The MAY & JUNE 2023 Archangel Newsletter & Events



St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Colorado Springs www.stmikeschurch.com

From the Rector



Dear People of God,

With the glow of Easter still shining brightly, I continue to reflect on the meaningful time we shared together during Holy Week and on Easter morning. I'm extremely proud of our staff and volunteers who contributed and dedicated countless hours to

ensure our community experienced transformational moments throughout the 40 days of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. I'm grateful for our choirs, worship volunteers, altar guild, flower guild, hospitality hosts, soup chefs, musicians, and everyone else who helped in little and big ways. Thank you!

In looking back, I'm not sure we could have added one more thing into the month of April. Immediately following a very full Holy Week and Easter, we announced the acquisition of The Saint John's Bible *Heritage Edition*, had an information-filled Town Hall Meeting, launched a parish-wide survey, and finished the month by celebrating our Children & Youth. During the Town Hall Meeting, I shared several updates on projects that will help us better live into our mission. I also shared the news that while The Rev. Angela is out on medical leave, The Rev. Vicki Hesse will be joining the staff as our Interim Assisting Priest through the end of the year. This is very good news for our entire community!

In the midst of so many moving pieces and exciting things happening at St. Michael's, I'm reminded on a daily basis of our call to walk beside those whom God has put into our lives. It never seems to fail that when we take the time to set aside our own self importance and agenda, God uses us in ways that we never could imagine. As we move into the spring and summer months, I'm excited about the opportunities that are waiting to be realized and the unimaginable ways God will use you within and beyond our walls. Are you ready?

Faithfully in Christ,

Per Atolombe The Rev. Matt Holcombe, Rector

Property Updates

Over the past few months, our Junior Wardens, Mike Mapes and Danny Raider, have been busy with a number of projects around the property. Funded by the generosity in our community, these updates are helping us repurpose and better utilize many of our spaces that haven't been upgraded in decades.

Multipurpose Room - Formally known as St. Andrew's Hall, the Multipurpose Room has been the focus of many projects and volunteer hours. Three separate families donated a 4K projector, a retractable projector screen, and the funds to install AV equipment. New blackout curtains have been hung, the walls have received a fresh coat of paint and all the doors and trim have been painted. In the coming weeks we will be installing new carpet and light fixtures made possible by a designated legacy gift.

Showers - After a year of planning and working with multiple contractors, work has begun on installing two showers in the old nursery and storage space in the Multipurpose Room. Funded by a restricted gift, our new showers will be available in the coming months for overnight guests and increase the ways we can be a resource for our community.

Odds & Ends - Every Monday our Junior Wardens tackle big and small projects. Over the past several months they have repaired toilets, changed light bulbs, fixed the playground fence, repaired a broken parking lot light, replaced receptacle face plates, secured loose pews in the church, fixed broken doors, installed a video camera in the church, and many other fun projects!

Maintenance Requests?

If you notice something broken or not working correctly around the church, please complete a Maintenance Request Form in the church office.



New Interim Assisting Clergy

We are excited to welcome The Rev. Vicki Hesse to St. Michael's as our new Interim Assisting Priest. Vicki's first Sunday will be May 7, and she will be joining us for the next several seasons preaching, teaching, providing pastoral care, supporting our Rector, and assisting with various ministries. Vicki is a gifted priest and has served at St. Philip's in the Hills (Tucson, AZ), Christ Church (Grosse Point, MI), and Director of the Whitaker Institute (Detroit, MI). Vicki and her wife, Leah, are coming to us from Cathedral Ridge where they worked for a season as Co-Executive Directors. Vicki's gifts and extensive experience with pastoral care, congregational evangelism, and living in intentional communities will be an asset to our



community. Join Matt on Sunday, May 7, as we welcome Vicki and learn more about her passions and call to ministry during the Sunday Forum at 9:15 AM. *Our Associate Rector, Rev. Angela Lerena, has been unable to work since December 2022, is currently on short-term disability, and it is unknown when Angela will be able to return to work. Please continue to keep Angela and her family in your prayers.*

The Saint John's Bible

Since February, we have been inspired by The Saint John's Bible, marveled at its beauty, experienced the gospels in new ways, and shared this rare Bible with over 20 groups beyond our walls in the community. The response has been so transformative and moving, anonymous donors have come forward and gifted an entire seven-volume set of The Saint John's Bible to St. Michael's that will arrive in the Fall of 2023. This is an honor for our community and now we need your help to provide a permanent home for The Saint John's Bible.



