



Mike's Missal



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Bishop Poulson at St. Michael's on May 8th

Bishop Poulson Reed will visit St. Michael's on May 8th. While here he will confirm four adult confirmands, as well as preach, and preside for us. If you haven't met Bishop Poulson join us for worship, coffee, and Q&A with the Bishop. As is the custom for all visits from the Bishop, there will be a special offering which is allocated for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. The funds provide Bishop Poulson the means to assist people throughout our Diocese and into the greater world. You may designate "Bishop's Discretionary Fund" on your checks.

About Bishop Poulson: Poulson Reed grew up in Richmond, Virginia, where his mother was a church musician. He graduated from Saint Christopher's, an Episcopal school for boys in Richmond. He then attended the University of Virginia, graduating in 1992 with a double major in English and Religion.

On December 14th, 2019, Poulson Reed was elected the sixth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma. He was consecrated as Bishop Coadjutor on May 30th, 2020 at the cathedral, at a small ceremony in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, and was seated as the Bishop Diocesan on August 8th, 2020, succeeding the Right Reverend Edward Konieczny. As Bishop of Oklahoma, he oversees a diocese that includes 68 congregations, 5 Episcopal Schools, 2 college chaplaincies, 2 senior care centers, and a camp and conference center.

Bishop Poulson is married to Megan Reed, a classically trained tuba player and music teacher. They have three boys: David, Thomas, and Matthew.

To learn more about Bishop Poulson, go to <https://www.epiok.org/our-bishop>

Congratulations to St. Michael's Confirmands

Debra Baggett Lawanna Kay Brooks, Kenton Huff, and Don Kelley

Our WHY? HOW? WHAT?

WHY? — What is the purpose of St. Michael's in this time and place? This is a paragraph what describes the work of St. Michael's as we seek to fill the Great Commission and the New Commandment.

St. Michael's WHY? "At St. Michael's, we are the voice of Christ in the modern world. We hold to the traditions of the Episcopal Church, which welcomes all who desire to know the love of God in Christ, regardless of age, social status, gender identity, race, or cultural heritage, because we are all made in the image of God. We do this through worship centered on the Word of God as found in the Bible, which promises hope, restoration, and reconciliation. We are committed to reaching out to those in the community who are marginalized by meeting their immediate needs through social ministry. We support families and understand the difficulty of finding a church that recognizes personal needs and limitations. Above all, at St. Michael's we care for others and seek to restore all people to unity with God and one another.

HOW? — How do we live out the purpose? This is our mission statement.

St. Michael's HOW? "At St. Michael's we live and share the love of Christ."

WHAT? — Through what missions and ministries do we fulfill and live out our purpose? The desires of the congregation were discovered through a survey given to the congregation last summer.

St. Michael's WHAT? is lived out through our commitment to 1) the homeless and hungry, 2) children's services, and 3) the environment. We support these initiatives primarily through our outreach ministries.

The Great Commission:

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you."

The New Commandment:

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Dear Members and Friends of St. Michael's,

After a year and a few months my time as your interim rector is coming to an end. I have had the good fortune to know and work with many of you; however, because of the complexities of the pandemic, we have not all become acquainted.

Our time together has centered on understanding the current context to the Church and St. Michael's, specifically. Our continuing challenges include low attendance and membership numbers and a weakened financial outlook. During 2022 our community outreach has regained its vigor with the Afghan Refugee work and the Pride Parade. These ministries, along with many ongoing services to the community remain impressive.

I have been honored to serve St. Michael's. I have confidence in the leadership of the churching, including Senior Warden Peter Rodrigues and a very capable Vestry. I look forward to seeing St. Michael's re-emerge as a strong and viable church that is centered on worship, mission, and rebuilding membership.

Sunday, May 15 will be the final day of my interim ministry at St. Michael's. While I will not experience St. Michael's growth and development into the church you are becoming, I have full confidence in your future.

As you go forward, I pray you find confidence in Jesus' Great Commission:

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Matt. 28:19-20

St. Michael's will remain in my prayers. My care and best wishes will follow you.

