



**St. Michael's**  
Episcopal Church  
COLORADO SPRINGS

# The Archangel

## Newsletter & Events

MAKING CHRIST KNOWN WITHIN AND BEYOND OUR WALLS

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2023

At some point in our lives, most of us, if not all of us, have had a “Holy Spirit moment” when the stars align, the coincidences can’t be explained away, or we receive unexpected wisdom that transcends our own imagination. For some people, these moments can be life altering. For others, they can be reminders of how little we are in control. And for still others, they can be welcome interruptions and the moments of clarity for which we’ve been waiting. Being led by the Spirit requires a little vulnerability and trusting in something bigger than ourselves. Setting aside our own agendas allows us the privilege of finding comfort in the deep truth that God is with us and for us.



In the coming program year we will be spending time as a community exploring the many ways we are being led by the Spirit, within and beyond

our walls. As a community, we have a gifted staff and lay leaders who have prepared a spiritual buffet and the space to explore how you can grow your faith. With seasonal small groups, retreats, workshops, Sunday Forums, or one of our many year-round ministries, we have something for everyone. If you are reading this, consider it a nudge by the Spirit to get involved in a new way or to recommit to a ministry that is already nourishing you.

If you have many questions about what it means to be led by the Spirit, you are not alone. In the months ahead we will explore; “What do we mean when we say the Spirit? How do I listen for the Spirit? What do I do when I don’t want to follow where the Spirit is leading me? Can the Spirit get me out of a speeding ticket?”

Exploring where God is leading you is one of the major invitations of our faith. In the pages of both the Old and New Testament, we can read story after story about the ways in which the Spirit of God led God’s people to a new land, to a manger, to an empty tomb, and to the promise of everlasting life. But the stories of how the Spirit has led God’s people don’t end with the people of the Bible. We are called, as followers of Jesus, to be led by the Spirit, just as Jesus was during his earthly pilgrimage.

I look forward to growing with you in faith in the coming year and discerning the ways we can be led by the Spirit in new and courageous directions. It is my prayer that you will learn more about how your life, thoughts, and actions can be led by the Spirit to accomplish remarkable things both within and beyond our walls.

Faithfully in Christ,  
The Rev. Matt Holcombe, Rector

*Fall*

### Kick Off Sunday

September 10

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Holy Eucharist

### Continental Breakfast

9:00 & 11:45 AM



### Education for All Begins

September 17

9:15 - 10:10 AM



THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE

### Dedication Ceremony

September 29

6:00 PM

Reception to Follow

## September & October Worship Schedule

**8:00 AM Holy Eucharist:** In-person

**9:15 AM:** Education for All Ages (Various Spaces) Begins Sept. 17

**10:30 AM Holy Eucharist:** In-person & Online with Children's Chapel

*Nursery Care Available for Children 5 and under 7:45 AM - 12:00 PM*

*Coffee Hour and Fellowship after each service*

<b>September 3</b>	Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *	
<b>September 10</b>	Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *	<b>Fall Kickoff Sunday</b>
<b>September 17</b>	Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *◇	<b>Education Resumes</b>
<b>September 24</b>	Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *	* Livestreamed Services
<b>September 29</b>	St. John's Bible Dedication Ceremony		6:00 PM *	
<b>October 1</b>	Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *	 
<b>October 8</b>	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *	
<b>October 8</b>	St. Francis Pet Blessing (On the Plaza)		2:00 PM	
<b>October 15</b>	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *	◇ ASL Interpreter Services
<b>October 22</b>	Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *	
<b>October 29</b>	Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 AM	10:30 AM *	

### Wednesday Healing Service

**12:00 PM, Chapel**

The clergy provide a 30 minute Healing Service with Holy Eucharist and anointing with Holy Oil.

### Weekday Online Services

**Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00 PM Compline**

**Friday, 7:30 PM Evening Prayer**

Links to join are included in the Friday Weekly eNews or you can find the links to join online:  
[www.stmikeschurch.com/worship-online](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/worship-online)

### St. Francis Pet Blessing

**October 8, 2:00 PM** Bring your pets to the Plaza for a special blessing and 25 minute liturgy.



### Docent Training, Saint John's Bible September 16, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Would you like to become a trained Saint John's Bible Docent and share this masterpiece with individuals or groups within and beyond our walls? For requirements, to learn more, or to register for training, go to [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup). Questions? Contact Mary Hattick or Linda Page [sjb@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:sjb@stmikeschurch.com).

\* A special thank you to our SJB Think Tank who has been meeting regularly over the past several months to help prepare our community for receiving, safeguarding, celebrating, and sharing The Saint John's Bible.

The feast day of our patron saint, Saint Michael the Archangel, is celebrated annually on September 29. This year we have a several exciting opportunities to come together as a community to worship, serve, and enjoy fellowship.