In April, we announced the "Illuminating Our Faith Fundraiser" that will allow us to safely display all seven volumes, provide the necessary security, install lighting, and secure necessary resources. If we look around, rarely does a church make a spiritual investment like we are doing at St. Michael's. This shows our commitment to our faith, rich tradition, and spiritual growth. More times than not, churches launch fundraisers to fix a boiler or repair a roof. In fact, last time we launched a fundraiser in 2020, we raised funds to install a state-of-the-art audio visual equipment to livestream our worship services. As a result of those efforts, in 2022 we had 20,491 online views of our worship services and events from individuals all over the world. We anticipate a similar experience with the Saint John's Bible in that the fruits of our efforts will have a significant impact at St. Michael's and in our community for generations to come.

As you prayerfully consider supporting this fundraising initiative, please visit our website to learn more about The Saint John's Bible and details on how to

donate with a check, credit card, or stock gift. For specific questions about making a donation please contact our Finance Manager, Jan McLaughlin, at 719-598-3244 or email treasurer@stmikeschurch.com. Thank you in advance for inspiring the spiritual growth and imagination at St. Michael's. To learn more or donate visit www.stmikeschurch.com/bible.



Spring & Summer Worship Schedule

Did you know? The church celebrates Easter for 50 days and we conclude our celebration on the Day of Pentecost, May 28. Therefore, during the month of May you'll notice the clergy will continue to use white vestments and the alter linens will remain white. Similarly to the seasons that bring rain, snow, and beautiful fall colors - the church observes liturgical seasons which include; Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. Walking into the church you'll often know the season we are observing based on the color of the altar linens. With some exceptions; Advent and Lent are purple, Easter is white, and the season of Pentecost will be green.

Join us in-person or online as we worship God, listen to scripture, offer prayers, and break bread together.

May 7	Fifth Sunday of Easter	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *	* Livestreamed Services
May 14	Sixth Sunday of Easter	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *	F 🗖
May 21	Seventh Sunday of Easter	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *◊	
May 28	Day of Pentecost (wear red)	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *♦	 Outdoor Services
June 4	Trinity Sunday	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *	◊ ASL Interpreter Services
June 11	Second Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *◊	Last Sunday for Education
June 18	Third Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *	May 21
June 25	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *◆	
July 2	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *	Education Resumes Sept. 10



Outdoor Worship 10:30 AM & Cookout Sundays

May 28 June 25 July 30 August 27 Outdoor worship is back and occurring on the last Sunday of the summer months for the 10:30 AM service. Bring a chair,

sunscreen, and your appetite. Following all four outdoor services we will be bringing back our popular Cookout Sunday allparish meal. This is a wonderful

time for fellowship and meeting new members of

our community. Invite a friend and bring the entire family. Well behaved dogs are also invited to our outdoor services! All summer the 8:00 AM service will continue to



be indoors. If attending the 8:00 AM service on a Cookout Sunday, come back at 11:45 AM to enjoy a delicious meal. Additional volunteers are needed to help cook, serve, and clean up on our Cookout Sundays. Questions? Contact Jennie Wandfluh jennie@stmikeschurch.com. If you can help, please sign up: www.stmikeschurch.com/signup. NO RSVP needed for Cookout Sundays. A suggested \$5 donation per person is appreciated.



Wednesday Healing Service 12:00 PM in the Chapel

Need a mid-week spiritual boost? Join the clergy every Wednesday for a 30-minute Healing Service which includes anointing with Holy Oil, short sermon, prayers, and Holy Eucharist. The Chapel is located downstairs and is accessible using stairs or the elevator.

Tuesday & Thursday Compline 8:00 PM on Zoom

Have you had a long day? Led by parishioners, this 15-minute service is a great way to end your day in prayer. The link to join is found on our website; stmikeschurch.com > Menu > Online Worship > Small Groups. You can also follow the link found in the Weekly eNews calendar.

Friday Evening Prayer 7:00 PM on Zoom

End your week with our online Evening Prayer every Friday at 7:00 PM. Join from home, while on vacation, or on a work trip. This short service includes prayer, scripture readings, and is rooted in the Book of Common Prayer tradition. The link to join online is found on the website and in the Weekly eNews.

Praying the Daily Office

Add a personal time of prayer into your day around your own schedule. In the Episcopal tradition, the Daily Office consists of praying Morning Prayer and/ or Evening Prayer. Both services are found in The Book of Common Prayer (Morning Prayer on pg. 75 and Evening Prayer on pg. 115). You can follow the rubrics (written in italics) to walk you through the service. *www.missionstclare.com has free audio and text you can use for Morning & Evening Prayer.*

Worship Volunteers

Volunteers play a vital role in our regular Sunday services. From assisting with the flow of the service to providing hospitality, each Sunday we need a minimum of 26 volunteers. For both the 8:00 & 10:30 AM services we need greeters, ushers, acolytes, chalice bearers, lay readers, and coffee hour hosts. Go to www.stmikeschurch.com/signup to let us know when you can help.



