



THE TRUMPET

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JANUARY 7, 2024

Welcome a Little One into Our Midst: Holy Baptism, Sunday, January 7 at 11:00 am

Holy Baptism is such a blessed occasion in the life of our St. Michael's community. Not only do we welcome this infant, Margaret Kulak, into our midst, but we also get to renew our own sense of belonging to the community of Christians as we all say the Baptismal Covenant on the occasion of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Margaret Ann Kulak is the daughter of Fr. Josh and Kari Kulak, and little sister of Killion. She turns 7 months old the day she is baptized! According to her mother, Margaret "is chewing on everything, constantly. She's learning to sit up but still needs help. We started on a couple of solid foods and she's taking after her brother with a love of oatmeal! But if you do not include banana she WILL send it back. She's started cackling at her brother who loves to get in her face. She continues to delight us with her lovely smiles, little coos and babbles, delicious cheeks, and squishy thighs. She's so great, you've got to meet her."



NOTES

De-greening of the Church | Sunday, January 7

This Sunday, January 7, after the 11:00 service we will be taking down all the Advent and Christmas décor in the sanctuary areas and narthex. Can you stay and help take the greenery down and repack it into containers for storage in the basement? Many hands make light work and good fellowship. Thank you!

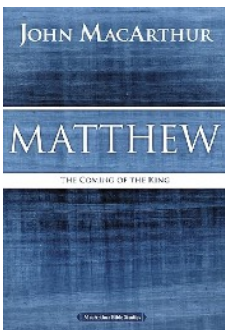
Tuesday Women's Bible Study: First Corinthians |

Starts January 9 The Women's Bible Study will begin a new topic on Tuesday, January 9, at 6 pm: 1st Corinthians. Christianity calls us to sacrifice instead of living for oneself. The Christians in Corinth tried to live the Christian life in a worldly way. Paul wrote his first letter to the Corinthians to a divided and self-centered people to remind them to follow Jesus and only Jesus. In this 12-part series, author Jennie Allen walks into the messy lives of the Corinthians and takes us through Paul's words to the conflicted church. We'll see how the truth of the gospel and the Spirit of God can empower us to choose to follow Jesus every day of our lives.

Contact Trish Thompson at home.thompson@gmail.com with questions or to RSVP.

New Wednesday Evening, Off-Campus Bible Study

Begins January 10, 2024 Michael and Trish Thompson



are starting a co-ed evening Bible study beginning Wednesday, January 10, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. The group will meet in the Capital View Center conference room located at 1301 S Capital of Texas Highway (office building next to Westlake fire house). The Gospel of Matthew is the topic, and the group will be using the John MacArthur study guide. We will meet for twelve weeks (taking off for Ash Wednesday on 2/14)

so expect to finish 4/3/2024. It is open to everyone. Childcare is not available. The book is available for purchase from Amazon at [this link](#). Questions? Contact Trish Thompson at home.thompson@gmail.com.



SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

JANUARY 7, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

- 7:45 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday School | Rm 8
SMEYC Office Hrs | Parish Hall
- 10:00 am Taco Sunday | Parish Hall
The Seekers | Rm 4, Ed. Wing
SMEYC Service Project
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday School | Rm 8
SMEYC Office Hrs | Parish Hall
- 4:00 pm Sunday Afternoon EYC

9:00 & 11:00 am services
livestreamed at
st-michaels.org/worship-online

MLK Day March | Monday, January 15 @9am Please join Fr. Josh on Monday, January 15, at 9:00 am to participate in Austin's annual MLK Community March. The march begins at the MLK statue on the UT campus before proceeding to the Capitol steps. After a short rally, the march continues on to Huston-Tillotson for a community festival. For additional information please visit <https://mlkcelebration.com/> or email Fr. Josh (jkulak@st-michaels.org).



Save the Date—Annual Parish Meeting | Sunday, January 28 | 10:00 am Mark your calendars and stay tuned for details to come about our annual parish meeting on January 28 at 10:00 am.

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

Rector's Bible Study Update for 2024 | Sundays @12:45pm and Tuesdays @noon Sunday Fr. John's Bible study resumes in 2024, with slightly different schedules for January.

The Sunday study will resume on February 4, due to the annual meeting and some other events.

The Tuesday noon study will resume on January 16; discussing the lectionary readings on January 16, 23, and 30. On February 6, the group will dive into a new book of the Bible—stay tuned for which one.

Zoom Info: bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink Meeting ID: 832 6049 2080; passcode: bible. Dial by location: +13462487799, ID 83260492080#; passcode 543331# US (Houston)

The Seekers Adult Formation Group | meets Sundays at 10:00 am in Rm 4 (Education Wing) and via Zoom Looking for engaging discussion of theological and spiritual topics? Join the Seekers on Sunday mornings. The group is currently discussing *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 or Phyllis Bles at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for more info.