## The Saint John's Bible Dedication

Friday, September 29

6:00 PM



Join us for a memorable and meaningful Dedication Ceremony for the Heritage Edition CXLI that will permanently reside at St. Michael's. Anonymous donors graciously gifted the entire seven-volume set in loving memory of The Rev. Melissa Kean. We are honored by this tremendous gift and are also grateful for the many donations that will help display and share this rare Bible within and beyond our walls. We are excited to welcome several special guests for the Dedication, including The Rt. Rev. Kym Lucas, Bishop of the Diocese of Colorado. A festive reception will follow the Dedication Ceremony in the Parish Hall. Childcare will be available in the nursery. Visit [www.stmikeschurch.com/bible](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/bible) for more information. RSVP not required.

## Habitat for Humanity

Day of Service

Saturday, September 30



We have partnered with Habitat for Humanity to give back to our community, and we need your help. There are jobs for every age and ability, and we look forward to you signing up for a volunteer slot. Contact Deacon Gary for

questions and more information: [gary@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:gary@stmikeschurch.com)  
Register: [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup).

- **Habitat Build Site (20 Volunteer Slots)**

**8:30 - 12:00 PM or 12:30 - 4:00 PM**

Build site volunteers must be 16 or older.

- **Habitat ReStore (20+ Volunteer Slots)**

**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM or 2:00 - 6:00 PM**

ReStore volunteers must be 12 or older.

12 to 15-year-olds require an adult to be present.

- **Making Lunches for Habitat Build**

**10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

Since there are age requirements at work sites, this is a great way for our younger members to get involved. Pack lunches and stay after to **"CHALK THE WALK"** in preparation for St. Michael's Day. Contact Owen, [owen@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:owen@stmikeschurch.com) for more details.

## The Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday, October 1, 10:30 AM

Do you or does someone in your family desire to be baptized? Contact The Rev. Matt Holcombe with any questions and to complete the necessary paperwork for a Baptism Certificate.



## Food Trucks & Games

Sunday, October 1, 11:45 AM

Stick around after the 10:30 AM Service for a special St. Mike's Weekend Celebration with food trucks, games, & fellowship for all ages. *Food for purchase. All are welcome!*



# ALL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## The Common Cup

On Sunday, September 3, we will reintroduce the Common Cup during the Eucharist for parishioners to decide if they would like to take a small sip of wine from the chalice, dip (intinct) the wafer into the chalice, or opt to abstain from receiving wine. In the Episcopal tradition, all persons may, but no one must, receive communion in both kinds to realize the full spiritual benefits of communion. The Eucharistic doctrine of concomitance affirms the simultaneous presence of Christ's body and blood in each of the eucharistic elements.

Reintroducing the Common Cup for sipping or dipping is a return to the practice we observed as a community prior to the pandemic. We have made this decision based on what we now know about the pandemic, the scientific studies that have been conducted on sharing a chalice, and Bishop Kym Lucas' request for all churches to offer the Common Cup. However, we recognize there still may be mixed feelings about this. In the weeks ahead as you come forward to receive Communion, you are encouraged to lean into the practice with which you are most comfortable. If you decide to take a sip of wine from the chalice, please help guide the chalice to your mouth. We will be experimenting with adding two additional chalice bearers for some services which we expect will help with the traffic flow at the altar rail and keep the service running smoothly.

If you have any questions about the Common Cup returning at St. Michael's, please feel free to reach out to a member of our clergy team or a member of the vestry.



## Worship Volunteers Needed

We are looking for new volunteers to assist on Sunday mornings. If you've been waiting for the right moment to try out a new ministry, now is the time! Visit the website to sign up to help out on Sunday mornings. We need additional volunteers in these areas:

- Usher & Greeter
- Chalice Bearer
- Lay Reader
- Coffee Hour
- AVL Team
- Acolytes

Visit [stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://stmikeschurch.com/signup) to help!

## DOK Installation

**September 17, 10:30 AM**

We will be installing a new President, Pat Nielsen, and Secretary, Cindy Carr, and honoring our Daughters of the King. Join us in-person or online.

## Soul Shop Training

**Saturday, October 21, 8:30 - 4:00 PM**

We are excited to partner with David Galvan, St. Michael's Mental Health First Aid in Resident Trainer, for this upcoming Soul Shop Training. Soul Shop is an interactive workshop that equips faith communities to minister to those impacted by suicidal desperation. Join us in this important work as we continue to invest in the mental and emotional health of both the St. Mike's community and the Colorado Springs community at large. This is a free workshop, and lunch is provided. Register at [stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://stmikeschurch.com/signup).