Altar Flowers

Brighten up our worship space with altar flowers in memory of or thanksgiving for a loved one. A \$50 donation covers the costs of two arrangements that are used on Sunday for our worship services. Donors can take one arrangement with them after the 10:30 AM service and our Flower Guild turns the other into smaller arrangements used for pastoral care visits throughout the week. Only 16 Sundays are available through the end of 2023. Sundays in 2024 are now available and can be reserved on our website at: www.stmikeschurch.com/flowers. Questions? Contact Diane in the church office diane@stmikeschurch.com.



Formation & Education



Our *Program Year* stretches from September to May and provides our community with the opportunity to focus on a different theme of the Christian faith. Last fall we began focusing on "Living with Purpose." We used this theme as the foundation for sermons, ministries, guest speakers, and numerous programs. Earlier this year we invited parishioners to discover their spiritual gifts during Lent which connected us back to one of the many ways we can live with purpose. As our program year comes to an end, we have a few more

opportunities to explore the ways we are living with purpose. Join us on the following Sundays at 9:15 AM inperson or online.

May 7, Sunday Forum: The Rev. Vicki Hesse 9:15 AM in the Sanctuary

Get to know our new Interim Assisting Priest, The Rev. Vicki Hesse, as she joins Matt for an interview-style Sunday Forum. Learn more about Vicki and hear about her journey to becoming a priest and making her way to St. Michael's. Vicki grew up in California, attending "church of the outdoors." After a career in international project management, she returned to Denver. One day, her friend invited her to attend a small Episcopal church and ... to hear the rest of the story, join us on May 7 in-person or online.





May 14, Sunday Forum: Lessons Learned 9:15 AM in the Sanctuary

What life lessons did you learn from your mother or father? As we celebrate Mother's Day and look ahead to Father's Day, you are invited to reflect on the lessons you've learned and share them with our parish family. The Rev. Matt Holcombe will share several stories and then open up the conversation to those in-person and online. Join us as we explore the deep truths given to us by a parent, grandparent, or parent figure.

May 21, Sunday Forum: Summer Faith To-Go 9:15 AM in the Sanctuary & The Parish Hall

How will you grow and nurture your faith this summer? Let St. Michael's help! We will begin our time in the Sanctuary with Rev. Matt learning about various ways we can nurture our faith during the summer months. We will gather in the sanctuary at 9:15 AM then at 9:45 AM those in-person will be invited to the Parish Hall to build a Summer Faith Bag. Last year we provided the entire parish with the same Summer Faith Box. This year we are inviting you to build and curate your own bag to take home, on vacation, or wherever you find yourself this summer.



We will have various items in the Parish Hall that you can add into your Summer Faith Bag. All are welcome for this intergenerational experience.

Episcopal Essentials 9:15 AM, April 30 - June 11



This 7-week small group for adults will be an informative and in-depth

look at the Episcopal tradition, led by the clergy. Each week we will cover different topics that include theology, doctrine, history, and more. Those interested in learning more or desiring to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church are encouraged to attend. Questions? Email support@stmikeschurch.com. Register: www.stmikeschurch.com/signup.

Wednesday Bible Study

12:30 PM in the Chapel

Join our weekly Bible Study at 12:30 PM in the Chapel. Led by participants, this Bible Study focuses on one book of the Bible at a time with plenty of space for questions, conversation, and wonders. All are welcome.



Wednesday Pilgrimage Bible Study 7:00 PM on Zoom June 7 - August 23

This fall a group from St. Michael's will be walking in the footsteps of Paul in Turkey and Greece. This 12-week Bible Study is designed to focus on the New Testament books, stories, and sites our pilgrims will experience firsthand this fall. Registered pilgrimage participants are encouraged to attend but you do not have to be a traveler to join this online Bible Study. All are welcome! Registration will open mid-May and be announced in the Weekly eNews. Stay tuned for more details.

Juneteenth Monday, June 19

On January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation establishing that all enslaved people "shall be then. thenceforward, and forever free." Two and a half years later on June 19, 1865, federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, to take control of the state and ensure all enslaved people were free. In 2021, Juneteenth officially became a federal holiday. With early celebrations of Juneteenth dating back to 1866, it is often considered the "longest-running African-American holiday."

The Episcopal Church has, at times, been ahead of its time. In 1795, 70-years prior to Juneteenth, Absalom Jones purchased his own freedom. Then in 1802, he was ordained a deacon and in 1804, he became the first African-American priest ordained in The Episcopal Church. The history of Juneteenth should call to mind the ways we live into our Baptismal Covenant and the ways in which we fall short. In the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 304, we affirm that we will 'seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself and we will, 'strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.'

