



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news



MAY 5, 2024

OUTREACH IN ACTION: CAN YOU HELP?

May is a vibrant month—like the rain we’re getting, we can be a cause of growth and renewal in the community. Here are a few ways you and your family can participate in outreach and sow seeds that will blossom in many ways.



Trinity Center Worship Service

Our next ministry date at the Trinity Center is **Sunday, May 26**. We would love volunteers from the parish to be present for all aspects of the event: helping with set-up/clean-up, participating in liturgy, serving the meal, dining with guests, etc. If you are interested in participating, please contact Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org for more information.

About the Trinity Center worship service: On Sunday afternoons, the Trinity Center acts as the church for our unhoused neighbors. Usually 30-40 people attend the service and the following meal. St. Michael’s is one of many area churches who alternate participation in this ministry



Del Valle Book Drive: Books & Drivers

Our book collection continues on **Sunday, May 5**; we’re off to a great start, but more are welcome. Bring them to the narthex. Our goal is to collect 1000 new or gently-used pre-K through 5th-grade books.

We’ll deliver the books to Del Valle Elementary will be Friday, May 10, at 9:00 am. Drivers are needed. Please contact Tammy Gross at tammygross@me.com to offer your help!.



SMEC Garden

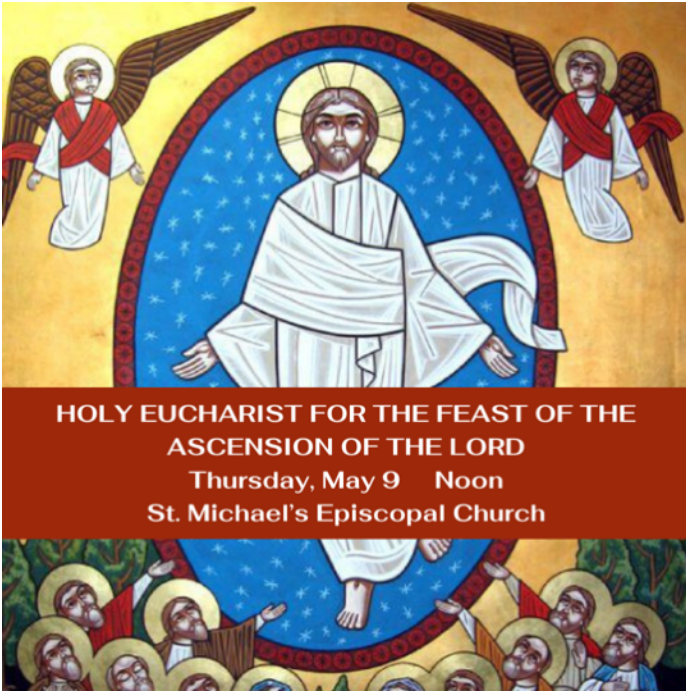
The veggies grown in our community garden go to Hope Food Pantry on Speedway in Hyde Park—given to families and students who might not otherwise get fresh food. Would you like to help with this impactful ministry? This is a great service opportunity for all ages.

Ready to dig in?

Contact Beth Michaels at ebethmichaels@gmail.com.

More about St. Michael’s Outreach in Action projects and partnerships can be found on page 3.

NOTES



Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord | Thursday, May 9 | Noon Please join St. Michael's in commemorating our belief in the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven. The service is this Thursday in the sanctuary at noon; it will be in person and livestreamed (st-michaels.org/worship-online).



Register Now for Camp Firelight! Registration for Camp Firelight is open through June 3: go to <https://bit.ly/2024VBCRegistration> or scan the QR code. Registration questions? Contact Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org or Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org. Interested in volunteering? Fr. Josh would love to hear from you.

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**

SCAN THE **QR CODE TO REGISTER NOW!**

Hebrews Bible Study with Fr. Josh | Sundays @12:45 pm beginning May 5 The weekly Sunday Bible Study will resume with Fr. Josh on May 5 at 12:45 pm, and they will be looking at the Letter to the Hebrews. The study will run from May 5 to June 16 and we will only meet on Sundays. Fr. Josh is looking forward to studying this fascinating letter together! Here's the schedule:

Date	Chapter(s)
May 5	1, 2
May 12	3, 4
May 19	5-7
May 26	8, 9
June 2	10
June 9	11
June 16	12,13

Zoom Meeting (Bible Study) info

Link: bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLinkMeeting ID: 832 6049 2080

Passcode: bible

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.

