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# **Community is Messy**

By The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

Community is messy. I can't remember at this moment who said this phrase or I certainly would cite my source as I think it is a great definition of what it is like to live together. Perhaps Jesus said it in one of those many chaotic moments when the disciples were sniping at each other – arguing who would get to sit next to him at dinner. Or perhaps Jesus mumbled it under his breath when his disciples continued to fall asleep at the most in opportune moments. Maybe this phrase ran through his mind over and over again as the frightened disciples tossed to and fro in a boat while Jesus napped.

Community is messy. The kingdom of God as we live into it today is messy. Each of us having our own ideas of how the world should work. Each of us stepping on each other's toes as we try to be the first, or the last, or get out of the way living our daily lives. Each of us preferring a different hymn, while others want no music at all; some want to stand instead of kneel while in prayer; some want incense and others dread the fumes; some put on their Sunday clothes for worship while others choose to sit in their comfy jeans; some carefully select their words while others feel it best to be blatantly honest.

We, the community of St. Paul's are a particularly diverse group of folks with diverse needs, diverse opinions, diverse experiences. And yet, amazingly enough, we come together every Sunday and often throughout the week, to give thanks, to ask forgiveness, to grow in our faith, to weep our sorrows, and to share our joys. Our life together is messy. But it is community, with all of its warts and blessings.

And I have witnessed during the past year, the bonds of community become stronger and yet more flexible as we live into our calling as God's people. I have witnessed painful words spoken with honesty and integrity. Others have shared their opinions in ways that can be heard by those who think differently. I have witnessed the silent ministry of so many not expecting recognition but rather being fed by the mere opportunity to give of themselves. The thing about community in all of its messiness, is if we hang together, we will become stronger and more faithful. We will find our way through the difficult moments and realize we are changed by those times, changed into the kingdom that is more fully what God desires.

Transition never ends and we are in the midst of a shift – discovering how to be the church, God's people, while the world seems to spin faster and faster. We will find new ways to do new

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# A Shining Light...A Clear Song

By Sue LeDuc, Senior Warden



I am writing this the night of the St. Paul's News deadline... in other words at the last minute. Your vestry met in retreat today to look at some serious issues that face us. As I sit at my computer I can see a name tag showing I was senior warden in 1995 and in 2004... hmmm, I tell myself, maybe I already wrote something in those years that will still be appropriate and maybe inspire me. Alas, a search of the computer files from my old computer turns up empty except for two suggestions I wrote for our capital campaign theme. One, "A Shining Light...A Clear Song" was taken from our St. Paul's hymn "We Are A People United":

"may the light of our church keep shining, may its song keep ringing clear."

We are facing a deficit budget and the vestry today began its struggle with this issue. It is not a simple problem but a complex, multifaceted one. It is also one that touches each of us in a very personal, intense, and sometimes hurtful way. That is because we all care very much about this community of faith, and we all recognize the financial "perfect storm" that has been swirling around us in the last several years. We also recognize that many of the same issues have faced us in the past as well. We are determined to end those patterns of behavior. "How?" you may well ask.

One way is "A Shining Light." We have begun this budget year with a major effort in communication with you. We are aiming for transparency so that all might understand the intricacies of our budget. More importantly, we are aiming for clarity so that all of us can feel a part of a community of faithful whose vision includes the use of our resources.

In short: so that "A Clear Song" of what we are about can drive our financial decisions.

We welcome your suggestions and prayers.

# **Community is Messy**

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things, and new ways to do old things. We may realize that some of what we have always done no longer works in our new world. We may decide to let go of those things in our past that are no longer necessary for our future. It will be messy at times. But if we do everything with love and faith, remembering to stay connected to each other, then we might just surprise ourselves in how good we are getting at being community.

In September of this year, we will begin celebrating our 100th anniversary of our church building. But while celebrating the past, we do it with eyes focused on the next 100 years, giving thanks to those who provided us with the building and the resources so that we may be God's community for another century. Yes, community is messy, but we are God's community, and given that, there is nothing that we cannot do. Thanks be to God.

