

St. Michael and All Angels

Annual Meeting
January 21, 2024



Many Thanks to Outgoing Bishop's Committee Members

Drew Faught
Virginia Wistrand

Thank you for gifts received from parishioners and friends this year

- Easter lilies
- Water delivery and use of borrowed water tanks to help us through the drought
- Copy machine service
- Poinsettias
- New alms basins and new Christmas linens were purchased with Memorial Funds

About St. Michaels

St. Michael and All Angels is a Mission of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas. Missions receive financial support from the diocese as they work toward parish status. The bishop appoints the vicar and the bishop's committee.



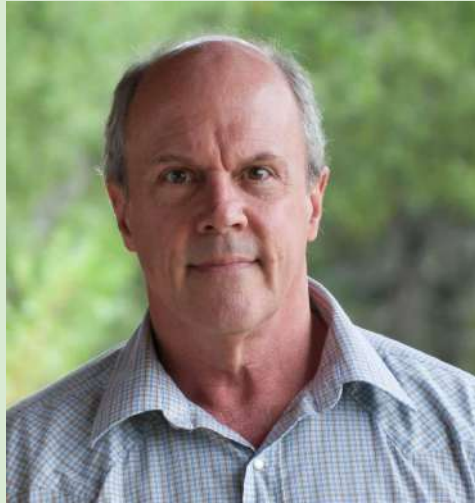
About St. Michaels

- Vicar of St. Michael's: The Rev. Bryn Caddell
 - MDiv from Seminary of the Southwest in Austin
 - Appointed Vicar in 2020
 - Has spiritual jurisdiction of the church and provides leadership and guidance to the bishop's committee



About St. Michaels

- Bishop's Committee
 - Appointed to a three-year term
 - Legal agent of the church in all matters concerning its corporate property and cooperates with the vicar to support the ministries of the church
 - Led by the bishop's warden and the junior warden



Bubba Groos
Bishop's Warden
2024



Rick Longbine
Junior Warden
2024

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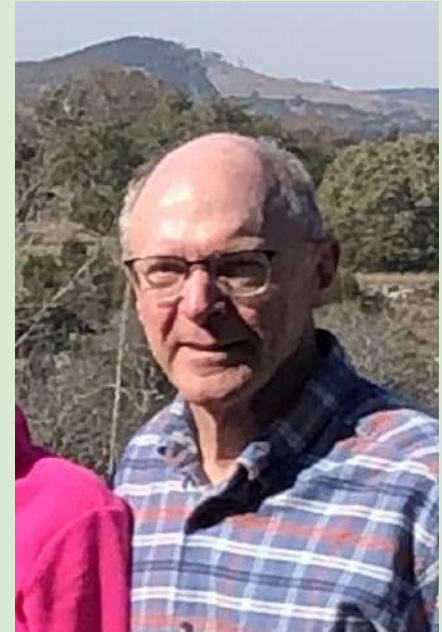
- Bishop's Committee class of 2023



Pat Clewell



Sandy Hodges



Dennis Tottenham

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Steve Kumbalek



Aylin Snodgrass

Ministry in 2023

The Rev. Ben Nelson led last year's Bishop's Committee in a retreat in February to help identify our priorities for the year.



Ministry in 2023 – Worship (Virginia Wistrand)

Provide faithful and spirit-filled worship

- Added an additional Sunday service to alleviate the need for overflow seating in the parish hall
- Average Sunday Attendance increased from 54 in 2022 to **67** in 2023.
- Confirmed **4**, received **1**, and reaffirmed **1** in January of 2023
- 1 Celebration of Marriage
- 3 Baptisms



Ministry in 2023 – Worship (Virginia Wistrand)

Provide faithful and spirit-filled worship

- Liturgy Team met several times to select music (thank you Corrie Furber, Betty McNallen, and Mary Nabers!)
- 72 of our members served in laity roles as acolytes, crucifers, LEM, readers, hosts, oblationers, altar guild, flower guild, technology operators, and musicians (Thank you All!)