## Vestry Nominations

Do you feel called to serve in a leadership role at St. Michael's or know someone who might be? You can nominate someone else or yourself. The nomination deadline is November 1 for the vestry class that will be elected at the upcoming Annual meeting. For questions or to nominate, please contact Senior Warden, Russ Howell, [russelldhowell@gmail.com](mailto:russelldhowell@gmail.com).

Our Sunday Forum Series continues in 2023 with our clergy, special guests, and leaders from our parish. The Sunday Forum occurs from 9:15 - 10:10 AM in the main church sanctuary. Join us in-person or online for these faith based conversations to help you on your spiritual journey.

## September 10

### **Kick Off Sunday Continental Breakfast**

Enjoy fellowship after the 8:00 & 10:30 AM Services and a delicious continental breakfast. To bring a breakfast item or to volunteer, visit [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup)

## September 17

### **Small Group Taster & Fall Preview** The Rev. Matt Holcombe

Learn more about the seasonal small group offerings and recurring ministries that provide opportunities for you to be led by the Spirit to learn, live, and love within and beyond our walls.

## September 24

### **Listening & Responding to the Spirit** The Rev. Matt Holcombe

Is listening for OR responding to the Spirit more difficult? Join Rev. Matt to learn about the various ways you can listen for the Spirit and what it looks like in your life when you respond.

## October 1

### **The Saint John's Bible Preview** Brad Neary

Journey through all 1,165 pages and seven-volumes of The Saint John's Bible with Brad Neary, Director of The Saint John's Bible *Heritage Program*.

## October 8

### **Footsteps of Paul, Virtual Pilgrimage** The Rev. Matt Holcombe

Take a step back in time and enjoy a virtual pilgrimage to Turkey & Greece with pictures and stories from our group's most recent pilgrimage walking in the footsteps of Paul.

## October 15

### **Stewardship Sunday**

Stewardship Committee & Rev. Matt

Where is God leading St. Michael's in 2024 and how can you help make a difference? Learn about some of ways we have been living and plan to live into our mission with your support.

## October 22

### **The Spirit in Scripture** The Rev. Matt Holcombe

The word "spirit" appears nearly 600 times in the Bible. Join Rev. Matt as we explore how this word is used and take a deeper dive into some of our favorite Bible stories that involve the Spirit.

## October 29

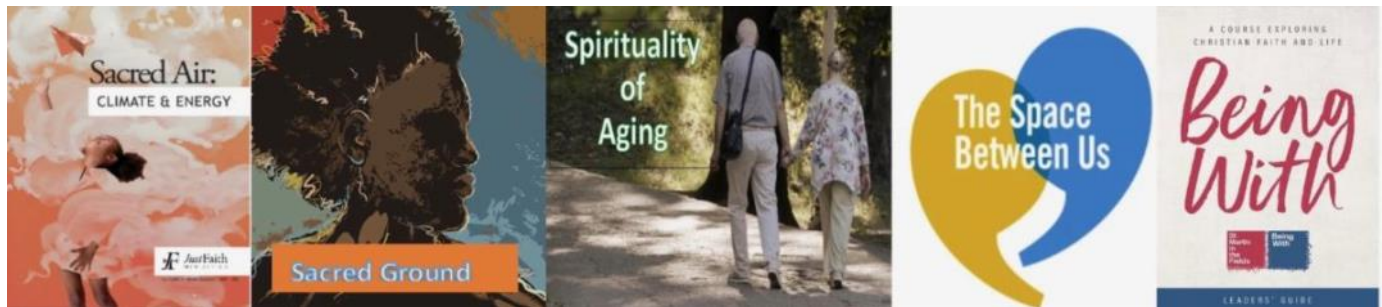
### **Art & Theology** Angela Hummel

What can we learn about God from art? What can we learn about art from God? Join The Rev. Matt & Angela Hummel as they explore the intersection between creating and the creator.



## SMALL GROUPS

Engaging in small group experiences can be powerful and transformative for participants as they provide a level of intimacy, accountability, and encouragement that isn't always achievable in a larger setting. We are excited to offer five thought provoking, "seasonal" small groups this fall in addition to our ongoing groups found under "Fall Fellowship." Register for these small groups at [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup).



### Being With

**Beginning Monday, September 18 &  
Beginning Saturday, September 23**

Being With, a ten-week course exploring Christian faith and life, is an invitation to be with yourself, each other, and the created world to ultimately discover that God is with you and to learn how to be with God. Reflection on everyday experiences and stories with corresponding theology and practices about God in a sacred and safe space is the primary aim of time spent together. There are two groups (one in person on Mondays from 7:00 - 8:30 PM & one virtual on Saturdays from 9:00 - 10:30 AM) being offered.