On June 19, the church offices will be closed in observance of Juneteenth. We encourage you to use the day to learn more about this new federal holiday and reflect on the ways you are living into your Baptismal covenant. On this and every day, let us pray:

God of all peoples, of all nations. On this day we celebrate triumphantly with all people of goodwill that we might walk arm in arm towards justice for all. Breath into us your eternal breath, that we may never tire of ensuring a flourishing life for all people, but most especially, those whose growth has been stifled by the trauma of being enslaved or marginalized. We know and have seen your goodness, and because of it, we cling to the hope that unity and liberation for all are within our grasp. Continue to show us your goodness, that we may have the strength to advance your kingdom with grace, love, and peace. Amen.

Music

A heartfelt thank you to all our choristers and musicians for the beautiful and transcending sounds that lifted our souls and elevated our worship during Holy Week and Easter. The energy and time our adult choir, bell choir,



brass, soloists, and music volunteers offered was extraordinary. A special thank you for all the Easter donations that fully funded our brass and extra musicians for Easter and Holy Week. This was the first time we offered parishioners the opportunity to financially support our music and we look forward to offering the same at Christmas.

Summer Choir

All are welcome to join the Summer Choir to help lead hymns and sing easy anthems during Sunday services. There are no Thursday evening rehearsals during the summer. Summer Choir will sing every Sunday, May 28 - September 3. Please come when you can! To sing at the **8:00 AM service**, meet in the sanctuary at 7:30 AM for a short rehearsal. To sing at the **10:30 AM service**, meet in the Choir Room at 9:45 AM. Questions about Summer Choir? Contact Amalia Dobbins, amalia@stmikeschurch.com

Ascension Day Evensong

Thursday, May 18, 7:00 PM



We are bringing the beautiful Anglican tradition of Evensong back to St Michael's with a special service for Ascension Day, Thursday, May 18 at 7:00 PM. Join our

adult choir and clergy for sung prayers, psalms, canticles, and organ music. Take a break from the noisy world around you and enter into a place fof quiet contemplation with rich music spanning from the traditional to contemporary. This service will be in -person and livestreamed on our website.

The Well

"What do Contemplative Prayer and Centering Prayer Mean to Me?"

- By Guy Theriot

Every Wednesday at 2:30 PM, I host a 30-minute Zoom session called 'Contemplative Prayer.' The link to join is in the Weekly eNews and on the church website under *Online Groups*. During our time together, I switch between two different meditative spiritual disciplines: Contemplative Prayer and Centering Prayer. They seem confusingly similar but here is how I imagine each of them.

Contemplative Prayer - I imagine sitting for a while beside a river. Then I imagine entering the waters flow with a specific care or intercession request. As I drift along, I gradually relax deeper and I listen for an understanding of God's will in my life. I emerge and am filled with new restoring spiritual breath.

Centering Prayer - I imagine sitting on the edge of a river with a bundle of sticks. I write what is on my mind and heart on each stick before throwing it into the water. This action is my way of giving what is on each stick up to God. A way to release these things until there are no more sticks left. Then I wait in peace, empty and open for God to speak to me. In both prayerful activities, God is with me. I choose either contemplative or centering prayer based on

how I am being called to intimacy with God at that moment. *Please consider adding these ways of being in prayer with God into your spiritual life*. Anyone is welcome to join us to try and learn more at any time.



Creative Arts Festival August 12 - 13

The Well is hosting St. Michael's first Creative Arts Festival and everyone is invited to display and share their craft and artistic talents. On Saturday there will be a wine & cheese preview of exhibits. Details to register and display your gifts will be announced this summer in the Weekly eNews. Contact Guy Theriot, Phyllis Delaney, or Mary Hattick for more information.

Outreach

Prison Ministries: Kairos & Spiritual Journey

St. Michael's has been involved with Spiritual Journey (SJ), formerly known as Epiphany, for over twenty years, and with Kairos for much longer. Both SJ, which is focused on youth prisons, and Kairos, focused on



male and female adult prisons, provide an inter-denominational Christian four-day weekend, based on the Cursillo model. Within the highly structured weekend, there is a heavy focus on God's unconditional love and forgiveness. Both programs try to offer at least one and sometimes two weekends a year, as well as monthly reunions. Colorado has a single youth (15-22) prison, which is in Pueblo. There are about 250 young men and then ten young women on a separate wing. A major difference between SJ and Kairos is that the SJ teams have male and female volunteers serving together inside the prison. St. Michael's has volunteers that serve in both ministries concurrently. If you would like to learn more or get involved, please contact one of the following.