Ministry in 2023 – Worship (Virginia Wistrand)

Provide faithful and spirit-filled worship

- Altered and rearranged pews to allow for handicapped seating and maximize space (thank you Hunter Wistrand!)
- Modified altar rail for increased stability (thank you Hunter Wistrand and Hunter Jenkins!)
- Purchased new LED light for organ
- Several parishioners took turns operating the MIDI function of the organ on Sundays we were without an organist



Ministry in 2023 – Worship (Virginia Wistrand)

Provide faithful and spirit-filled worship

- Continue to utilize parish hall as a seating option during services
- Continue to livestream all services
- Contracted Jey Ping to play the organ and violin two Sundays per month
- Increased music funds for special musicians via hymn sponsorships in September, October, and November
- Enjoyed special musicians for Christmas services





Otis & Fritz's Baptism



Hudson's Baptism

Ministry in 2023 – Mission & Outreach (Pat Clewell)

Respond to the needs of our community

- Delivered Meals on Wheels
- Prepared and delivered Lunches of Love
- Staffed First Aid Tent at the Lavender Festival
- Participated in CRC First Responders Breakfast
- Youth traveled to the Cheyenne River Reservation for mission work at the Black Horse Ranch
- Hosted Christmas Craft sale to benefit Black Horse Ranch



Ministry in 2022 – Mission & Outreach (Pat Clewell)

Respond to the needs of our community



St. Michael's
members
contributed **\$3611**
toward our Youth
Mission Trip to the
Cheyenne River
Reservation last
summer

Ministry in 2023 – Mission & Outreach (Pat Clewell)

Respond to the needs of our community

Made financial contributions to the following organizations

- Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center
- Good Samaritan Center
- Blanco & Johnson City Young Life
- Black Horse Ranch Episcopal Mission at Cheyenne River Reservation
- Rotary Club Golf Tournament (scholarships for Blanco and Johnson High School Students)
- Blanco Ministerial Alliance
- Blanco County Child Protection and Family Advocacy

Ministry in 2022 – Mission & Outreach (Pat Clewell)

Respond to the needs of our community

Financial contributions continued

- Clinica Familia in Blanco
- Blanco County ESD (North and South)
- Random Acts of Kindness
- Bishop's Golf Classic (Camps and Conferences)
- World Missions of the Diocese of West Texas
- Plaza de Paz Diocesan Respite Center
- Christmas donation to Good Samaritan for local families

Ministry in 2023 – Mission & Outreach (Pat Clewell)

Respond to the needs of our community

\$4,300 from operating budget

\$7,285 from special collections

(Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission during Lent and Christmas Decor Sale,
Good Samaritan Christmas Project during Advent)

Total of **\$11,585** in dollars, goods, and services went
out to the community from St. Michael's in 2023

**Thank you to our Youth, Tatum Craig,
Pat Clewell, Sue Danvers, & the Outreach Team!!**

Ministry in 2023 – Pastoral Care (Virginia Wistrand)

Respond to the needs of our St. Michael's family

- Visits and communication with homebound members
- Easter lilies, poinsettias, and small Christmas decorations given to homebound members (thank you Sue Danvers and Carolyn Patterson!)
- Pastoral care team delivered meals for parishioners
- Newly formed prayer ministry after 10:30 service to share prayer concerns



Ministry in 2023 – Pastoral Care (Virginia Wistrand)

Respond to the needs of our St. Michael's family

- Tuesday Morning Zoom Fellowship
- Weekly Updates and Monthly Newsletters
- Cards for birthdays and anniversaries
- Individual pastoral care provided by the vicar

Ministry in 2023 – Hospitality (Sandy Hodges)