### Sacred Air: Climate & Energy

**Beginning Tuesday, September 26**

The Creation Justice team has chosen to offer Sacred Air: Climate & Energy to help parishioners learn about the causes and effects of the climate crisis and discern how they can respond to help restore the health of our planet. This small group program limited to 15 participants will run for ten weeks beginning Tuesday evening, September 26 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

### Sacred Ground: Race & Racism

**Beginning Wednesday, September 27**

Sacred Ground is part of the Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice. This eleven-part series follows a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings and will meet every other Wednesday, beginning September 27 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

### Spirituality of Aging

**Beginning Thursday, October 5**

This small group experience, facilitated by Spiritual Directors, Margie Arms, PhD, and Sue Caruthers, PhD, will take you on a spiritual journey and cover the myths and stages of aging, dealing with grief and loss, celebrating and sharing wisdom, and drawing closer to God while aging. This group is limited to 10 participants over the age of 60 and will meet for six consecutive Thursdays, beginning October 5 from 1:00 - 2:30 PM.

### The Space Between Us

**Beginning Monday, October 9**

The Space Between Us is a workshop of up to 15 participants that dives into the foundational communication topics of empathetic listening and conflict resolution, and provides strategies to better understand ourselves and others. This class is for all ages and will meet for six weeks on Mondays, beginning October 9 from 6:00-8:00 PM.



**THE WELL** offers a wide variety of workshops, retreats, small groups and ongoing opportunities for all ages to explore and deepen their spiritual lives. If you aren't familiar with the Well, you are encouraged to visit their web page at [www.stmikeschurch.com/thewell](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/thewell) or contact The Rev. Dr, Joanne Sanders, Well Director, at [joanne@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:joanne@stmikeschurch.com).

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS OFFERED BY “THE WELL”

### **Art Theology: Making Art to Deepen Our Relationship with God, with Angela Hummel** **Saturday, October 28, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Who is God to you? Who has God been to you? How do you talk to God? How do you talk to others about who is God? In this interactive retreat for adults 18 and up, participants will be making art to explore and understand God in new ways that hopefully deepen their spiritual lives. The goal is not to be “great artists” but instead is to think more expansively about God and live more closely in relationship with God and one another. Register at [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup). This is a free workshop. Bring a bag lunch and we will provide the snacks.

*Angela Hummel is a parishioner at Saint John's Cathedral in Denver, Colorado. Angela has an MFA, an MA in Theology, and is earning her Doctorate at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver where she is creating an Art Theology curriculum.*

### **Advent Retreat: Save the Date**

#### **Saturday, December 9, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Registration coming. Watch the Weekly eNews or *The Well* online for details.

## Well Imagining Team Reflection

by Owen Capps, Director of Children, Youth, & Young Adult Min.

This summer I had the pleasure of accompanying three St. Mike's high schoolers, and 20 total high schoolers from the Diocese of Colorado to the Episcopal Youth Event. This celebration happens once every three years and is a conference for Episcopal high schoolers from around the world to come together, learn together, worship together, and think deeply about the future of the church. Rarely have I felt so much energy and life at a church gathering. We often obsess over this idea that “the church is dying.” As someone who has the privilege of spending large amounts of time with children, youth, and young adults, I'm not sure I buy into this idea. Are churches closing? Sure. Are priests retiring? Sure. Are numbers of identified Episcopalians shrinking? Sure. But, as I worshipped with 1,200 high schoolers from all over the world this summer, I sure didn't have any sense of death. As we danced, and praised, and sang, and loved, the Spirit was alive. So maybe what is happening is that some of the ways we've done church for the past hundred years are dying. The church is changing, and our young people are making it theirs. Let's help them.



# CREATION JUSTICE & OUTREACH



As Christians, we are called to love the world God loves. God's love proclaimed in the bible includes all creation in its work of salvation, redemption, and holiness. Looking at our world today, it is clear that our environment is suffering along with many of the people who live in it. Communities around the world struggle with water issues – too much, too little, and widespread contamination – including many places in Colorado. The air that envelops our planet is choking with materials that are harmful to us and our earthly home. Temperatures are rising and climate is changing.

In loving our world, we must commit to form and restore loving, liberating, life-giving relationships with all of Creation. We need to stand alongside marginalized, vulnerable peoples. Our habits of environmental destruction call for spiritual renewal. We must attend to the call of our faith and the needs of God's creation.

How do we make this happen? We can adopt practical ways of reducing our climate impact and living more humbly and gently on Earth as individuals, households, congregations, institutions, and dioceses. By doing so, we protect our neighbors and communities and ensure a prosperous, just, and secure future for all.