Kairos Contact - Lee Kulbitski, lkulbitski@comcast.net Spiritual Journey Contact - Bill Oliver, gnarlybill@hotmail.com

The Lord's Dinner

The Lord's Dinner provides warm meals to the homeless and food insecure in our community. The ministry began many, many years ago with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. It then moved to Sacred Heart Catholic Church where The Lord's Dinner was served for years. During the pandemic, Sacred Heart's doors closed but St. Michael's continued serving warm meals monthly in the parking lot for nearly two years. In January 2022, The Lord's Dinner formed a new partnership with Academy Christian Church on the westside of Colorado Springs and began serving a monthly dinner indoors. From January to December 2022, we went from serving 11 guests to nearly 60 by the end of the year. Our Christmas Dinner was a traditional one with all the touches of home. Our Christmas Give Away included a new blanket for each guest, heavy socks, hats, gloves as well as our normal toiletries. The nosew blankets St. Michael's made during Advent were a huge hit. At the beginning of 2023, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Manitou Springs increased their participation and are serving six months while St. Michael's volunteers serve the other six months. Each church alternates months and serves on the second Sunday. The meals served by St. Michael's are funded through an Outreach Grant while St. Andrew's is being supported by Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. In the coming months and year it is our hope to gather more churches into the fold to bring us back to a pre-pandemic status of various churches in town serving regularly, on specific Sundays of the month. We are happy to welcome new volunteers (of all ages) to help prepare, serve, and clean up. If you are interested, please contact one of our Lord's Dinner Coordinators, Marianne Jenkins or Diane Verlinde.

The Lord's Dinner Coordinators

Marianne Jenkins, marianneljenkins@gmail.com Diane Verlinde, dverlinde_2006@yahoo.com

Habitat for Humanity

This summer and fall St. Michael's will have several work days to work on a new house for a member of our community. Build days and times will be announced in the Weekly eNews and during Sunday Announcements. If you have any questions contact Deacon Gary, gary@stmikeschurch.com



Children, Youth, & Families

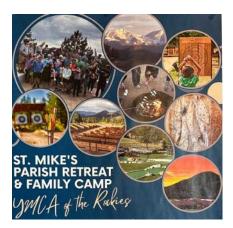


Vacation Bible School June 27 - 29, 5:00 - 7:30 PM

Join us for an immersive Vacation Bible School experience at St Michael's! This three night program will educate participants about God, provide fun and engaging games and activities, and create opportunities for bonding and relationship building. VBS is open to participants entering pre-K through rising 6th Grade. There are also important roles available for both adults and teen volunteers (rising 7 Grade - 12 Grade). Visit the registration page to learn more and register, www.stmikeschurch.com/vbs23.

Parish Retreat & Family Camp August 4 - 6

The YMCA of the Rockies is calling and St. Michael's is answering! The time has come to register for our Annual Parish Retreat & Family Camp! We cannot wait for this awesome weekend full of activities, fun, relaxation, and relationship building for all ages! We have limited spots available so register ASAP! Register today to save your spot and pay your deposit. Cost per person, couple, and family are available on the registration page and scholarships are available, as needed: www.stmikeschurch.com/signup. Questions? Contact Owen Copps, owen@stmikeschurch.com.



Youth Group End of Year Celebration Wednesday, May 24, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Congratulations to all of our youth on making it through another year! We will be celebrating you with our Second Annual St. Mike's Olympics! Get ready for lots of fun, new events, and epic competitions. We are proud of you! Head over to the sign-ups & registrations page to let us know you are in! www.stmikeschurch.com/signup.



Senior High Send-off Sunday, May 7, 10:30 AM Service

Come help us celebrate our High School Seniors on May 7, during the 10:30 AM Service with a meaningful blessing and gift from St. Michael's. As a reminder, Seniors need to contact Owen to learn about Send-off Sunday, as well as the Senior Scholarship that is awarded to all graduating seniors from St. Michael's.



Children, Youth, & Families

Spring Sunday School: Small Acts, Big Impact 9:15 - 10:10 AM, May 7 & 14

Our Spring Sunday School Series is available for all Elementary, Middle, & High School students! Each week we will be doing a mini service project to illustrate how small acts can make big impacts. We'll be painting bird houses, writing letters to our college students during finals, designing placemats for people in prison who are visited by our Kairos ministry, and more! The last day of Sunday School is an intergenerational offering on May 21. Sunday School for all ages will resume September 10.



2022 - 2023 Program Year Wrap Up

It has been a wonderful year with our children & youth here at St. Mike's. Thank you parents and volunteers for your support and help in making these experiences happen for our youth this year. As much of our programming wraps up for the year, Children's Chapel & Nursery care will continue through the summer.

- Sunday, May 7 Last Youth Council
- Sunday, May 14 Last Confirmation Class
- Wednesday, May 17 Last Youth Group
- Sunday, May 21 Last Sunday School

Nursery Care will be available from 10:15 AM - 12:00 PM during the summer (May 28 - Sept 3). Please continue to check the Children, Youth, & Family Weekly eNews for details on opportunities for our families this summer.

