



THE TRUMPET

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APRIL 7, 2024

BISHOP'S VISIT & CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

This Sunday, April 7, the Rt. Rev. Kathryn M. Ryan, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Texas, is visiting St. Michael's. This will be a wonderful morning, with 21 youth and adults being confirmed, received, or reaffirmed at the 11:00 am service. We will also have a few guests from St. Christopher's who weren't able to be confirmed when the bishop visited their church.

Sunday School is happening in the Movement Room, which is also in the education wing. The gathering room will be available for parents and energetic children and we'll have wiggle bags in the narthex. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday!



Forming Bonds at The Happening: An Interview with Grace Garrett, confirmand

Grace Garrett, 14-year-old daughter of Karla & Ross Garrett, is one of the youth being confirmed this weekend. She recently attended a Happening event, which helped her decision to be a confirmand.

Q: What prompted you to attend The Happening? Have you attended other Episcopal youth activities? Prior to this, how would you describe your relationship with God?

Grace: I heard that Happening was really fun so that's why I wanted to go. Yes, I like to go to Camp Allen every summer and I also have gone to Yes at Camp Allen. I am still learning about God.

Q: The Happening is supposed to be a surprise party of sorts for those attending, that each is different based on the group planning a particular event. What surprised you most?

Grace: Yes, Happening is supposed to be a "secret" for anyone new to it. It's all run by kids who attended Happening before. I can't really say much, except that you get really close to other kids who are there.

Q: You've decided to be confirmed on April 7 (yay!). How did The Happening influence your decision?

Grace: Yes, going to Happening really helped me see that I wanted to be part of the Episcopal Church. The bonds I formed with other kids was really what influenced me most.

Q: What do you hope for next in your life? How else does your relationship with God find expression in your day to day?

Grace: Sure, I hope that my faith gets stronger the more I learn about God. Confirmation classes had us focus each week on living my faith during that coming week. So yes, I hope to continue thinking like that.

Q: What would you say to others your age about God? Do you have one word to describe your experience at The Happening?

Grace: One word: "worthwhile."



NOTES

Town Hall Meetings - Building St. Michael's Future

April 14 at 12:15pm (after 11am service)

April 21 at 10am (between services)

These town hall meetings are meant to engage the parish community in a broader dialogue concerning the growth and future direction of our parish. Together, we aim to co-create the future we envision and initiate discussions, prayer, and discernment regarding potential next steps in relation to a building campaign in the coming year(s). This collaborative effort will enable the rector and vestry to make more informed decisions in the upcoming fall our path forward.

On Monday, an email with more details will go out to the parish about the meetings as well as information about Fr. John's sabbatical. [Click here for a list of sabbatical FAQs.](#)



Iftar Dinner with Dialogue ATX Sunday, April 7 @7:00 pm During the month of Ramadan, our Muslim siblings fast from dawn to sunset in order to focus on prayer, charity, and thanksgiving. Each evening they break their fast with an iftar dinner. Our neighbors at Dialogue ATX visit different places of worship every night to celebrate this moment of fast-breaking with a shared meal and a conversation about our faith traditions. St. Michael's will host an iftar dinner on April 7 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall for this interfaith fellowship, with dinner starting immediately after sunset. For more information please visit www.dialogueatx.org/ramadan/. To RSVP for the event please register here: tinyurl.com/SMEC-Iftar-Dinner.

Join Lumen for **adventure** with God!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

at St. Michael's Episcopal Church!

JUNE 3-6 2024
9AM - NOON

4 year olds - rising 4th graders

\$25 per child
includes snacks, a T-shirt, and **lots of FUN**

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Camp Firelight
A SUMMER CAMP Psalm 56:3
ADVENTURE WITH GOD

New Topic for Tuesday Women's Bible Study: Minor Prophets | April 23 - May 28 | 6:00 pm |

Church Office On April 23, the Women's Bible Study will begin a study topic: Minor Prophets. A prophet in the Old Testament was called to be a Messenger of God's word to His covenant people, Israel. Our next study will examine six of the 12 minor prophets. The term "minor" comes from the relatively short stories; each has a very important message! We will discover who each messenger was and when they served The Lord. We will discuss the literary style and identify the overall message. As you come to a better understanding of each prophet, you will be amazed by God's relentless pursuit of a relationship with us. The group meets at 6:00 pm in the church office. Contact Trish Thompson at home.thompson@gmail.com with questions or to RSVP.

2024 Graduating Seniors Families planning to honor their graduates on Senior Sunday, May 19, should contact Bonnie Walton to learn more: youth@st-michaels.org. Plan to attend an April 28 Pregame Meeting and Senior Sunday Celebration, May 19.

Stephen Ministry Overwhelmed? Despite our prayers, resilience, and best efforts to remain positive, there are times when we all feel discouraged, weary, frustrated, or simply overwhelmed. A Stephen Minister can provide one-to-one, fully confidential emotional and spiritual support. Wouldn't it be a comfort to allow a Stephen Minister to love you as Christ has loved each of us? To learn more, contact Julie de Wette (julie@losmadrone.com), or Fr. John Newton (jnewton@st-michaels.org).

OUTREACH IN ACTION

St. Michael's is actively engaged in community outreach efforts, supporting a variety of non-profit organizations through hands-on service and financial assistance. Volunteer opportunities with several local organizations are offered throughout 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.

Trinity Center Many thanks to John Boehm for organizing the monthly sack lunch deliveries for Trinity Center and gratitude to all the parishioners who have signed up to cover a month!

