

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hospitality Sunday

Sunday, January 8 (today)

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments after the 9:00 and 11:15 am services. To continue providing Hospitality Sunday refreshments, we really need your help with food and set-up/clean-up. Please sign up at the food table to volunteer to help out or contact craish21@comcast.net.

Adult Education/Formation January 2012

We will begin the year by reflecting on the themes of the first two Sundays. The following Sundays, we will explore our own spiritual journeys together and consider experiences that will help us grow. All of these sessions will be conversational with time for individual and group reflection. There are no prerequisites - come as you are.

Jan 8 Baptism of Jesus: you are invited to reflect on the meaning of baptism in your life today. We will tell stories of baptism and reflect on the baptismal questions.

Jan 15 and 22 Reflecting on Our Spiritual Journey - where have you experienced God in your life? How do you hunger for more? What experiences will help you grow as a follower of Christ?

Each of these sessions will begin at 10:15 on Sunday morning in the Pavilion. All are welcome.

Gathering for New Members, Folks who are new to St. Michaels, and Anyone Else

Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30 pm

All are invited to join us on Tues. Jan. 10 from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Pavilion to discover ways to grow at St. Michaels. This won't be a time to hear commercials about where help is needed as much as it will be a time to attend to your own longings and consider how to connect in meaningful ways. It is our intent to help each person find a home here. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Sue Joiner at suej@all-angels.com or 345-8147 x115.

High Scorers Greet the New Year

Wednesday, January 11 at 12:00 pm

The first monthly lunch of 2012 will be held on Wednesday, January 11 at 12 noon in the church hall. All seniors are welcome. Bring a pot luck contribution if you can; if this is a problem, come anyway and enjoy the usual fellowship and good cheer. A Happy New Year to all!

Outreach, Social Justice, & Advocacy Council

A new council will be formed in early 2012 to advise and consider the many possibilities for Outreach, Social Justice and Advocacy. Hopefully, this will be a dynamic group of people who have a passion in these areas and are willing to meet once a month to decide where our focus and energy should be spent. Contact Judith Jenkins judithj@all-angels.com if you are willing to serve on this council. We already have a board for Casa San Miguel, so this would be a group to discuss other projects and areas of need.

Contacting Kristin

Rev. Kristin Schultz has discovered that her assigned phone extension is not working. Any messages that have been left at extension 120 have disappeared into a phone netherworld. Sincerest apologies to anyone whose messages have not been answered! Feel free to contact Kristin at kristins@all-angels.com, or 270-1957; or, leave a message with Kathryn.

Illuminating the Word Trip to Santa Fe

Friday, January 27

The New Mexico History Museum is featuring The Saint John's Bible Exhibit. It is a wonderful contemporary handwritten and illuminated Bible created by a team of artists and calligraphers at a Scriptorium in Wales. Join us Friday, January 27th for a day trip to Santa Fe to see this amazing exhibit and have lunch together. We will take the Rail Runner or carpool depending on the number of people. Please rsvp by Tues. Jan. 17th to Sue Joiner (suej@all-angels.com) or Judith Jenkins (judithj@all-angels.com) or calling 234-8147 x115 so that we can make travel arrangements.

Introducing Bishop's School for Ministries

Beginning this year, the Diocese of the Rio Grande will be offering a series of courses for clergy and laity. The three courses offered next year will be Introduction to New Testament Greek, a first installment of the Historical Study of the New Testament: The Letters of Paul, and Anglican and Episcopal Liturgy. Courses will meet on Saturdays, January 28, February 18, March 17, April 21, and May 19. Each class costs \$200 for laity and clergy, and is free for those in the ordination process. For more information or to register, e-mail school@dioceserg.org or call Toye Robertson at 881-0636, or contact Canon Richard Valantasis at rvalantasis@dioceserg.org.

Snow Slam at Camp Stoney

February 18-20, 2012

Mark your calendar!!! The Snow Slam is for grades 6-12 and will include skiing, snowboarding or activities in Santa Fe. Cost is \$100 plus the cost of a lift ticket and/or lessons. For more information, contact Kristin Schultz at kristins@all-angels.com.

Looking for Party Folks

We have enjoyed some wonderful parties in recent years and we want to continue to find ways to celebrate as a congregation. If you enjoy parties (planning, hosting, attending), you are invited to join us to plan celebrations for St. Michael's for the coming year. Please be in touch with Sue Joiner (suej@all-angels.com or 345-8147 x115) if you'd like to help plan parties for the parish.

New in the Library

Be sure to grab your copy of reviews of three new books that are available in the library, including a book with contributions from Kathryn Ravenwood, our Parish Administrator! Book reviews are available in the narthex.

St. Michael's on Facebook

For those of you who have been following St. Michael's on Facebook and have been frustrated at the lack of updated information, take heart! Our Facebook page is back up-and-running! Visit our Facebook page to stay connected, to share stories and pictures, and to receive the most current information on upcoming events!

Casa San Miguel Health Fair

Tuesday, January 10 & Tuesday, February 7 at 8:30 am

The Food Pantry will be having a Health Fair for our neighbors who come to the Pantry on Tuesday morning January 10 and Tuesday, February 7. We have a volunteer nurse practitioner who provides basic screening services with recommendations for follow-up. We are in need of someone to translate for our Spanish speakers with limited English. The hours are 8:30 a.m. to approximately 10:30. If you can help with this initiative, please contact Mary Hoelzel at 994-3155 or Grace Collins at 341-4354.

Stewardship

As we begin 2012, our St. Michael's operating budget is \$80,000 short of the required amount to keep our ministries functioning. The budget has already undergone significant reductions. Unless we are able to overcome this shortfall, both staff and programs will have to be cut. These cuts will severely impact our ability to provide children's education programs, J2A, adult formation, and outreach, critically important aspects of our church life. Please help to keep our programs alive by making your 2012 pledge today, if you have not already done so. If you have pledged, please consider the possibility of increasing your pledge. Even a relatively small monthly increase of \$20 can help keep our ministries going.

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