Provide a warm welcome to members, visitors, and guests

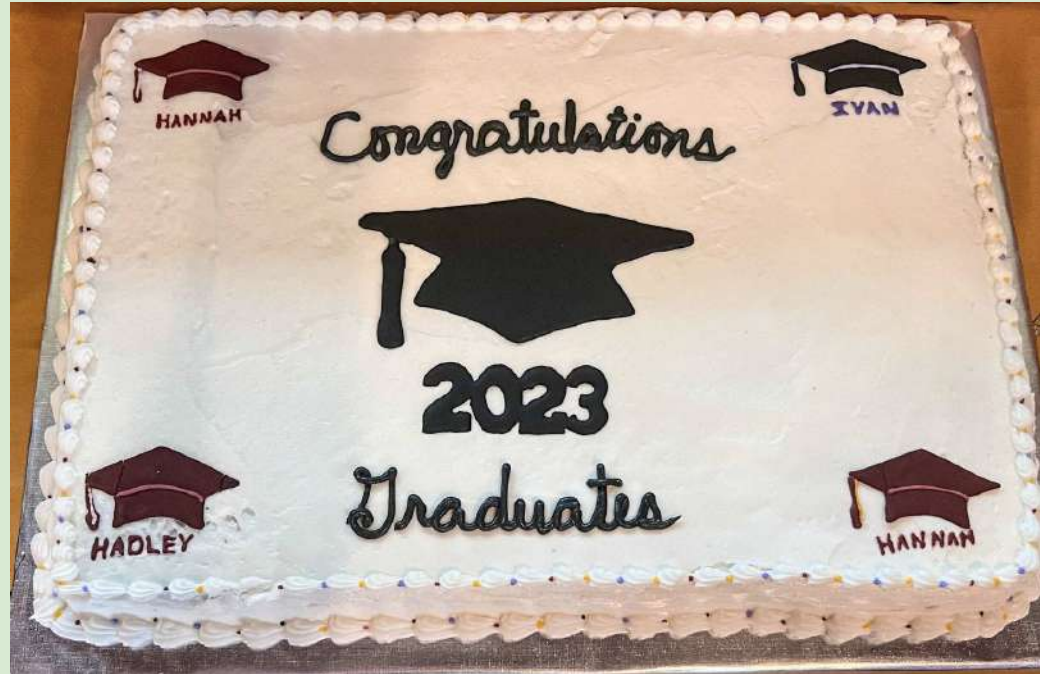
- Welcome bags for visitors which includes a welcome note, small wooden crosses, newsletter, and contact information (Thank you Carolyn Patterson)
- Newcomer Dinner hosted by Sandy Hodges
- Sharing Faith Dinner
- First Sunday Potlucks
- Fellowship Breakfasts
- **22 New Members in 2023!**



Ministry in 2022 – Hospitality (Sandy Hodges)

Provide a warm welcome to members, visitors, and guests

- Refreshments and Decorations for Special Events
 - Bishop's Luncheon
 - Shrove Tuesday
 - Cake honoring graduates
 - St. Michael's Day
 - Reception following funeral
 - Christmas decor sale





Fellowship Breakfast



Newcomers' Dinner



Sharing Faith Dinner



St. Michael's Day



St. Michael's Day

Ministry in 2023 – Faith Formation (Drew Faught)

*Offer opportunities for children, youth,
& adults to be formed for discipleship*

Children

- Godly Play (thank you Ginger Faught!)
- Children's Choir (thank you Corrie Furber & Sean McCoy!)
- Children's Bulletins
- Participation in Youth Sunday
- **Two** St. Michael's children attended Camp Capers
(St. Michael's has a fund to pay for camp expenses.)



Ministry in 2023 – Faith Formation (Drew Faught)

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& adults to be formed for discipleship*

Youth

- Regular participation in liturgy
- Youth Sundays
- Pancake Supper raised funds for mission trip
- Seven St. Michael's youth attended diocesan camps



Ministry in 2023 – Faith Formation (Drew Faught)

*Offer opportunities for children, youth,
& adults to be formed for discipleship*

- Adults: Sunday School, Tuesday Fellowship, Wednesday Formation
 - Sunday offerings
 - Confirmation Classes (January)
 - Matthew Study (Feb – May)
 - Gospel Comparison Class (Sept – Oct)
 - Sacraments Class taught by Br. James Dennis (Oct – Nov)
 - Spiritual Practices led by Lisa McClanahan (Nov – Dec)

Ministry in 2023 – Faith Formation (Drew Faught)

*Offer opportunities for children, youth,
& adults to be formed for discipleship*

- Adults: Sunday School, Tuesday Fellowship, Wednesday Formation
 - Wednesday Formation Offerings
 - Lenten Lord's Prayer Study
 - Acts Study
 - Advent Hymns Study



Confirmation & Reception

Ministry in 2023 – Evangelism (Dennis Tottenham)

Increase our visibility in the community in order to share our love of Christ with others

- Online presence
 - Website and Facebook page offer updated service information and advertise special events (thank you Bubba Groos!)
 - stmichaelsblanco.org
 - Watch for updates to our website in 2024!
 - YouTube Channel for our live-streamed services and other recorded videos (thank you Larry Seiler!)
- Member of the Blanco and Johnson City Chambers of Commerce

Ministry in 2023 – Evangelism (Dennis Tottenham)