## Save the Date!

By The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

On Thursday, May 8, at 7 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church in East Lansing, several of our community will be part of a grand liturgy. A group of our folks have chosen to participate in a class to prepare themselves for confirmation, or reception into the Episcopal Church, or the reaffirmation of their baptismal vows. This worship service is for our entire deanery and includes folks from St. Michael's, St. Katherine's, All Saints, St. John's (Howell), St. David's, St. Paul's (Jackson) and of course, our own St. Paul's. My hope is that all of you will turn out for this service in support of Jim, Theresa & Hope Milne, Jennifer Humphries, Keeli Baker, John & Frankie Nevin, Barb Lindquist, Sally Boron and her granddaughter Sela, Larry, Larissa & Emma Clarke, and Christopher Hart.

# First Communion Class on Saturday, April 12

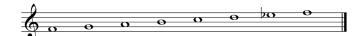
By The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

Baptism is the sacramental rite of initiation. When you are baptized, you are granted access to all the sacraments of the church. No longer is confirmation required before you receive your first communion. I have had the wonderful opportunity to give communion to an infant I had only baptized a few moments before in the service. Many, however, elect to wait for their children to receive communion until an older age. Over the years, I have had some parents tell me they wish their children to wait until they understand what they are doing. I dare say that many adults to this day don't understand what they are doing when they receive communion. I'm not sure I totally understand, as sacraments have a mysterious aspect to them -- they are vehicles of God's grace which is a gift to all of us.

Perhaps it will be helpful if I provide an opportunity for the children to sit with me and chat about communion — what we are doing when we are before the altar with our hands held out, eager to receive God's love in the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. On Saturday, April 12, from 9:30 a.m. until noon, I will lead a conversation for all children whose parents would like to receive instruction prior to receiving communion. Of course, the parents are invited to listen in to our conversation. Please let me know if you are planning on attending.

### **Choir Notes**

By Dr. Stephen Lange



Because of school vacations, there will be several changes in the youth choir rehearsals the first two weeks in April.

Wednesday, April 2, and April 9—No Rehearsals Sunday, April 6—Youth Choirs will not vest

Normal rehearsals resume on Wednesday, April 16.

Chancel Choir schedule:

April 3—No rehearsal

April 10—Normal rehearsal

Wednesday, April 16—Chancel Choir meets at 7:30 instead of on Thursday this week.

Reminders of future dates: Sunday, April 27—High school ladies (including 6th graders) will rehearse at 5:00 for the Lange Ensemble Concert on Saturday, May 3, at 7:00. Call will be at 5:45.

Choir Banquet—Potluck on Sunday, May 18, right after church.

Evensong—A Festival of Doug Austin's music—Sunday, May 18 at 7:00. Thanks so much!

#### Calling all singers!

If you'd like to sing Handel's "Hallelujah" on Easter, please come to rehearsal at 9:30 in the choir rehearsal room Easter morning. Then come up to join us in the Chancel at the appropriate time. We'll provide scores. See you then!

## Treasurer's Report Information as of February 28, 2014

By Jeff Irwin

- February 28, 2014 is 16.7.3% of the year. Pledge income was \$57,185 for the two months ending February 28 which is 19.7% of the 2014 budget.
- Operations had a net loss as of February 28 of \$26,981. On the plus side, in February the market value of the designated and restricted funds gained \$18,920 for a year to date gain of \$9,840.
- Items of note as of February 28 include a total of \$14,151 in utilities, which is 47% of the 2014 budget. We have also paid a total of \$2,753 for snow removal. A quarterly insurance bill in the amount of \$5,415 was paid in February.
- The winter is an expensive time of the year for us, and with the unusual cold, this winter has been even more of a strain on our finances.
- We did receive over \$30,000 in Capital Campaign pledges payments in February. This includes \$25,000 from the Whitley Foundation which concludes their \$75,000 gift to our Capital Campaign.

# Parish News

## Calling All Golfers... Men and Women

The St. Paul's golf league will be starting Thursday, May 8, and we need golfers. Come on ladies we need you too!

We play at Groesbeck on Thursdays starting at 3:30 pm. We will have an informational meeting for anyone interested after the 10 am service on April 13. I will let you know which room it will be in.

If all the players from last year could attend, we do have some thing's to talk about before league play starts. Put us on your calendar for the 13th and let's get ready for some fun golf this year.

## **4F'S UPCOMING EVENTS**

(Faith, Fellowship, Food, & Fun)



12:00 Noon Lunch (\$5.00)

12:30 PM Bible Study (with Steve Lange)

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Program

Please mark your calendars now for these dates.