Here's the new Zoom link: bit.ly/SeekersBookGroup, 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. Passcode: prayer.

Centering Prayer—Now In-person and via Zoom | Tuesdays @6:30 pm This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Join the group in-person on the SMEC campus (Gathering Room) or join via Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85765348257?pwd=dnIMUXh3dHdBOTBDeUROS2hMRXV6Zz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Bles with questions: 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 last Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm unless there's a holiday. The group is now meeting *in person at St. Michael's*. ***There is no meeting in December.*** *The next gathering is January 31*; the book chosen is *The Soul of America* by Jon Meacham. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com or Sue Allen at tom@northcoastbrewing.com for more information.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study | Wednesdays at 1:00 pm The group meets by Zoom (using the same link) for one hour beginning at 1:00 pm CT. This is a perfect time to invite others to join our group. This informal group discusses the Daily Office readings—drop in anytime! Led by Mary Healy, mary.r.healy@gmail.com.
Zoom Link: bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

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 Christian fellowship and theological conversation. ***The next meeting is January 10 at the County Line BBQ on Bee Caves Road.*** Contact Andy Hines at ahines@hinespool.com for more information.

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.

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; or Fr. Josh Kulak at jkulak@st-michaels.org

FAMILY LIFE

Sunday School | 9:00 & 11:00 am | Family Life Center (Rm 8) The Family Ministry team welcomes children and their parents at the front of the church and guides 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. *Programming will resume on January 7.* Contact Amanda at 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.

Questions?

Email Bonnie Walton,
Youth Coordinator,
at youth@st-michaels.org.

Sr. High ATX

Connect with other
Camp Allen Episco-
peeps in the greater
Austin area.

New in 2024

Sunday Morning Office Hours

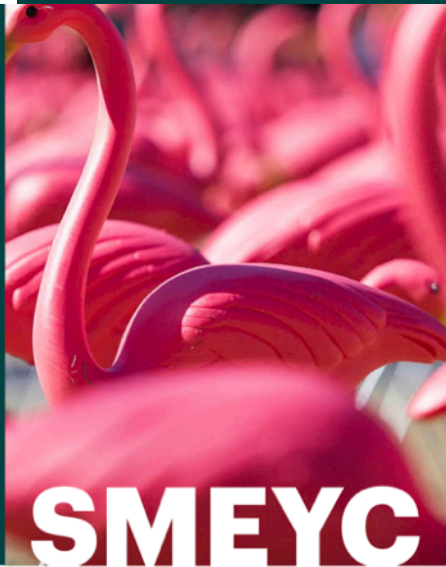
Discussion & Devotionals for Youth
9am and 11am Parish Hall
10am Monthly Service Projects

Sunday Afternoon EYC

Now 4pm to 6pm
Games + Hang, now with 33% more fun!

Sr. High Sunday Fun Days

4 Sundays of ATX-wide adventure with other
Episcopal Sr. High Youth.



Sr. High Sunday Fun Days

February 11
Indoor Rock Climbing

March 3
Amazing Race Lady Bird Lake

April 7
Peter Pan Mini Golf

May 5
Zilker Park

For event details, updates & weekly offerings at St. Michael's on 360, contact the SMEYC team at youth@st-michaels.org and check out smeyc.org.

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 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.



On Sunday, December 10, during the 11am service, the Daughters of the King welcomed three new members into their order.

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 you. Stephen Ministers are trained to provide safe, confidential Christian care.

Contact the Rev. John Newton (jnewton@st-michaels.org) or Stephen Ministers Julie de Wette (julie@losmadrone.com) or Jeff Robinson (jarobinson100@gmail.com).



The singing of "Silent Night" on Christmas Eve transforms our sanctuary into an especially holy and beautiful space.

DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

St. Michael's Episcopal Day School begins their spring semester on Monday, January 8. We're ready for their laughter and play to brighten the education wing again. Here are some photos from the end-of-year Pajama Day. *Thanks to the teachers for sharing these photos.*



SMEDS Chapel takes place every Wednesday at 12:30 pm. The students gather with parents and teachers in the sanctuary for worship & Bible-based lessons.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Please email Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org with prayer requests or to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.

For Scott Madison's mother, Joyce, as she recovers from the flu.

For Jim Clark, who has been moved into hospice care; for his family and friends during this time of waiting.

For those affected by the recent earthquake in Japan.

For Palestinians, Israelis, and all victims of violence in the Middle East.

For all those affected by gun violence, especially those at the school shooting in Perry, Iowa.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: All Saints', Austin; Calvary, Bastrop; Christ Church, Cedar Park; Church of the Cross, Lake Travis

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Scottish Episcopal Church

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The flowers are given to the Glory of God, and by Joyce Miller in memory of Phil Miller's birthday.

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. 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) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays. We recommend running stories beginning two weeks prior to your event.

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OFFICE HOURS: M-TH 9:00AM-4:00PM