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- Article by Mike Patterson about growth experienced at St. Michael's featured in *The Living Church*

IN SEARCH OF GROWTH

Spreading the Welcome Mat in the Hill Country

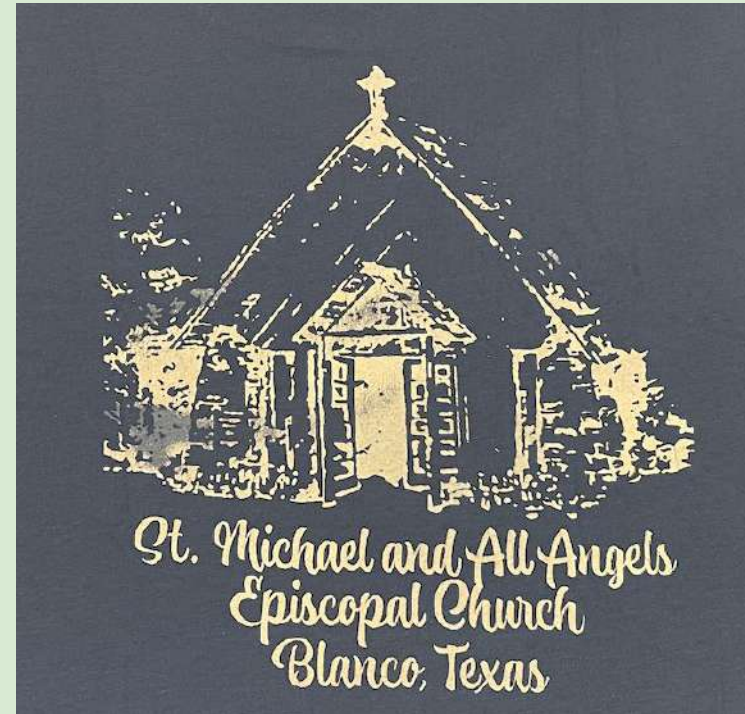
St. Michael and All Angels, Blanco, Texas

By Mike Patterson

Ministry in 2023 – Evangelism (Dennis Tottenham)

Increase our visibility in the community in order to share our love of Christ with others

- Booth at the Lavender Festival
 - We offered free copies of the BCP
- St. Michael's t-shirts (Thank you Jody Wright!)
 - Shirts are \$15 – if you don't have one, get one!
- Articles in the paper for St. Michael's Day (thank you Mike Patterson!) and advertisements for special services
- Local dignitaries sent personal invitations to St. Michael's Day Event



Ministry in 2023 – Evangelism (Dennis Tottenham)

Increase our visibility in the community in order to share our love of Christ with others

- New signs purchased to advertise Easter and Christmas services
- Flyers distributed to invite neighbors to our St. Michael's Day celebration and Christmas Eve services (thank you Faught Family!)



Building and Grounds (Rick Longbine, Junior Warden)

Provide responsible maintenance of church property

Buildings

- Bishop Reed Building dedicated on January 22, 2023



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Buildings

- Fire extinguishers inspected
- Outdoor speakers installed at columbarium and patio areas (thank you Matt Konopa and Larry Seiler!)
- New fluorescent lights installed in the church
- Carpets and windows professionally cleaned (thank you Carolyn Patterson!)
- Sunday House deck repaired and repainted

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Grounds

- New “labyrinth house” installed by the labyrinth



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Grounds

- Landscape Manager Carolyn Patterson oversaw the health of our plants
 - Irrigation system inspected and repaired
 - Dead plants replaced
 - Trees trimmed and ball moss removed (**thank you Mike & Carolyn Patterson!**)
 - Grass mowed during growing season (**thank you Mike Patterson and Dan Snodgrass**)
 - Garden guild met several times to pull weeds and tend plants



Building and Grounds (Rick Longbine, Junior Warden)

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Grounds – Managed Drought Conditions (thank you Carolyn Patterson!)