God's peace in Christ,

Rev'd Dawn Enderwood

From the Senior Warden

On April 6, a Big Wind caught an open exterior classroom door at the Southwind Montessori School, Saint Mike's Educational Building, making it impossible to be closed and secured. A commercial Door Company in Norman was contracted to provide repairs to the door.

That door problem has made clear a need to improve our maintenance and repair plans. For instance, have remaining exterior doors assessed for maintenance, repair, or replacement AND develop a plan for such. The building is no longer "new", and a maintenance plan will reduce the likelihood of unanticipated breakdowns.

Also, there has been a furnace problem at the Southwind Montessori School, Saint Mike's Educational Building, which required a maintenance/ diagnostic visit. An HVAC contractor, inspected and reported that some new parts were necessary for the repair which will be completed before summer.

Lawn service will be provided by Gabino Lawn and Landscaping of Edmond, Oklahoma as they have so professionally for the past few years.

Debi Kelley is now representing Saint Michael's Episcopal Church on the Norman Coalition for Refugee Support, Board of Directors. New Board member, Debi has been an active Saint Michael's participant in the NCRS.

We are BLESSED to have both Deacon Laura Blazek and Deacon Ann Murray with us at Saint Michael's. Through their ministry and their generosity of spirit, they will provide for us much needed continuity and consistency during the upcoming months. Deacon Laura and Deacon Ann will each lead our congregation in Morning Prayer Services, one Sunday per month through May, June, July, August and September. On most of the other Sundays, Father John Borrego will be here for our Sunday Eucharist.

Another Special Blessing we enjoy is the presence of Bishop Wallace Ohl. Bishop Ohl is pleased to be available for services that might arise during these months (Weddings, Funerals, etc.).

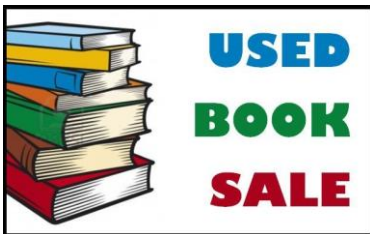
Rev. Canon Eric Cooter and Rev. Canon Stephen Carlsen will be meeting with the Vestry on the 28th of April; continuing the process begun in 2021.

Beginning the week after Easter, The Rev. Canon Eric S. Cooter, Canon to the Ordinary for the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma, and the Senior Warden have begun weekly meetings by Zoom or by phone.

"Weekly meetings with the Senior Warden of a congregation in transition has been my practice for the last few years of diocesan ministry."

There remain many details yet to be solidified. There continue to be some levels of uncertainty. Yet, I continue to be hopeful that clarification of our process will continue, thereby reducing the degree of discomfort.

Peter Rodrigues, Senior Warden



Book Sale and ECW Bake Sale

Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1

NEW DEADLINES

Please have any information for the Sunday Missalette to the office by Wednesday of each week and items for the monthly Missal in by the last Tuesday of the month.

Outreach

Our next Outreach Meeting is 10:00 a.m. on **June 11th**. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring your ideas and your energy!

Outreach information is now posted on the bulletin board by the kitchen. Take a look!

Our Outreach opportunities in May are Norman Pride Festival and Parade, Social Injustice League meal (Debi Kelley), Norman Coalition for Refugee Support (includes Amy and Jim Gardner, and Debi Smith), Sharon's Wagon (Amy Gardner), Hair Care (Debi Kelley and Donna Young), and Sharon's Wagon (Amy Gardner). Contact Amy Gardner, Deacon Laura, or Deacon Ann for additional information.

For Sharon's Wagon, in May we are collecting kid friendly food for summer schools in Norman. Suggestions include pop-top foods, canned fruit, pop tarts, granola bars, or anything a child can open and prepare without heating. June: Feminine Hygiene products (in conjunction with the ECW Red Tent Event).