Interested in learning more? Consider the “Sacred Air: Climate and Energy” small group experience that will guide participants in discerning how they can better care for the earth through, readings, conversation, prayer, and spiritual practices, participants will explore their relationships with air in both Christian Scriptures and their daily lives. Learn more about Sacred Air on Pg. 6 or visit [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup).

## Habitat Faith Builds

**September 30:** 8:30-12:00 & 12:45-4:30

**October 14:** 8:30-12:00 & 12:45-4:30

We have partnered with Habitat for Humanity to give back to our community, and we need your help. Build site volunteers must be 16 or older, but our younger members are encouraged to participate by making lunches from 10:00 - 11:30 AM. Sign up at [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup).



## Donation Drives

### Backpack Drive Thank You!

Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, we were able to distribute over 90 backpacks and related supplies to five outreach partners for students in elementary through high school.

### Thanksgiving Food Drive

This will be our next drive, beginning in early November. Look for details in the Weekly eNews and the next Archangel.





## Seraphim Choir (St. Michael's Adult Choir)

The Seraphim Choir kicks off Sunday, September 10th! The group's welcome back party and first rehearsal will be Thursday, September 14 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Seraphim Choir leads the hymns and sings an Offertory anthem every Sunday at the 10:30 service September through May. Regular rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM and Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:15 AM. No audition necessary. Contact Amalia at [amalia@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:amalia@stmikeschurch.com) for more information on how to join Seraphim Choir!

## Young Singers

Calling all young musicians! Children and Youth Sunday is Sunday, November 5, and we have many opportunities for you! Ages 7 and younger are invited to join Cherub Choir for our opening song, Elementary aged children can help lead hymns and service music, and ages 8 through high school are encouraged to audition for vocal or instrumental solos. Contact Amalia at [amalia@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:amalia@stmikeschurch.com) or Owen at [owen@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:owen@stmikeschurch.com) to sign up.



## Handbell Choir

St. Michael's Handbell Choir is always looking for new ringers! The group will be playing several times during the upcoming program year: October 15, December 10, March 17 and May 19. Rehearsals are on Sundays from 12:00-1:30 PM. You don't need to be a trained musician to ring bells! Our talented director, MaryDee Weigel, will teach you all the skills you need. Please contact her at [jmandmdweigel@aol.com](mailto:jmandmdweigel@aol.com) for more information.



## Service Music Announcement!

Have you noticed that the Gloria, Gospel Acclamation, Doxology and Sanctus change seasonally? That's because our service music reflects the church calendar alongside the liturgy. Pentecost is the longest season of the year and we will switch things up mid-season. Our service music for the second half of Pentecost (September, October, & November) will be:

- Song of Praise: S 236, Canticle 13, by John Rutter
- Gospel Accl.: "Celtic Alleluia", My Heart Sings Out # 20
- Doxology: Hymn # 400
- Sanctus: S 129, Powell

Visit the music webpage for recordings to help you learn the service music and experience worship more fully! Go to [www.stmikeschurch.com/music](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/music) or for questions contact Amalia Dobbins, Director of Music.



## Youth Group

**Middle & High School  
Weekly on Wednesdays**

**Starting August 30**

Join for dinner, friendship, and faith exploration. Middle School meets from 5:30 - 6:45 PM and High School meets from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Contact Owen Copps for more information or questions.

## Youth Fundraiser & Silent Auction

**Friday, September 15, 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

Come support our Youth Program while enjoying heavy hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, and a silent auction! A \$25 ticket will provide you the opportunity to hear our young people share stories and experiences from youth events as well as their musical and artistic talents. You will also be well fed and have the opportunity to bid on awesome silent auction items! Reserve a ticket and/or donate an auction item at [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup).

Our youth program has experienced significant growth in recent years. Proceeds raised from this event will go toward supporting the various ministries of the youth program with a special focus on scholarships for retreats and trips to ensure that cost is never a barrier to participation for our young people.

## Fall Retreat: High School

### Trailblazers

Our Fall High School Retreat, "Trailblazers," will take place October 13-15 at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp. Our high schoolers will spend the weekend at an alpine lake, on top of the ropes course, and in conversation and reflection about those who have paved the way for them, and how they are called to pave the way for others.

## Fall Retreat: Middle & High School

### Quest

We are partnering with our friends from around the diocese for another Fall offering on November 10-12 at La Foret Camp and Retreat Center. Middle & High Schoolers are invited for a weekend of fun, conversation, faith exploration, and relationship building with new and old friends from all over the diocese!

## Youth Council

**Monthly on Sundays**

**Sept 24, Oct. 29, Dec. 3**

Our Youth Council is a team of high school aged servant leaders that engage in service opportunities, plan retreats, and provide vision for our youth programs. All high schoolers are invited to join. Go to [www.stmikeschurch.com/ycapp](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/ycapp) to fill out the application and learn more.



## CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILIES

### Family Sunday School

**Sunday, October 22 & November 19**

On these special dates, parents are invited to accompany their children to Sunday School at 9:15 AM! These Sunday School sessions will be intentional time for parents and children to learn together, explore together, and hear from each other about how various members of the family are thinking about certain faith topics.

### Parenting Small Group

**Sunday, 9:15 AM, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3**

“Shame dies when stories are told in safe places.” This is the centering principle of the time that is spent together during the parenting small group. This group is a way for parents to be together, share experiences, and have conversations about what being a parent looks like today. Check the Weekly eNews for the meeting location.



### Blessing of the Stuffed Animals

**Sunday, October 8**

Bring your stuffed animals to church on October 8! In honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, we will be blessing all your favorite stuffed friends. All animals were loved by St. Francis, just as we know your stuffed animals are loved by you!

### Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat

**Saturday, October 28, 3:00 - 7:00 PM**

Join us for Fall Family Fun! This year's combined Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat will have all of your favorite activities... pumpkins to purchase and carve (\$5 per pumpkin - locally grown), games, snacks, chili potluck, music, and more. Don't forget to wear and show off your Halloween costume! Pumpkins will also be available to purchase after both services Sunday, October 29.



### Fall Programming Kickoff Dates:

- Nursery Hours 7:45 AM – 12:00 PM: Beginning September 10
- Sunday School Begins: September 17, 9:15 AM
- Parenting Small Group: October 1, 9:15 AM
- BeYou!: September 17, October 15, November 19, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- Children & Youth Sunday: November 5



Questions about our Children, Youth, and Family Ministries?  
Contact Owen Copps, [owen@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:owen@stmikeschurch.com) or 980-406-8124.



# FALL FELLOWSHIP

## 20s & 30s Group

**Young Theology on Tap**  
**2nd Friday of the Month**  
**6:30 - 8:00 PM**

Young adults in their 20s & 30s are invited to join in community at Goat Patch Brewing! The Fall Theology on Tap series will include pastors, priests, and theologians from a variety of traditions. They will discuss specific theological topics about which they are passionate and answer any questions. Come on out to meet and spend time with young adults from St. Mike's and various churches in the Springs! Join on 9/8, 10/13, 11/10, & 12/8!



## 40s and 50s Group

**September 3, 12:00 - 2:00 PM**

Calling all those in their 40s and 50s (or those who feel that in spirit)! Join us as we bid farewell to summer on September 3 after church at Red Leg Brewing Company (2323 Garden of the Gods Road). Enjoy great beverages from the brewery, grab lunch from one of the onsite food trucks, engage in some spirited cornhole competition, and browse the September Makers Market. Please RSVP so appropriate space can be reserved. [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup)

*This group typically has gatherings every other month, so stay tuned for information about their next event in November.*

## SMASH Group

St. Michael's Active Senior Happenings (SMASH) group has two exciting events planned in the months ahead. RSVP online at [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup).

### **John Fielder Photo Exhibition** **September 22, 11:00 AM Tour**

Curated in collaboration with John himself, History Colorado's exhibition, *Revealed: John Fielder's Favorite Place*, takes you to a location that few have ever experienced, a location John feels is the most sublime in all of the Centennial State.

### **El Paso Club Tour & Lunch** **October 27, 11:00 AM Tour**

Organized October 23, 1877, the El Paso Club is believed to be the oldest private town club west of Chicago. Join to learn more local history, followed by lunch.

### **St. Mike's @ the Switchbacks!** **(All Parish Event)** **September 23, 6:00 PM Game**

Come out and support our local soccer team with your St. Mike's friends and family! Tickets are \$20 each and can be reserved at [www/stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup). This is sure to be a fun night out cheering on our Colorado Springs Switchbacks as they fight to make the playoffs! Register before September 8 to guarantee your ticket!







## Kick off Sunday Breakfast September 10

Let's start the year off right with a delicious continental breakfast and fellowship. Stick around after the 8:00 or 10:30 AM services and enjoy time with old friends and meeting new friends. NO RSVP needed to enjoy breakfast. To volunteer, bring a food item, or to set up or clean up, visit [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup) or contact Jennie Wandfluh, Director of Parish Life. We look forward to seeing you on September 10.

## Oktoberfest October 13, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

The BBQ Ministry is hosting their annual German-themed Oktoberfest for all in the parish, grilling up brats with all the fixings! Yes, beer and non-alcoholic beverages will be available! Lederhosen is encouraged! Suggested donation of \$10 per person/ \$20 per family. RSVP at [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup). Questions? Contact Jennie Wandfluh at [jennie@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:jennie@stmikeschurch.com) or Bob Wettemann at 325-660-2067.