YES Service Trip Kansas City, MO June 1 - 4, 2023

YES (Young Episcopalians in Service) is back and will be in Kansas City. This week-long service experience is open to rising 7th graders to graduating seniors. Keep these YES participants in your prayers.

EYE - Episcopal Youth Event University of Maryland June 4 - 8, 2023

EYE (Episcopal Youth Event) is an international gathering of Episcopal high schoolers that takes place once every three years. We are so excited to send three of our St. Michael's Youth to EYE this summer as part of the Colorado delegation, Christian Pettigrew, Luke Brooks, & Allie Holcombe. If you would like to support their travel and experience, please contact Owen Copps, at owen@stmikeschurch.com. And keep these youth in your prayers.



Summer Children's Chapel

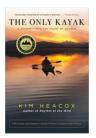
May 28 - September 10, Children's Chapel will be available during the indoor and outdoor 10:30 AM services.

Fellowship & Gatherings

People Who Read

May 17 & June 21, 6:00-8:00 PM

The People Who Read meet on the third Wednesday of each month to discuss books selected by the members of our group, discussing fiction and nonfiction. A rotating host provides the meeting space and some beverages, and members bring shareable snacks and book discussion questions. Occasionally we will offer hybrid meetings, in which case a Zoom link will be provided. All are welcome!



Email Jennie,

jennie@stmikeschurch.com or email Linda, linda@stmikeschurch.com for more information.

May 17 - Host: Charlotte Mapes *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

June 21 - Host: Sandie Willey

40s & 50s Fellowship Tuesday, May 9, 7:00 PM

With everything going on in our busy lives, we deserve a night out for some fun and fellowship! St. Michael's 40's and 50's fellowship group will join Trivia Night at Good Company Bar on Tuesday, May 9. Group trivia starts at 7 PM, so arrive in time if you want to participate. Food and drinks may be purchased, but there is no cost to play! RSVP online, www.stmikeschurch.com/signup.

20's & 30's Theology on Tap Friday, May 19, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

You asked for it; here it is! Theology on Tap with Rev. Matt is back at Red Leg Brewery. Do you have burning theological questions? Do you want to hear what your peers are wondering about in their faith? If you answered yes, or just want to hang out with us, RSVP, www.stmikeschurch.com/signup.

Summer Yoga + Lunch Tuesdays, Yoga 11:15 AM / Lunch 12:00



You are invited to join Amalia every Tuesday in June, July, and August for yoga and/or lunch. All levels are welcome and this is a free offering. Bring a mat or we will supply one

for you. If staying for lunch, bring a sack lunch and if the weather is nice we will enjoy lunch on the plaza under the sun shades. Questions? Email Amalia, amalia@stmikeschurch.com or call the church office 719-598-3244. No RSVP. All are welcome.

90's Luncheon Thursday, May 25, 11:00 AM

Invitations have been sent to all parishioners who are 90-years-young or older for a special lunch with the clergy. If you or someone in your home is 90 or above and you did not receive an invitation, please call Diane in the church office 719-598-3244.

BeYou! May 21 & June 18, 6:00 PM

Our May 21 BeYou! will be our last regularly scheduled gathering of



the school year. It takes place at the Peel House, First Lutheran Church, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. On June 18, we will kick off the Summer BeYou! series. These will take place on the third Sunday of the month in the afternoon and will focus on fun and connection. BeYou! Is an intentional interdenominational safe space for our LGBTQ+ youth. Questions? Email, owen@stmikeschurch.com.

Fellowship & Gatherings

S.M.A.S.H. (60s & Up) Thursday, June 1, 11:00 AM

Join us for a visit to the Colorado History Museum for a special guided tour of the Sand Creek Massacre Exhibit. The cost is \$18 for the tour, paid in advance. The museum limits the tour to 20 people, so we will have a wait list if someone cancels. We will meet and carpool from the church parking lot at 9:00 AM. Register online, www.stmikeschurch.com/signup. Questions? Email diane@stmikeschurch.com or call 719-598-3244.

Pikes Peak Pride June 10 & 11



St. Michael's is partnering with Trinity Lutheran Church in Monument and First United Methodist Church, Prairie Campus to

provide an ecumenical presence at the 2023 Pikes Peak Pride weekend. Want to get involved or learn more? Contact Owen, owen@stmikeschurch.com.

Cookies Needed

Do you have a sweet tooth? If so, you are not alone. Each Sunday we go through dozens and dozens of cookies after each service. If you are a baker, please consider making a several dozen cookies for Coffee Hour



and other special events. Package in a disposable bag or container and drop them off in the kitchen or put them in the freezer. Not a baker but want to help? We also accept store bought cookies, especially the allergy friendly kind. Questions? Email Jennie@stmikeschurch.com.