- Water tanks were loaned by Sean Cole and June Newhouse and water was delivered by Paul Granberg
- Watering teams were organized by Carolyn Patterson
- **Thank you Carolyn & Mike Patterson, Bubba Groos, Cheryl Walthour, Toni Royall, Holly Tottenham, Ken Smith, Lynn & Carolyn Boyd, John & Jody Wright, Darrell Rowe, and Taylor Smith**



Financial Report (Larry Seiler, Treasurer)

Responsibilities of the Treasurer

- Ensure the that the congregations financial operations are in accordance with national and diocesan canons, the congregation's policies, and state and federal laws.
- Tasks include tracking offerings & making deposits, writing checks & paying bills, assisting with stewardship campaign, preparing reports for the bishop's committee, and submitting IRS tax returns
- The treasurer meets monthly with the finance committee



Financial Report (Larry Seiler, Treasurer)

Finance Committee

- Composed of treasurer, vicar, one BC member, and one non-BC member of the congregation (for 2024: Larry, Mother Bryn, Dennis Tottenham, & Carolyn Patterson)
- Bubba Groos (CPA, retired) serves as an advisor to the finance committee
- The finance committee meets monthly to review and annotate income and expenditures and makes recommendations to the bishop's committee

Financial Report (Larry Seiler, Treasurer)

Actions taken this year

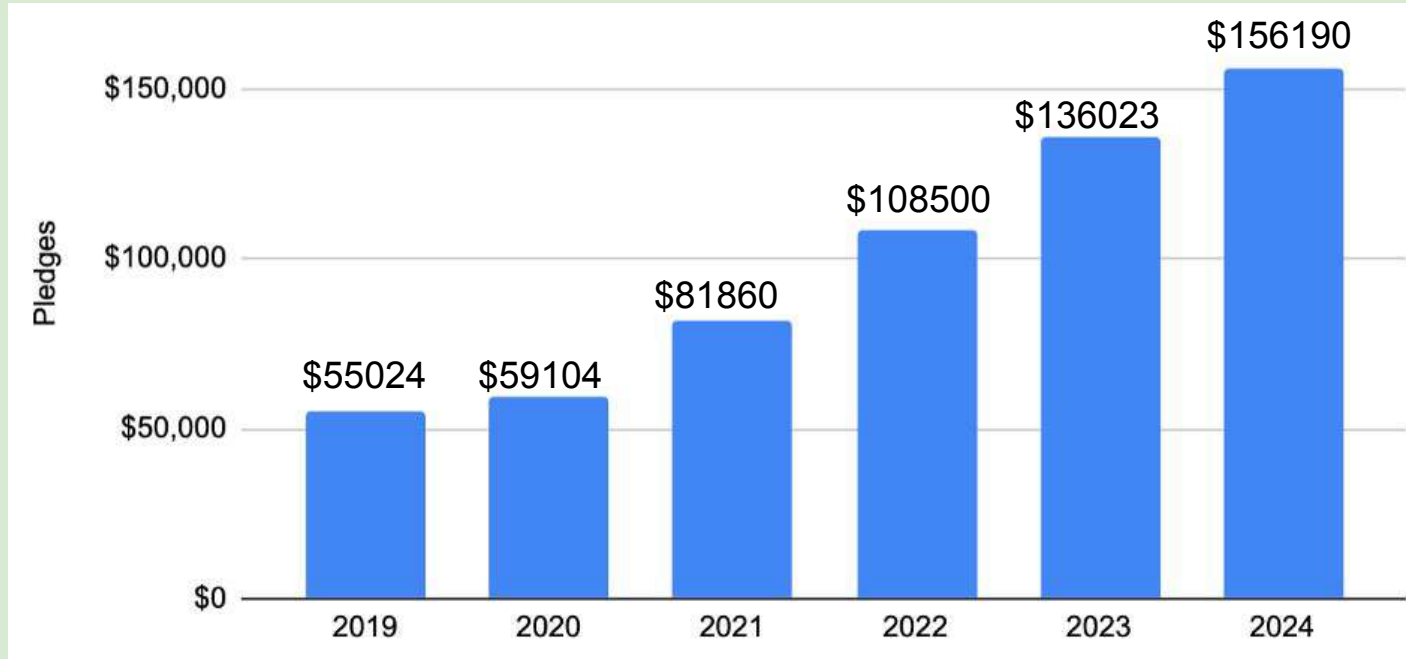
- Implemented recommendations from the Audit Committee (thank you Darrell Rowe, Hunter Wistrand, and Jim Furber!)
- Added “tellers,” trained to collect, report, and deposit the weekly offering (thank you Darrell Rowe, Pat Clewell, Steve Kumbalek, and Dennis Tottenham!)
- Hired a bookkeeper. Lisa Parker inputs data into Quickbooks and makes online payments. She reviews all Quickbook entries and works with Larry to generate reports for the finance committee.