## People Who Read

**3rd Wednesday, 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 the group, both fiction and nonfiction. A rotating host provides the meeting space and some beverages. Members bring shareable snacks and book discussion questions. Occasionally the group offers hybrid meetings at St. Michael's, in which case a Zoom link will be provided. All are welcome! Email Jennie [jennie@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:jennie@stmikeschurch.com) or Linda [linda@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:linda@stmikeschurch.com) for more information.

September 20 - Host: Margaret Miller  
*The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris

October 18 - Host: TBD  
*The Ride of Her Life* by Elizabeth Letts

## Creating Space

**4th Saturday, 9:00 - Noon**

Would you like to craft or create something, but clearing space to do so is challenging? Have you wanted to learn a new skill or do you just need a break from the busyness of everyday life? St. Mike's is Creating Space for you on the fourth Saturday of each month! In the first hour, some skill or technique will be demonstrated, so watch the Weekly eNews for what this will be. Drop in as your schedule permits or stay the entire morning. For more details, contact Mary Hattick. [mhattick@gmail.com](mailto:mhattick@gmail.com) or Sandie Willey at [boppiewilley@gmail.com](mailto:boppiewilley@gmail.com).



# NEWCOMERS

## Newcomers Classes

**September 17: Get Connected & Involved**

**October 15: The Episcopal Church 101**

**9:15 - 10:10 AM, The Chapel**

After taking a break for the summer our three rotating Newcomer Classes “Let’s Get Connected” resumed in August. These are stand-alone classes that you can take in any order. You can attend all of them or just those you wish. These classes are designed for newcomers, but ALL are welcome to join. No sign up or registration required. Come as you are! Questions? Email [linda@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:linda@stmikeschurch.com).

## Newcomers Lunch

**Sunday, October 22, 12:00 - 1:00 PM**

New to St. Michael’s in the past six months? You are invited to a special lunch with the clergy, staff, and other newcomers following the 10:30 AM service. Please RSVP at [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup) letting us know how many people will attend and if you have any dietary restrictions.

## Welcome New Members

A special welcome to all the new members of St. Michael’s Episcopal Church. We are so glad you are here and we look forward to growing in faith alongside you.

Sally Wessely

Grant, Melissa, Roman & Jasmine Geis

Melinda Hoyt

Dennis & Bev Pirio

Sue Kates

## Nametags (Please)!

Thank you for wearing your nametag while at church so friends and new faces can get to know you! Need a new nametag? Fill out a form at the Welcome table on Sunday Mornings or email [diane@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:diane@stmikeschurch.com).

# PARISH SURVEY RESULTS

We are so grateful to the 135 households who took the time to complete the Spring 2023 parish survey. Interestingly, roughly half of the respondents have been members of St. Michael’s for ten or more years and half for nine or less, with 13% being members for less than a year. The key message echoed throughout, as indicated by the Word Cloud below (where the bigger, bolder a word is, the more often it was mentioned), was that St. Mike’s is WELCOMING. Close behind in frequency were the words HOME, CARING, VIBRANT, INCLUSIVE, and LOVING. The clergy, staff, and vestry will continue to use the survey results to make decisions and discern how we can best live into our mission.

- 91% of the survey participants indicated that St. Mike’s is considerably contributing to their growth or deepening their relationship with God, the world, their neighbors, and themselves.
- 87% of survey participants expressed high confidence that they would receive a supportive response from clergy if they reached out.
- Only 7% of respondents worship primarily online, but 84% indicated they use online options for some form of worship or programming.



## September Birthdays

September 1 Bobbi Myers  
 September 2 Terry Marquart  
 September 2 Chase Mason  
 September 3 Julie Reed  
 September 3 Jan Wiedey  
 September 4 Jan Lundy  
 September 5 Darlene Beall  
 September 5 Terry Raamot  
 September 5 Loraine Salters  
 September 5 Kenny Tompkins  
 September 5 Jerry Verlinde  
 September 6 Kathy Grosso  
 September 6 Denise Starling  
 September 7 Tamsin Whitesell  
 September 8 Torrey Darrow  
 September 8 Catherine Warren  
 September 9 Nancy Jones  
 September 9 Hayden Torrey  
 September 11 Norah Frank  
 September 11 Tanner Mason  
 September 11 Christine Mattox  
 September 11 Yvonne Tunnard  
 September 14 Melanie Llaña  
 September 16 Ama Couch  
 September 16 Linda Waterman  
 September 17 Aprel Mitchell  
 September 18 Laura DiSilverio  
 September 18 Wyre Marshall  
 September 18 David Morrison  
 September 18 Janet Perreault  
 September 18 Linda Weidner  
 September 19 Brad Kellen  
 September 19 Robert Phillips  
 September 20 Grace Bennett  
 September 20 Matt Sears  
 September 20 Darryl Thatcher  
 September 22 Judy Jager  
 September 22 Emma Lager  
 September 23 Madeline Carter  
 September 23 Ellen DiSilverio  
 September 24 Jennie Wandfluh  
 September 26 Linda Ramsay  
 September 26 Beckett Spencer  
 September 27 Aaron DeJoia  
 September 27 Sierra Lease  
 September 27 Tammy Pohle  
 September 28 Ed Kley  
 September 28 Peggy Toldy  
 September 28 Diné Wiedey  
 September 29 Laurel Burritt  
 September 29 Mia Schluter  
 September 29 Mary Anne Sehorn