Pastoral Care

Caring Freezer Needs Meals

Did you know we have a Caring Freezer that regularly provides meals to members of our parish who are in need of immediate pastoral care? Pastoral emergencies cannot always be planned and hot meals on a moment's notice are not always possible. This is where our Caring Freezer saves the day and extends love and care beyond our walls to members of the parish. Instead of cutting your next casserole, soup, or stew recipe in half or holding onto leftovers only to possibly throw them away, please consider immediately putting some aside in a disposable dish to add to the Caring Freezer. With your help, we can keep the freezer stocked with meals that can be easily defrosted and reheated by those in our community in need due to illness, surgery, grief, or other

life challenge. If you would like to prepare a meal, go to www.stmikeschurch.com/pastoralcare to sign up and follow these three easy steps:

1. Package well to avoid freezer burn. Use either a well-covered disposable casserole dish (8x8 or 9x13) or a freezer bag.

2. Label the meal using the Printable Meal Label found online or use a provided meal label that is located on the Caring Freezer.



3. Deliver the meal to the Kitchen Freezer on the main

level, during the month for which you sign-up. Questions? Contact the Caring Freezer Coordinator, Ama Couch at amacouch@gmail.com.

Caregivers Support Group 1st & 3rd Saturdays - 2:00 PM

Do you care for a loved one or friend who has ongoing medical or health concerns? If so, join our Caregivers Support Group on Saturdays at 2:00 PM. Have questions or need to talk to someone? Contact Bill Daughton, wdaughto@uccs.edu.

Newcomers

Newcomer Class, "Get Connected" May 21, 9:15 -10:10 AM

New to St. Michael's and want to learn more? We offer three rotating Newcomer Classes and gather monthly, during the program year. Below is our upcoming schedule. Hope you can join us.

May 21, (Class #1) "The Basics" of the Episcopal Church. We will meet and discuss the basics of our faith in addition to our liturgy, worship, and theology.

June & July, Summer Break, no classes.

August 20, (Class #2) "Who We Are" - Information about St. Michael's and a tour of the campus. Questions? Contact our Newcomer Coordinator, Linda Kean, linda@stmikeschurch.com or call 719-598-3244.

Name Tags

Thank you for wearing your nametag while at church. If you lost your nametag, need a replacement, or if your name is spelled wrong - please complete a Name Tag Request Form on the welcome table in the Gathering Space. You can also email diane@stmikeschurch.com. There is no cost for name tags, regardless of how many you lose and we replace.

Welcome New Members

We are excited to welcome the newest members to the St. Michael's family. Laura, Benjamin, Nathan and Christian Boylston Breck, Mattie and Jack Paris Greg Miller Ed and Rosemary Kley Cecelia, Jefferson, Calvin, Benjamin, & Thomas Johnson Janet Perreault Patrick, Tamara, Case and Lance Pohle Carol Rivers

Beyond our walls ...

Where will St. Mike go next?

Last summer we introduced Traveling St. Mike, a paper cut out of our patron saint, that you can take with you wherever you go. Last year our Traveling St. Mike was busy beyond our walls. Pick up a Traveling St. Mike on May 21 (as we make our Summer Faith Bags), in the Church Office, or Gathering Space. To help us make Christ known beyond our walls, follow these three simple steps:

- 1. Pick up a Traveling St. Mike cutout.
- 2. Take a picture of you & St. Mike.
- 3. Email picture to support@stmikeschurch.com or upload on social media and tag us.



Birthdays

May Birthdays

May 1	Marsha Sterling
May 2	Charles Brown
May 3	Terry Bryan
May 3	Chris Horn
May 3	Claire Rische
May 4	Jonathan Farmer
May 4	Jim Moore
May 4	Gavin Wandfluh
•	Sarah Fulton
May 5	
May 5	Trenton Sears
May 5	Grace Smullen
May 5	Julie Waidelich
May 6	Michael Torrey
May 7	Jane Borchert
May 8	Ethan Bélanger
May 8	Jennifer Sherlock
•	Phil Rische
May 9	
May 9	Katherine Toldy
May 10	Owen Copps
May 10	Roger Hanson
May 11	Joshua Newberry
May 11	Betsi Fredrickson
May 13	Patrick Dobbins
May 15	Shane Warren
May 16	Devin Harriman
	Jefferson Holpuch
May 16	
May 17	William Marshall
May 17	Simon Watson
May 18	Cici Johnson
May 18	Rich Revis
May 18	Jo Sorge
May 19	Christian Boylston
May 19	Steve Carr
May 19	Susan Futey
May 20	Isaiah Middlebrook
May 20	
May 20	Jordan Middlebrook
May 20	Revi Middlebrook
May 20	Nancy Oswell
May 20	Lisa Pugh
May 22	Diane Dennison
May 22	Vicki Logemann
May 22	Sarah Beth Spencer
May 22	Mark Weidner
May 22 May 23	Michael Lundy
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May 23	Jaan Raamot
May 25	Sarah Wettemann
May 26	Ned Bryan
May 26	Betty Bullard
May 26	Bob Callihan
May 27	Daniel de Lourenco
May 27	Karlyn Greenway
May 27	Ali Lew
May 27 May 27	Charlotte Mapes
	Geoff Bennett
May 30	
May 30	Henry Hudson

