ST. MICHAEL'S ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: @St.Michaels.Austin

Instagram: stmichaels\_atx

Twitter: StMichaelsEpiscopal @StMichaelsATX

### CONNECT TO THE WIDER CHURCH

Episcopal Diocese of Texas (EDOT):

[www.epicenter.org](http://www.epicenter.org)

The Episcopal Church (TEC):

[www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org)

### THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send your ideas, stories, or photos to Christine Havens, Communications Assistant, ([chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org)) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays.

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