## October Birthdays

October 1 Judson Carter  
 October 1 Bryson Carton  
 October 1 Douglas Wilson  
 October 3 Andrew Hutchison  
 October 4 Jessica Frank  
 October 4 Jim Marquart  
 October 4 Liz Tompkins  
 October 5 Kathy Dailey  
 October 5 Mattie Paris  
 October 5 Joseph Person  
 October 6 RachelClark  
 October 7 Dean Logemann  
 October 7 Gwen Weddington  
 October 8 Anderson Holcombe  
 October 8 Harper Sutherlin  
 October 9 Deborah Farmer  
 October 9 Phil Fredrickson  
 October 9 Leonard Himes  
 October 11 Denny Hoban  
 October 11 Thomas Johnson  
 October 11 Alan Sherlock  
 October 11 Dave Starling  
 October 12 Linda Page  
 October 12 Sam Thomas  
 October 13 Finn Dobbins  
 October 14 Luca Llaña  
 October 15 Mike Mapes  
 October 17 Danielle Lett  
 October 18 Monona Beck  
 October 18 Christine Hudson  
 October 19 Patrick Pohle  
 October 20 Tyler Trevillian  
 October 20 Cole Wiedey  
 October 22 Eve Pattamasaeivi  
 October 22 Jim Wessely  
 October 23 Carras Callihan  
 October 23 LilySato  
 October 23 Kathy Thurman  
 October 23 Debra Zarecky  
 October 24 David Futey  
 October 26 Theo Cunningham  
 October 28 Jacline Harriman  
 October 29 Sue Neill  
 October 30 Nathan Boylston  
 October 30 Roger Burritt  
 October 31 Toby Valko

## September Anniversaries

September 1 Pat & Pete Wilson  
 September 2 Carol & James Pierce  
 September 4 Rev. Judi & Rod Sato  
 September 6 Floyd & Janet Reichert  
 September 11 Danny & Stacy Cowell  
 September 11 Aaron & Crista DeJoia  
 September 14 Gaile & Gus Combs  
 September 15 Bridget & Chris Hause  
 September 15 Marianne & Patrick Jenkins  
 September 15 Breck & Mary Paris  
 September 15 Douglas & Shiela Wilson  
 September 16 Claire & Phil Rische  
 September 17 Hank & Pat Pricenski  
 September 25 John & Julie Waidelich  
 September 26 Ray & Sara Ferguson  
 September 27 Emily & Jonathan McElyea

## October Anniversaries

October 1 Jessica & Tim Frank  
 October 2 David & Joy Underhill  
 October 4 Chuck Fogleman & Patti Barrett  
 October 5 Susan & Landon Maltby  
 October 8 Barbara & Stephen Dierks  
 October 9 Deborah & JonathanFarmer  
 October 9 Bill & Cecilia Hyland  
 October 10 Alan & Jennifer Sherlock  
 October 18 Alex & Kate Davenport  
 October 19 Katherine & Shawn Brennan  
 October 19 Heather & Michael Torrey  
 October 20 Grant & Melissa Geis  
 October 21 Sue & Tom Neill  
 October 22 Amalia & Patrick Dobbins  
 October 26 Charles & Laura Johnson  
 October 26 Ed & Rosemary Kley  
 October 27 Diane & Jim Dennison  
 October 28 Rev. Lanny & Thella Geib

*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, we apologize. Please email Diane at [diane@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:diane@stmikeschurch.com) so we can update our database and celebrate you!*

*Thank you!*





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**Spirituality of Aging**

**The Space Between Us**

**Being With**

You are invited to join us for the

**Dedication Ceremony**  
**Heritage Edition CXLI**

**THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE**

**September 29, 2023**  
**6:00 PM**

Reception to follow in the Parish Hall  
No RSVP Required • Childcare Available  
Ceremony will be Livestreamed  
Details at [stmikeschurch.com/bible](http://stmikeschurch.com/bible)

The Heritage Edition CXLI was donated and given  
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