May 30 Linda Wilsey

June Birthdays

June 1	Pam Callihan
June 1	Laura Johnson
June 1	Christine Nestlerode
June 1	Carrie Petersen
June 2	Denise Notzon
June 2	Leon Pattamasaevi
June 2	Mikey Priest
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June 2	Ann Whitlock
June 3	Ben Boylston
June 3	John Hupp
June 3	Barbara Kean
June 3	Kim Poli
June 4	Bob Kean
June 4	Floyd Reichert
June 5	Isaac Borchert
June 5	Steven Ferner
June 6	Mary Hattick
June 6	Judi Jenkins
June 7	Thomas Vail
June 10	Shay Anderson
June 10	Ashlynn Lowenberg
June 10	Emily McMorran
June 10	Katie Tompkins
June 10	Abigail Trevillian
June 11	Elizabeth Reid
June 11	Sue Wiseman
June 12	Jennifer Carpenter
June 13	Hank Pricenski
June 15	Gerry Forster
June 15	Gloria Johnson
June 15	Kay Wettemann
June 16	Jasper Cunningham
June 16	Craig Fleischmann
June 17	Teddy Davis
June 17	Reilly Gallagher
June 17	Pam Priest
June 19	Britney Lowenberg
June 19	Katherine Newberry
June 20	Tom Bélanger
June 21	Alan Boylston
June 22	Sergio De Lourenco
June 22	Lily DiSilverio
	Nathan Middlebrook
June 22	Bill Tillman
June 24	-
June 25	Richard Page
June 27	Gabe Capell
June 27	Sue Caruthers
June 28	Barbara Dierks
June 28	Carol Pierce
June 29	Ryan Fenton
June 29	Rose Numair
June 29	Bill Oliver
June 30	Sherri Anderson

Is your name missing? We are sorry. Call the church office or email diane@stmikeschurch.com to update our database so we can celebrate you.

Anniversaries

May Anniversaries

May Anniversaries					
May 1	Carl & Michele Nesbit				
May 4	Joanne Sanders & Kathy Armstrong				
May 6	Barry & Nancy Oswell				
May 12	Jason & Mary Lett				
May 12	Linda Dameron & Leonard Himes				
May 14	Aaron & Molly Sutherlin				
May 18	Robin & Simon Watson				
May 19	David & Denise Starling				
May 21	Jason & Lisa Cumby				
May 22	Cindy & Steve Carr				
May 24	Jane & Mark Borchert				
May 26	Ned & Terry Bryan				
May 26	David & Susan Futey				
May 26	Peggy & Stephen Toldy				
May 29	Phil & Eloise McDaniel				
May 29	Linda & Mark Wilsey				
May 31	Chad & Rachel Stoller				
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June A	nniversaries				
June 1	Ellen & Robert Phillips				
June 2	Jan & Michael Lundy				
June 4	AI & Sally Creely				
June 5	Alan & Laura Boylston				
June 7	Ed & Jan Smith				
June 7	Pat & Doug Nielsen				
June 8	Andrew Keen & Kathleen Foster				
June 8	Judi & Rick Jenkins				
June 8	Rev Angela & Rico Lerena				
June 9	Mary & Steven Ferner				
June 10	Candy & Ronald Chernack				
June 10	Christopher & Meggie Kean				
June 10	Debbie & Lonnie Womack				
June 11	Laura & Tom DiSilverio				
June 11	Carrie Petersen & Ron Rizer				
June 11	Brett & Jennie Wandfluh				
June 14	John & Sue Bessette				
June 14	Bobby & Christy Sorden				
June 14	Claudia & John Watkins				
June 15	Dean & Vicki Logemann				
June 16	Mary & Paul Anderson				
June 16	Ann & Rick Couch				
June 18	Alan & Linda McPeak				
June 19	Beverly & Danny Raider				
June 23	Carolyn & Jack Braley				
June 23	Ed & Mike Grandison-Ward				
June 23	Andres & Ruth Morrison				
June 23	Darryl & Terry Thatcher				
June 25	Joe & Mary Hattick				
June 25	Joel & Lisa Pugh				
June 28	Kristy & Scott Callihan				
June 28	Jacque & John Paul				
June 30	Dan & Debra Zarecky				

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