Norman Pride Festival

As part of our outreach ministry, St. Michaels' is participating in the Norman Pride Weekend Festival and Parade. The Festival is on **Saturday, May 7th** from Noon to 10:00 P.M. at Andrews Park. St. Michaels' will have a booth at the festival to show our support for the LGBTQ2SIA+ community. We are looking for volunteers to work shifts at the festival. There will be sign-up sheets for participating in the parade and for working at the festival. Please sign up to help with this outreach ministry!

The **Parade** is **Sunday, May 8th** at 7:00 P.M. in downtown Norman. Susie Cassidy has designed a float for the parade. We are asking people to help decorate the float (11:00 a.m. Saturday April 30 and to walk in the parade with the float.

T-shirts have been designed that will be great for Pride and other events. Contact: Debi Kelley

Contacts for festival and parade participation: Amy Gardner, Rachel Armstrong, Debi Kelley, Susie Cassidy, Kathleen Rodriques, Deacon Ann Murray, or Deacon Laura Blazek.

Bread Bakers Needed

We will give out free goodies at our booth on Saturday at the Pride Festival. We are asking each family to bake mini-breads – (approx. 3” x 5”) either quick breads or yeast breads. Here is the procedure: 1) let the baked mini breads cool; 2) wrap in saran wrap; 3) place label on outside of saran wrap as to the kind of bread; 4) wrap in aluminum foil; 5) put in your freezer; 6) place in the church's freezer in a bag that is marked "Pride Booth." If each family makes 24 mini-loaves we can approach 1,000 homemade loaves of bread to hand out. We will include a note about the symbolism of bread in the Episcopal Church tradition.

If we all work together, we can do this!! Please have all the breads at church by **Sunday May 1st**. Contact: Kathy Rodrigues, Member of Norman Pride Committee

Norman Pride was created to promote advocacy and provide support for our LGBTQ2SIA+ community. Norman Pride is committed to working with our community partners to provide safe spaces and create events to celebrate and strengthen our LGBTQ2SIA+ community and the diversity that defines the city of Norman.

Maintenance/Repair Requests

We have a new form to request repair work. Forms are clipped to the Jr Warden's in-box. If you see something that needs work, fill out a form and leave in the Jr. Warden's box.

Flowers & Candles

If you wish to give toward the decoration of the church, there are envelopes on the credenza. Or you may make a memo on the check or Cash App. While you're there, consider signing up for altar flowers and sanctuary candles.



St. Michael's Lawn Care

This year because of budget restraints, we are asking members to fund lawn mowing. Our lawn service averages \$550.00 per month for a year. We invite you to underwrite one month of lawn care, or to share a month with others. Please sign up in the in-gathering space. Three months have already been sponsored!

Wild Men!



St. Michael's men meet for an evening of fellowship and conversation on the 2nd Friday of the month: 7:00 P.M. Friday, May 13th.

For just \$15 you can enjoy the simple menu: giant ribeye steaks charcoal-grilled to perfection, baked potatoes, salad, garlic bread and a plentiful choice of craft beers. Non-steak-eaters are welcome to bring other items to grill. As always, first time participants and first-time guests can enjoy all this for FREE.

Please sign-up as we need an accurate count for our steak order by May 11. Contact: Peter Rodrigues (405) 651-7717 studiepete@gmail.com

Episcopal Church Women



"Dress a Girl Around The World"
ECW Luncheon 10:00 A.M.
Saturday May 21st

Kelley Bradley from this wonderful organization will join us for a luncheon and share her knowledge about how a simple dress with a tag can make a difference with child trafficking. She will teach us how to set up a workshop to make the dresses.

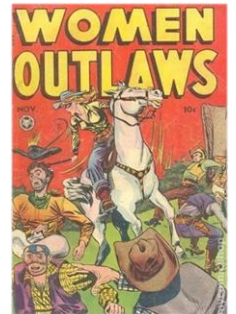
There is no charge for the luncheon but we do need a total of those attending by May 14th.

Please email d3bi.kelley@gmail.com for a reservation. Invite friends, or anyone who is interested in learning more about this organization.

We hope to make this an ongoing ministry for our ECW and others who are interested. Contact: Debi Kelly or Melissa Gray.