Financial Report (Larry Seiler, Treasurer)

2024 Stewardship Campaign Results (thank you Stewardship Chair, Dennis Tottenham)

- 8 new pledging units (net increase of 5), 15 increased pledges, 4 decreased pledges



Financial Report (Larry Seiler, Treasurer)

Diocesan Support of Ordained Ministry at St. Michael's

- The Diocese of West Texas has committed to contribute \$45,153 in support of full-time ordained ministry at St. Michael's in both 2023 and 2024.
- Over time, diocesan support is expected to decrease as St. Michael's ability to sustain full-time ministry increases.

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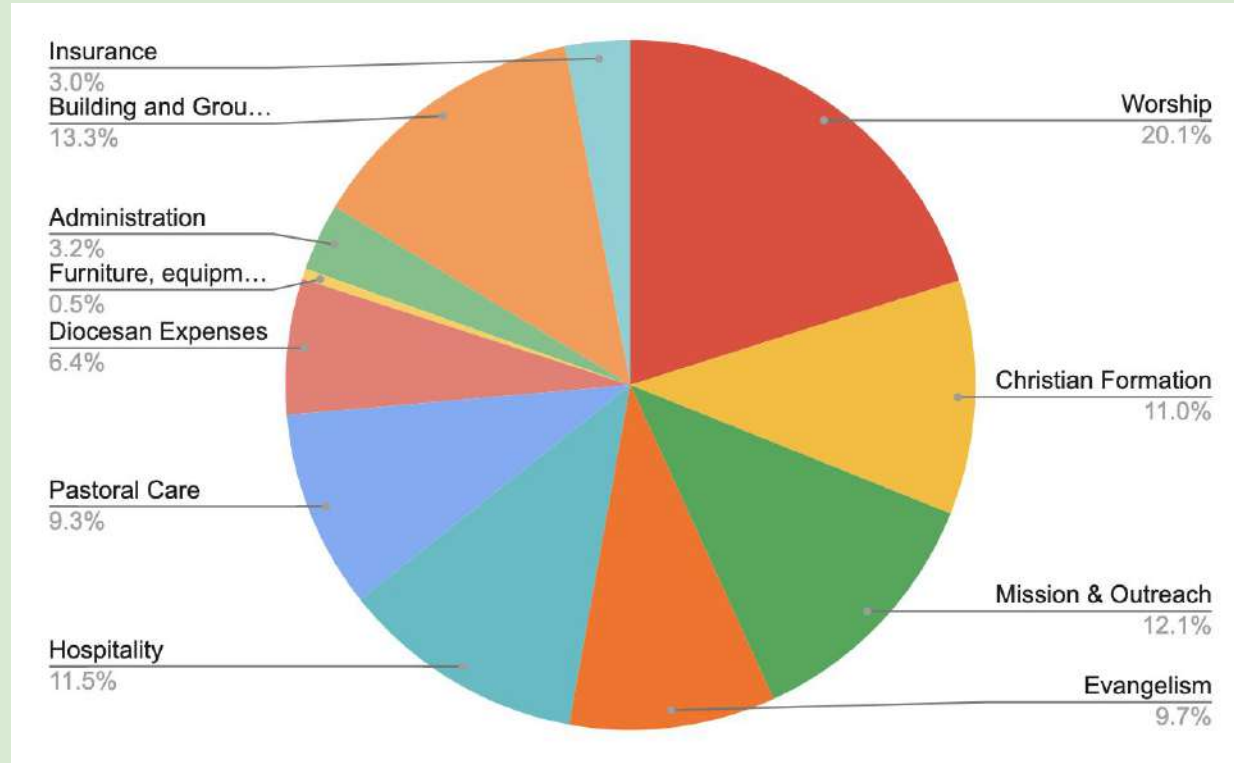
2024 Budget

2024 REVENUES	
Pledged Offerings	150000
Unpledged Offerings	12000
Other Income	900
Diocesan Support	45153
Total Revenues	208053

EXPENSES CATEGORIZED BY MINISTRY	
(clergy salary distributed among first six categories)	
Worship	41056
Christian Formation	22423
Mission & Outreach	24723
Evangelism	19723
Hospitality	23423
Pastoral Care	19003
Diocesan Expenses	13008
Furniture, equipment, supplies	1000
Administration	6454
Building and Grounds	27221
Insurance	6215
total	204248

