



THE TRUMPET

Your gateway to all things St. Michael's

NOVEMBER 3, 2019

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS' DAY

Dear St. Michael's Family,

Saints are persons who make it easier for others to believe in God.

—Nathan Söderblom

This quote came to me via email this morning, October 31, the eve of All Saints' Day, from Synthesis Today, which sends out these gems each day—they pertain to the lectionary readings for each upcoming Sunday. Söderblom's words have rested in my heart and mind all day.

When I was young, I read about the saints, from a Roman Catholic perspective, though I'm basically from a Lutheran background. Their stories fascinated me; I found them romantic and heroic. Of course, I wanted to be one—giving one's self to Jesus Christ, to God, meant being elite, virtuous, superhuman. I also understood this to be unattainable by ordinary mortals like me.

Thankfully, my perspective on saints has changed much since then, especially once I became an Episcopalian and did a little more reading and learning.

This Sunday, we celebrate All Saints' Day, which is a Principal Feast Day of the Episcopal Church. It takes precedence over any other observance, and expresses "the intercommunion of the living and the dead in the Body of Christ." At St. Michael's, during the 9:00 am and 11:00 am services, we will read the names of loved ones who we have lost, not only in this last year, but in years past, as a reminder that the Episcopal tradition is that saints are those who share a life in Christ—all faithful Christians, as Luke writes in Acts 9 for example.

Söderblom's words, though simple at first glance, carry much weight as I consider the names of my loved ones who have died, regardless of whether my Grandpa John or Grandma Gert intentionally acted in ways designed to bring me closer to God. Their love and encouragement and the examples they set in their day-to-day lives certainly kept the way open.

I would imagine that you, as you hear the names of your loved ones, either aloud or within the spaces of your heart, might be thinking of the ways in which those people made it easier for you to believe in God.

Let us be together, the community of saints, gathered around the altar, in the sight of the great cloud of witnesses who have held the way open for all of us here.

Have a prayerful and playful week,

Christine Havens
Administrative and Communications Assistant

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY DATES TO REMEMBER

- ◆ November 3 *First ingathering*
A blessing of your pledge cards
- ◆ November 10 *Second ingathering*
A blessing of your pledge cards

NEWS THIS WEEK

FILL OUR TURKEYS WITH FEATHERS! HANDS FOR HOPE CAMPAIGN CONTINUES THROUGH NOVEMBER 17

El Buen Samaritano needs your help to make hunger take a holiday. A \$25 *donation* provides a Thanksgiving meal package for one family and puts a feather in one of the turkeys in the narthex. St. Michael's goal is meals for 100 families; El Buen's is 1,000.

The Moody Foundation is matching all cash donations 2:1 to support the food pantry, so your gift now will help families all year long. You can donate online at elbuen.org/h4h, bring your check to the church office, or give to Bunny Cowan. Contact Bunny at 2000grandbabs@gmail.com with questions. Interested in volunteering at the El Buen Samaritano campus on November 23? Please visit elbuen.org/volunteer-application.

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE ST. MICHAEL'S VESTRY? Fr. John Newton will host an informal information session from 10:10-10:50 am in his office on Sunday, November 10. This time will be spent looking at what the vestry does and what is required for a person to serve. Email John with questions or to RSVP: jnewton@st-michaels.org.

THE TABLE—A CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST | SUNDAYS | 5:00 PM You are invited to the Table, an informal and contemplative experience of the Eucharist. Be welcome to be here as you are, where you are, as open-souled as you can be, that in quiet and confidence, you may be still and feel the presence of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK GROUP The next meeting of the St. Michael's book group is **Wednesday, December 4, at 2:30 pm at Trianon**. We will discuss *A Long and Happy Life*, by Reynolds Price. Please join us! Contact Jackie King for more information: jking2010@yahoo.com.

STEPHEN MINISTERS CARE When was the last time someone really listened to you? We're talking about that undistracted, full-attention kind of listening. That's one of the ways Stephen Ministers care for others. St. Michael's needs more Stephen Ministers to care for those who are making that long journey through the valley of a life crisis. Will you consider serving in this way? We are starting a new Stephen Ministry training class in January 2020. For more information please email or call:

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or Barbara Rusling, brusling@sbcglobal.net, 512-925-3043.

RECYCLING AT ST. MICHAEL'S You'll be seeing blue recycling bins around our campus as we begin a single-stream recycling program. Items that can go into these bins: recyclable plastic that has the triangle/number symbol, paper, aluminum cans, cardboard. No styrofoam or items with foodstuffs, such as pizza boxes, please.