Wicked Women/Saucy Sisters

Wicked Women have decided on a name change to Saucy Sisters! We will meet on the third Friday - May 20th - and Santa will be preparing Caribbean food. We meet at 5:30 P.M. and start our meal at 6 pm. Suggested donation is \$10, but give what you are able and first time is free. Contact Amy Gardne 405-366-8321



Wise Women

Wise Women will meet for lunch and fellowship at 11:30 A.M. on Saturday, May 28th. All women are welcomed. Bring your favorite pot-luck dish. Coffee and bread will be provided by the host. Bring a friend! Contact: Santa Velez 405-664-1020



Norman Social Injustice League.



As an outreach ministry we will be providing 40 meals once per month for the homeless. We need three or four volunteers each month to cook, bake, or purchase items and prepare meals. The meals will be picked

up from St. Michael's and delivered by the Social Injustice League to each person.

Our next meal will be on **Wednesday May 25th** (meeting at 5:00 P.M.). We are signed up to provide these meals through June.

If you would like to know more about Social Injustice of Norman, find them on Facebook under *Social Injustice League of Norman*.

Care Team

Pam Wallace has requested lunches for her and Lester during the upcoming weeks while she is receiving chemo. The Care Team would like to invite all others who are willing to help Sign up at CareCalendar.org. Contact: Pam's friend Carol Spencer at 817.303.3446 and leave a message or Debi Kelley 405-306-3450 for help with the form.

Estate Planning

Start thinking now about planning your estate in preparation for the summer workshop on July 9th.

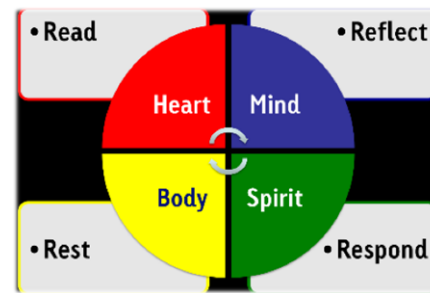
Sunday Service Helpers



We are looking for people to be greeters, ushers and oblationers to serve at least once a month. These truly are easy ministries and yet so rewarding. Greeters open the door with a friendly greeting. Ushers hand

everyone a Sunday bulletin and guide the congregation by pew rows to receive communion. Oblationers carry the sacraments to the altar to be blessed. It's a fun way to encourage others to live and share the love of God at St. Michael's. Please consider joining one or more of these ministries. Contact: Donna Young dryoun9@msn.com (405) 637-6371

Lectio Divina



Meeting each **Wednesday** at 6:30 P.M. in the Chapel, the *lectio* group is facilitated by Bishop Ohl and Canon Charles Woltz. The group currently is exploring the Gospel of St. John.

Get Crafty!

The craft group will meet each Wednesday evening at 6:30 P.M. Bring your knitting, crocheting, or other craft for fellowship and outreach. We will be providing lunch for Laundry Love in June and August, so we need to decorate sacks! Any questions? Contact Amy Gardner.



Norman Coalition for Refugee Support Needs YOU!

Norman Coalition for Refugee Support - May Update

We continue to support eleven families in the Norman area. They continue to settle in and one family may be close to independence. All the dads are working, many have gotten their driver's license and they are adapting to life in the states as their families struggle back home in Afghanistan. It is difficult for them to be unable to help those back home who fight the tyranny of the Taliban.



We have one Guatemalan mom and her two children, nine Afghan families all settled in Norman. Sixty two people have become part of Norman in the past six months. We have four babies on the way. One due this week. We do not need any more baby clothes at this time.

NCRS is close to 501-3c status. A Board of Directors has been formed. This will open many doors for the coalition to continue growing and helping refugees. Debi Kelley is now on the new board of directors, Pam Wallace continues as our cultural expert, Amy and Jim Gardner are cohorts for a family of ten. Several others in our church are volunteering in different areas of the coalition. Teaching English, counseling, transportation and housing.

What can you do? We still need liaisons for our families. As we are made up completely of volunteers, we need people to fill those spots.