El Buen Samaritano Volunteer Opportunities The SMEC El Buen Food Pantry team will volunteer every third Thursday on the early morning shift. The next volunteer day is May 16. Contact Father Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org to join the team! There are many other opportunities to volunteer with El Buen which can be found at elbuen.org/volunteer.

Drive a Senior & Chariot Volunteers Needed Looking for a way to plug into outreach? Get involved with Drive A Senior ATX (www.driveasenioratx.org) and Chariot (chariot.org), two local non-profit organizations that provide free rides to senior citizens, taking them to doctors, stores, and other essential destinations within the greater Austin-Travis County area.

Drivers are greatly needed and scheduling is easy. If you are interested in volunteering as a driver or in another capacity OR if you or someone you know is over 60 and needs transportation assistance, please contact either of the organizations directly or contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@icloud.com or John Boehm at jboehmjr@utexas.edu.

Go and Do Likewise Initiative Originating in 2019 with a partnership between St. David's and Casa Marianella, [Go and Do Likewise](http://GoandDoLikewise.org) helps people seeking asylum to move toward housing stability by locating and acting as guarantor for short-term housing in the Greater Austin area. Building on this original partnership, the Austin Convocation of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is building a coalition of churches and other partners to expand this Gospel work. Churches and individuals can participate by locating apartments, co-signing leases, and/or making financial contributions.

For more information or questions, please contact Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org.

2024 Community Investment Partners

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 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 | 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 SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 & 11:00 am Youth Devos--Parish Hall

10:00 am Taco Sunday

Afternoon & evening activities TBD due to weather

SPRING/SUMMER SMEYC NEWSLETTER

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.

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 at 10:00 am (10:20 am on the first Sunday of the month for Taco Sunday). The group will be starting a new book soon. Drop in anytime, regardless of whether you've read the book. Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@me.com or Phyllis Bleebs at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for more info. Zoom link: bit.ly/SeekersBookGroup, Passcode: 541706.

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 Bleebs with questions: phyllis.blees@gmail.com. For more about contemplative prayer, click this link: [Heart of Texas Contemplative Outreach](#).

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. The study will examine six of the 12 minor prophets. The term "minor" comes from their relatively short stories; each has a very important message, though! 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.

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. May's selection is *Poverty, by America*, by Matthew Desmond. If you'd like to get a start on the summer read, it's *James: A Novel*, by Percival Everett. 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 May 8*; 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.

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).

FROM OUR FRIENDS AROUND THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2024 Bailey Concert & Lecture at All Saints' Episcopal Church Austin Registration is now open [HERE](#) for the 2024 Bailey Concert & Lecture featuring the Rev. Dr. Sam Wells (*The Heart of It All, Improvisation, Walk Humbly*) & St. Martin's Voices Emerging Artists, May 17-19. The events are free and open to the public.

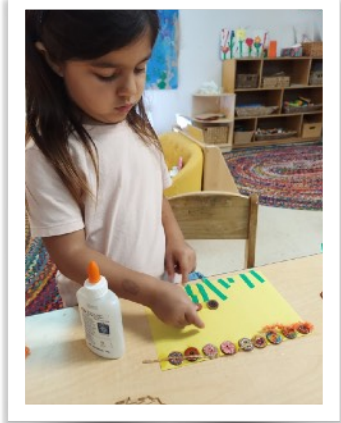


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JUNE 9 - JUNE 13
GRADES 6TH-12TH
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ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

This week, the Lambs were offered brown crinkle paper, orange yarn, colorful buttons, glue, and tape. Pictures of lions and toy wild cats were also on the table. Some friends chose to make a lion, and other friends chose to use the materials differently. *Thanks to Ms. Jessica for 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 Light German, who died recently; for her family and friends, including Margaret Connor.

For Tom King, who is recovering from an infection.

For Bob Borenstein, who is recovering from surgery for a deviated septum.

For Shelby and Mike Bruno, who welcomed Charles (Charlie) Thomas Bruno on April 23.

For all those affected by the widespread, heavy rainfall in China and other hard-hit areas.

For all those affected by gun violence.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Fort Worth Church Plant, Fort Worth; Good Shepherd, Granbury; Resurrection, Decatur; St. Christopher's, Fort Worth

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

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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