



# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news*



MAY 19, 2024

## SENIOR SUNDAY CELEBRATION—RECOGNIZING OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

The school year is ending, and at this time, St. Michael's would like to recognize the high school seniors in our midst. Please join our St. Michael's community in celebrating these students with prayers during the services and with spotlight interviews, games, and more in the parish hall during the 10:00 am hour. Other graduates in the wider SMEC community are honored on page 2.

# Congratulations

CLASS OF

# 2024

BEST WISHES FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE!



EMMA HINES

Parents:  
Andy & Catherine Hines



JOHN DAVID TORIAN

Parents:  
Leigh and JD Torian



BAILEY HAM

Parents:  
Chris & Rachel Ham

Grandparents:  
Michael Donegan & Jackie King

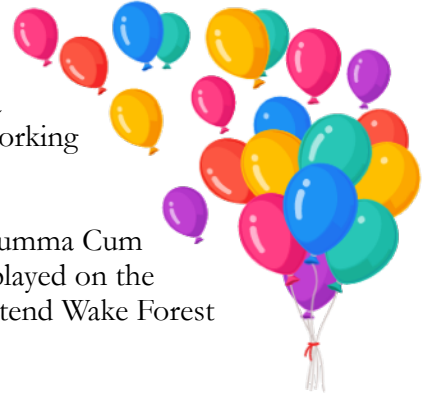


GABE GERMANN

Parents:  
Phil & Julie Germann



## NOTES



### ONWARD AND UPWARD: HONORING 2024 GRADUATES

**Logan Carstens**, son of Tom and Christie Carstens, is graduating from Santa Clara University with degrees in Economics and Political Science; he begins working as a consultant for Deloitte this fall.

**Rebecca Jackson**, daughter of Elizabeth and Raymond Jackson, graduated Summa Cum Laude from UT Dallas with a BS in Neuroscience, minor in Psychology; she played on the women's tennis team. She will be moving to North Carolina, where she will attend Wake Forest University's graduate school for a PhD in Translational Neuroscience.

**Meredith Jackson, MD**, daughter of Elizabeth and Raymond Jackson, graduated May 8 from UT Southwestern Medical School. She will be a resident at Parkland Hospital and UTSW in Dallas as an emergency room doctor.

**Killion Kulak**, son of Fr. Josh and Kari Kulak, graduated from All Saints' Episcopal Day School. He'll be heading to kindergarten at Lee Elementary in the fall.

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!**



**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](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org) or Fr. Josh at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org).

*Interested in volunteering? Fr. Josh would love to hear from you.*

## 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!

**Bible Study Zoom Link:** [bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLinkMeeting](https://bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLinkMeeting)

ID: 832 6049 2080 Passcode: bible

### 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

## 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](mailto:harriettchoffel@icloud.com); or Fr. Josh Kulak at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org).

### 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](mailto: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

### 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](mailto:ebethmichaels@gmail.com).

### 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 June 20. Contact Father Josh at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto: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](http://elbuen.org/volunteer).

### Drive a Senior & Chariot Volunteers Needed

Drive A Senior ATX ([www.driveasenioratx.org](http://www.driveasenioratx.org)) and Chariot ([chariot.org](http://chariot.org)), two local non-profit organizations that provide free rides to senior citizens in the greater Austin-Travis County area needs drivers. 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](mailto:harriettchoffel@icloud.com) or John Boehm at [jboehmjr@utexas.edu](mailto: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](#) 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](mailto: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*)

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## 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](mailto:hope@st-michaels.org) for more info.

### SMEYC SUNDAY SCHEDULE

#### MAY 19

**9:00 & 11:00 am** Youth Devos--Parish Hall  
**10:00 am** Senior Sunday Celebration  
**5:00 - 7:00 pm** EYC

For more details about what's happening this summer, click the newsletter link:

**\*SPRING/SUMMER SMEYC NEWSLETTER\***

### EYC Sunday Lunch hangouts start May 26 following the 11:00 am service.

Evening EYC is on summer hiatus after May 19th. Instead, plan to catch up with everyone at the Village at Westlake Picnic Benches by Tacodeli/ ModPizza for lunch together after church between camps and vacations. Carpooling available.

Contact Bonnie Walton to learn more:  
[youth@st-michaels.org](mailto: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](mailto:youth@st-michaels.org).



## FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

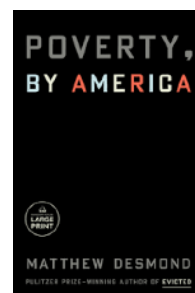
**The Seekers Adult Formation Group | meets Sundays at 10:00 am in Rm 4 (Education Wing) and via Zoom** Looking for engaging discussion of theological and spiritual topics? Join the Seekers on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am (10:20 am on the first Sunday of the month for Taco Sunday). On May 19, the group begins reading *In the Heart of the Temple*, by Joan Chittister. Drop in anytime, regardless of whether you've read the book. Contact Harriett Choffel at [harriettchoffel@me.com](mailto:harriettchoffel@me.com) or Phyllis Bles at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more info. Zoom link: [bit.ly/SeekersBookGroup](https://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](https://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 and takes a break during summer months. 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](mailto:rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com) or Sue Allen at [tom@northcoastbrewing.com](mailto: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](mailto:mary.r.healy@gmail.com). Zoom Link: [bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy](https://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 June 12*; the group meets at the County Line BBQ on Bee Caves Road. Contact Andy Hines at [ahines@hinespool.com](mailto:ahines@hinespool.com) or Rich Noland at [richnoland@eversheds-sutherland.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:julie@losmadrone.com)), or Fr. John Newton ([jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org)).

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## FROM OUR FRIENDS AROUND THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Tapestry Austin—Community for Young Adults | June 2** Calling all 20s-30s! Tapestry Austin is a group of young adults from Austin-area Episcopal churches that meets on the first Sunday of the month at Easy Tiger (6406 N I-35 Frontage Rd) at 5:00 pm for snacks, conversation, and fellowship. Our next meeting will be on June 2; we hope to see you there! All young adults are invited and welcome to attend.

For questions, please contact Tapestry Austin's leaders, Kelsey ([kelsey.c@stdave.org](mailto:kelsey.c@stdave.org)) or Allen ([ajunek@stmattsaustin.org](mailto:ajunek@stmattsaustin.org)), or contact Fr. Josh ([jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org)).

**General Convention 81—What is it, what does it do, and why does it matter?** General Convention is the highest authority in The Episcopal Church. General Convention (GC) can feel as far removed from people in local churches as Congress does from everyday life. But the role it plays impacts a lot of what Episcopalians see and do in their local churches. You can learn more by clicking [this link](#).



## ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

The Pandas played outdoors in the meadow this week, and one of their favorite activities was the shower of plastic balls. *Thanks to Ms. Judith 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.*

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### 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.*

For Joe Bondurant, and his wife, Sadie, parents of Tammy Gross.

For Rudy Moreno, who died recently: actor, comedian, and friend of Jose Carrillo.

For Jim H., who is experiencing a health crisis, for his sister, Lanier, and his family.

For all children and adults who are graduating in the coming weeks; for all educators and the schools in which they serve.

For all those affected by the recent severe storms, especially those in Houston and the surrounding areas.

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

For all those affected by gun violence.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Mary's, Hillsboro; St. Stephen's, Hurst; Trinity, Fort Worth

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Canada

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### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God,  
by Roslyn Breen in memory of her mom,  
Carolyn Patterson.

*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](https://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](mailto: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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