We need CARS! Three of our dads have cars now and a couple have their license but no vehicle. We are looking for inexpensive cars that drive decently or may need some work. Around \$5000 or a donated car that needs work. Or even one that is in great shape. This is huge for our family's gaining independence.

Items we always need: Detergent and paper goods.

We are working with families to get their medical and dental needs met. Many have come with mouths full of cavities and unforeseen needs dealing with the war, bombings etc. it is a long road for all. We can only continue to do so with your prayers and financial support.

We still need much in donations to keep our families going as they are discovering how financially difficult it can be to raise a large family in the states. We will be with them until they can support themselves. It is our commitment.

The family Pam and I have worked with have five children. The dad worked with our military for many years. He was in several bombings, was injured and has a harrowing story of escape for him and his family, including a son left behind. Three of the children are in school, two at home. They have had to adapt to our way of learning and are doing incredible, considering what they have been through. This month they are in Ramadan, celebrating their religious holiday.

Volunteer help is needed most in these areas:

1. Family Liaisons 2. Phone Caller 3. Health advisors 4. Child Caregivers

The families are all immeasurably grateful for the support and care you have been giving. Contacts: Pamela Wallace (405) 412-6562 or Debi Kelley (405) 306-3450 d3bi.kelley@gmail.com. They can register you or you can at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084aaaa72aa4ff2-refugee>

To make financial donations to NCRS, please make checks out to St. Michael's and indicate *Refugee Support* on the memo line.

Handy Information

If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the office at 405-321-8951 during regular hours, or call Rev'd Dawn in case of emergency outside office hours.

Office Hours: Monday – Wednesday 9:00 A.M.– 2:00 P.M. Thursdays 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

St. Michael's Webpage: www.stmichaelsnorman.org

St. Michael's Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/6273015521>

St. Michael's YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZX8EOJFq5VykhED5K9q8eA>
Subscribe to receive update notices when we post new videos for worship or other resources.

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Calendar of Events:

April 30	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	BOOK AND BAKE SALE Paint Pride Float
May 1	after service 3:00 p.m.	Book and Bake Sale Norman Singers Spring Concert “Hearing Voices – A concert dedicated to featuring historically underrepresented peoples in music. Featuring “Mariachi Mass”
May 5		National Day of Prayer
May 7	Noon –10:00 p.m.	Norman Pride Festival at Andrews Park
May 8		Bishop Poulson presides Reception with Meet & Greet after service Mother’s Day 7:00 p.m. Norman Pride Parade, downtown Norman
May 13	11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Service for Carolyn Demps Wild Men
May 20	5:30 p.m.	Wild Women/Saucy Sisters
May 21	1:00 p.m.	Episcopal Church Women
May 22	5:30	Wicked Women
May 23	11:30 1:00 p.m.	Wise Women Vestry meeting
May 25	5:00 p.m.	Meals for Outreach
May 30		Memorial Day – office closed

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May Birthdays

02	Vickie Blythe, Rosa Valdes
08	Jane Acord, Lilly Strout
09	Tim Phillips, Jennifer Hancock, Patrick Cody
10	Lynn Robertson
11	Anne Million, Amy McGovern
15	Jan Schwarzkopf
16	Jeremy Wance
19	Kathy Rodriques
20	Tyson Fleming
21	Susie Cassidy
29	Robert Green

Anniversaries

18	Eric & Laura Blazek
20	Brandt & Susie Cassidy
27	Tom & Ann Selvidge
30	James & Martine Smith

On the anniversary of their death

5/01/2006	✠ Patti Whistler
5/12/1990	✠ Elmer Million
5/11/1998	✠ Muriel Johnson
5/17/1994	✠ Carole Jamar
5/15/1997	✠ Margaret Buck
5/20/2004	✠ Robert Sharp
5/26/1997	✠ Robert Brandenburg
5/28/1997	✠ Wesley Bates
5/30/1998	✠ Margie Morgan
5/20/2004	✠ Robert Sharp
5/1/2006	✠ Patti Whistler
5/17/2007	✠ Zana McAfee
5/27/2013	✠ Robert Martin
5/30/2012	✠ Margaret Smith