Also, please *do not put any paper* into the large recycling bin that is at the lower end of the parking lot near the — we have asked the company who handles it to take the bin away permanently.

SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

ADULTS

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY Each of the four evangelists offer a unique take on who Jesus is and how his life, death, and resurrection have changed our world. Join us this fall as we tackle topics like discipleship, mission, mercy, healing, forgiveness, the church, our purpose in life, and the Kingdom of Heaven through John's eyes. The class is offered **Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00 pm, in Room 8, and Sundays, 10:10-10:50 am, in the parish hall**. Led by Fr. John Newton, with some guests; see the poster in the narthex for schedule of Sunday classes and facilitators.

SEEKERS' ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK STUDY The Seekers meet from 10:00-11:00 am, except on Taco Sundays. The group is now meeting in Room 6. Discussion continues through the summer about *The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew—Three Women Search for Understanding*. Contact Phyllis Blees (phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more information.

CHILDREN

Sunday school is back in full swing! Here's our schedule:

1st Sundays Taco Sunday, everyone enjoying tacos together in the Parish Hall

2nd, 3rd, and 5th Sundays Meet in Room 7 in the Education Wing for "What We Do in Church" classes

4th Sundays—Garden Day! Kids meet in Room 7 but then process out to the garden to learn about care for God's good creation

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL CHILDREN pre-K through 3rd grade are invited to Children's Chapel, where we read the same scriptures as "big church," learn prayers, and sing songs. Children in 4th & 5th grade are welcome, too. We rejoice the congregation during the Peace.

WORSHIP BAGS are available in the narthex, as well as in the Gathering Room, the place you can have wiggle room for the little ones, hear the service, and have some coffee.

Kids can **LOOK FOR OUR CHURCH MOUSE DURING WORSHIP**. If they tell Family Minister Lizzie after church where they spotted the mouse, she will give them a sticker!



STUDENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:10 AM, RM 8 All students starting from grade 6 are welcome to attend the Youth Class. High school students are invited to join Fr. John's Bible Study in the parish hall from 10:00 - 10:50 am. No class on Taco Sundays!

EYC (EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY), 5:45 - 6:45 PM, RM 8 No regularly scheduled EYC this week.

MEET OUR NEW INTERNS! Tucker and Natalie are both freshmen at UT and veteran Camp Allen counselors and Happening! staff. They have a real passion for sharing their faith with their younger peers and they both are energetic and welcoming presences to have around. They are both very excited to get to know and share their love and their knowledge with our students.

GIRLS' GATHERING, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 6:00 - 7:30 PM Luis is very excited to introduce this brand-new event for all the lovely 6th - 12th-grade young women at St. Michael's. The first meeting will be a time to meet, dream, and share with Natalie Aman, our new intern and the group facilitator, what these monthly gatherings will look like going forward. For the rest of 2019, the gatherings will be open to girls grades 6-12, but in 2020, we will be having two separate meetings for grades 6-8 and 9-12.

SKEPTICS' SUPPER CLUB, NOVEMBER 21, 6:00 - 7:30 PM The Skeptics' Supper Club is a new, monthly small group discussion I am very excited to introduce to our student ministry. We will be coming together over dinner to discuss those questions that you might be afraid are too irreverent, too basic, or too out-of-bounds. Join us, dinner is on St. Michael's. RSVP to lrvivas@st-michaels.org.

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers this week are given to the Glory of God.

A donation to the St. Michael's flower fund is a beautiful way to remember, honor, or give thanks for your loved ones, or to mark a birthday, anniversary, or a special occasion. Donation envelopes are available in the narthex. Please note "flowers" on the memo line of your check. Place the envelope in the alms basin when it is passed, or hand your envelope to the vestry person of the day or to the rector.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

For Phil Miller, who died this week, and for Joyce, his wife, and the rest of their family in this time of mourning.

For Karen M.'s Aunt Ruth, who passed away this week, and for her Uncle Sean and the rest of her family in this time of sorrow.

For Maggie, granddaughter of Susie Orum, for continued recovery from cardiac surgery.

For Sara Axton, for a speedy and comfortable recovery process.

For Mike Murphy, his surgeon, and his family as Mike undergoes hip replacement surgery this week.

WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICES

Morning Prayer

Every Tuesday at 9:00 am in the Worship Space. For more information, contact Gail Reid (reid.gail@gmail.com).

Centering Prayer

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the side chapel. For more information contact Phyllis Blee (phyllis.blees@gmail.com).

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.

READINGS, NOVEMBER 3, 2019

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31; Psalm 149

Didn't bring cash?

Text SMEC1500 to 73256 and follow the prompts to make an e-offering.