Del Valle Book Drive St. Michael's will host the annual book drive for Del Valle elementary students' summer reading enrichment. It's time for you to begin collecting new or gently-used books (English or Spanish) for distribution in May. Our goal is to collect 1000 pre-K - 5th-grade books. For details, contact Tammy Gross at tammygross@me.com or Harriett Choffel (harriettchoffel@icloud.com) or Fr. Josh (jkulak@st-michaels.org).

Garden Volunteers Needed The veggies grown in our community garden go to Hope Food Pantry on Speedway in Hyde Park—given to families and students who might not otherwise get fresh food. Would you like to help with this impactful ministry? Great service opportunity for all ages. Contact Beth Michaels at ebethmichaels@gmail.com.

2024 Community Investment Partners

Seminary of the Southwest (*theological and pastoral education*)

The Texas Pauli Murray Scholarship (*scholarship for seminary students of color*) filling up fast for Camp Allen's summer camp

Episcopal Relief and Development (*disaster relief & sustainable development*)¹ (and shade) for rising 3rd-10th grade students

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 Commission is excited to support these organizations 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 Outreach webpage at st-michaels.org/outreach.

FAMILY LIFE

Sunday School | 9:00 & 11:00 am | For April 7, Sunday School will be in the Movement Room in the

Education Wing The Family Ministry team welcomes children and their parents at the front of the church and guides them to Room 8 in the Education Wing. Parents are reunited with their children in the sanctuary at the announcements—in time for communion together as a family. We also have the Gathering Room and wiggle bags in the narthex for extra wiggly children.

Contact the Rev. Hope Benko at hope@st-michaels.org for more info.

SMEYC SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 7

EYC is heading to Peter Pan Mini Golf after the 11:00 am service, from 1:00-3:00 pm. Bring \$ for lunch. Give Bonnie a heads up if your kiddos are planning to come so we can coordinate rides: youth@st-michaels.org.

Summer Camp 2024 Register your camper today—spots are filling up fast for Camp Allen's summer camp program! Get ready for an action-packed week of fun in the sun (and shade) for rising 3rd-10th grade students. campallen/summercamp

St. Michael's Episcopal Youth Community welcomes youth 5th-12th grade to experience community and connection, to question and explore 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.

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

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. 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. Zoom link: bit.ly/SeekersBookGroup, Passcode: 541706.

Book Study: *The Heart of it All* by Samuel Wells January - April Join Fr. Josh for a book study of theologian Samuel Well's *The Heart of it All: The Bible's Big Picture*. There are two weekly meeting options: Mondays from 12:00-1:00 pm in the parish hall (Zoom available) or Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom only. We will not meet the week of spring break (March 10 & 13). Email Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org with any questions. Zoom links:
Monday: <https://bit.ly/HeartBookStudyMonday>; Wednesday: <https://bit.ly/HeartBookStudyWednesday>

Morning Prayer | Tuesdays @9:00 am You're invited to Morning Prayer each Tuesday 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 | Last Wednesday of the Month @2:30 pm This 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*. April's selection is *Mr. Texas*, by Lawrence Wright. 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 @5:00 pm | County Line BBQ on Bee Caves Road Join the men of St. Michael's for Christian fellowship and theological conversation. *The next meeting is April 10*; the group meets at the County Line BBQ on Bee Caves Road. Contact Andy Hines at ahines@hinespool.com or Rich Noland at richnoland@eversheds-sutherland.com for more information.

MINISTRIES

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.

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 jcsrrech@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Four Chosen to Stand for Election as 28th Presiding Bishop The Episcopal Church's Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop for the Election of the Presiding Bishop today announced the names of the bishops it will nominate to succeed Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry. Its nominees are:

The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker, Diocese of Nebraska

The Rt. Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez, Diocese of Pennsylvania

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania & Diocese of Western New York

The Rt. Rev. Robert Wright, Diocese of Atlanta

Read the release on the web: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/four-chosen-to-stand-for-election-as-28th-presiding-bishop/>



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| Paddleboarding | Eucharist | Skeet Shooting |
| Canoeing | Reptile Show | Yoga |
| Giant Swing | Pickleball | Zip Line |

Total Cost for Hotel Lodging \$210 per room

Total Cost for Activities/Meals \$152 per person

Packages Include Six buffet meals and most programming. Kids age 2 and under are free.

Family discounts available
Check in at 5 pm Friday
Check out at 1 pm Sunday

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ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

Our Owls had a busy day on Wednesday this week. They were in full play mode. Owls worked on their number recognition through various types of play throughout the room. They were invited to go fishing with magnetic fishing poles. When they caught a fish, they were asked to find the correct spot according to the number on the fish. *Thanks to Ms. Debbi for the story and the photos.*



SMEDS Chapel takes place with Fr. Josh and Miss Karen every Wednesday at 9:30 am in our bright and beautiful sanctuary.

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 Jai, who died recently, and for Jai's family and friends.

For Fritz Houstoun, 4-year-old son of Dillon and Caitlin, who has a genetic muscle disease.

For all those being confirmed, received, or reaffirmed in their commitment to the church during the bishop's visit this Sunday, April 7.

For Howard Brunson, who is in hospice care due to a brain infection; for his daughter, the Rev. Christine Brunson and the rest of his family.

For John, who is navigating a difficult diagnosis and prognosis.

For the children, families, and staff of Saint Francis Ministries.

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

For all those affected by gun violence.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Lord of the Streets, Houston; Northside, Houston; Palmer Memorial; Houston; Redeemer, Houston

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

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God, and by Frank Burdis in memory of Liz Wyckoff.

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 11:00 am 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.

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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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