Financial Report (Larry Seiler, Treasurer)

2024 Budget - Expense Categories by Ministry



Financial Report (Larry Seiler, Treasurer)

Operating Income / Expense over time (based on Parochial Reports)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 (Budget)
Plate & Pledge	\$88,434.00	\$92,696.00	\$121,045.00	\$148,759.00	\$162,000.00
Other Income	\$4,162.00	\$954.00	\$932.00	\$3,291.00	\$900.00
Diocesan Support			\$22,577.00	\$45,153.00	\$45,153.00
Operating Expenses	\$101,570.00	\$74,899.00	\$127,053.00	\$174,734.00	\$204,248.00
Net Income	-\$8,974.00	\$18,751.00	\$17,501.00	\$22,469.00	\$3,805.00

Part-time priest

Change to Full-time priest for 6 months

Change to Full-time priest for 12 months

Financial Report (Larry Seiler, Treasurer)

Investment Accounts

- In 2022, the Bishop's Committee voted to open a second investment account with the Episcopal Church Foundation as an Endowment Account. \$70,000 was moved from savings to begin that account.

	2021	2022	2023
Reserve	72,470.51	64,907.44	72,221.68
Endowment	0	63,304.15	74,475.65
Total	72,470.51	128,211.59	146,697.33

Financial Report (Larry Seiler, Treasurer)

Capital Expenditures

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$54,337	\$32,865	\$0
		Prayer Garden	AV (final payment)	
		Columbarium	Shed	
		HVAC	Parking lot surface	
		AV (1st payment)	Church front repair and paint	

Prayer Garden and Columbarium were fully funded by donations.
Other capital expenses were paid for out of savings.

Financial Report (Larry Seiler, Treasurer)

Financial Summary (as of 12/31/2023)

Total Funds:		260,300.62
	Endowment	74,475.65
Other Designated Funds		96,596.49
	Other Liabilities	788.39
Undesignated Savings		88,440.09

Looking Ahead - Plans for 2024

St. Michaels' Vicar, Delegates, and Alternates will attend the 120th Council of the Diocese of West Texas in San Marcos on February 22-24

- This year's delegates are Libby Templeton and Cheryl Walthour
- Alternates are John & Trina DeCecco



Thank you for representing our church!

Looking Ahead - Plans for 2024

Church Retreat at Camp Capers March 8-10

- Co-retreat with St. Elizabeth's in Buda
- Opportunity for rest and renewal and a chance to deepen relationships with each other and with God
- The Rev. Jay George will be our guest speaker



Looking Ahead - Plans for 2024

Bishop Read will be with us on March 24

- Opportunity for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows - please talk to Bryn if you are interested!
- Fellowship Breakfast between the services



Looking Ahead – Plans for 2024

Christian Formation Plans

- Bible Study – 1 John: Jan 28, Feb 4, Feb 11
- Confirmation Classes (All are Welcome!): Feb 18, Feb 25, March 3, March 17
- History and Theology: April 7 & 14
- Spiritual Practice: April 28, May 5, May 12, May 19

Looking Ahead - Plans for 2024

Under Consideration - Rainwater Collection

- Team has been meeting for months to gather information
- Diocesan grant writer has been working on grant requests. The first is ready for submission!
- Total project cost = \$60k. Cost to us depends on grants received



Looking Ahead - Plans for 2024

Under Consideration - Kitchen Improvements

- Working on plans to move the kitchen to the back of the parish hall and utilize current kitchen area for storage
- Benefits
 - Improve “flow” by eliminating hallway bottleneck to kitchen
 - Improve efficiency
 - Make worship space more attractive for those who choose to worship in the parish hall
- Components
 - New flooring
 - New cabinets - gift from Rick & Lori Longbine
 - Replace stove/oven
 - Reuse current refrigerator, microwave, sink
- No official bids at this time; preliminary estimates \$15-20K



One Possibility

Looking Ahead - Plans for 2024

What else?

- If you have ideas for capital improvements or ministries at St. Michael's, please speak with Bryn or a Bishop's Committee member

St. Michael's is a vibrant and healthy congregation. Thank you to all who help make it so. We have much to celebrate and to be excited about for the future!