Monday, April 21 – A Special Tour of the Broad Art Museum on the Michigan State

University campus. We will have lunch at the church and then carpool to the Broad Museum. You may also elect to meet us at the Museum at 1 pm. The exhibits are changed throughout the year, so even if you've been there before, a docent will give us a tour to better understand this wonderfully unique building and the current exhibits that are being displayed.

**Monday, May 19** – Picnic, Book suggestions, and Planning. It will be held at a home to be announced at a later date.



# GETTING READY FOR PALM SUNDAY HELP MAKE PALM CROSSES!

What? Make palm crosses.

When? Saturday, April 12, beginning at 9:30 am

Who? Altar Guild and the St. Paul's Congregation

Why? Celebrate a Holy Palm Sunday

The Altar Guild will make palm crosses for Palm Sunday on Saturday, April 12. You are invited to learn how to make crosses and help the Altar Guild prepare St. Paul's for Palm Sunday. Instruction will be provided for this fun task. Please join us at 9:30 for coffee and breakfast pastries. 9:30 too early? Come when you can! All are welcome.

THANKS TO ALL who donated so generously to help make our annual used book sale another great success. ONE MORE CHANCE to search for those few finds that you missed on the two previous Sunday sale days. April 6 offers you one last opportunity to enrich your own reading choices while generously supporting the work of Episcopal Relief and Development. Come and buy. Come and give.

-----The Book Ladies

## **Lange Choral Ensemble**

The Lange Choral Ensemble will present their annual spring concert on Saturday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Their program, titled ". . . and heaven and nature sing" will include Utrecht Te Deum by G. F. Handel, accompanied by an instrumental ensemble, Crying for a Dream (a setting of Native American poetry) by Rene Clausen, accompanied by two pianos and flute, and works by Whitacre, Betinis, and Lange. Their concert is open to the public and tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$8.00 for Sr. citizens, and \$8.00 for students. Tickets will be available at the door. For more information, please call 482-9454.

# Youth News

By Barb Heany

# St. Paul's Youth Become Active with Diocese of Michigan's YAYA Ministries Events

Two of our St. Paul's youth, Emily Irwin and Kaitlyn Narezo, are part of the design team for Nightwatch: Detroit 2014. Nightwatch is an annual diocesan event for Jr. and Sr. High youth held at the Cathedral (Saturday and Sunday, April 5-6). Kaitlyn and Emily have participated in several Nightwatch events and are now able to use some of their experiences to share with the design team. This year's theme is "Finding God's Abundance in a Hungry Game World." Let us keep these two young ladies in our prayers as they work to make this Nightwatch experience the best ever!

In addition, Kaitlyn Narezo attended a 2-day training session to become a group leader for the 2014 New Beginnings held at All Saints Episcopal Church in Pontiac on March 14-16. New Beginnings is a 3-day retreat for Jr High Youth that is held twice a year at different parishes within our diocese. The focus of the retreat is based on relationships with friends, family, and God. As a group leader, Kaitlyn will lead her group in a variety of activities, discussions, and prayer.

We are proud of these two young people who are sharing their time and talents with this wonderful ministry of Youth And Young Adults within our diocese!

#### **Upcoming Youth Events:**

Nightwatch:Detroit, April 5-6....Nightwatch:Detroit is Adventure, Community, Worship, Mystery, and More! Each event begins when a Nightwatch:Detroit bus picks us up and delivers us to the Cathedral where a safe, Christcentered atmosphere of joy, contemplation, and fun awaits. Nightwatch: Detroit is where God happens! If you are in grades 6-12 and would like to experience this diocesan

event, please contact Jackie Womble or Barb Heany. Cost is \$25. Scholarship assistance is available. Information and registration forms will be at the Youth Resource Table.

By Jackie Womble

#### **Spring Break**

As the weather, begins to warm, we hope, Spring Break for the area schools approaches and many of the Christian Education teachers are traveling. So, there will be no Youth Christian Education classes on Sunday, April 6.

#### Weird Animals VBS 2014!

Vacation Bible School is almost upon us! This years Vacation Bible School theme is Weird Animals: Jesus loves us for who we are. This years VBS will be Monday through Friday, June 23 to 27 from 9 am to 12 noon. Volunteer forms are available in the Merrifield Room or with Jackie Womble. Please join us for a fun, faith-filled week!

#### Easter will be Eggstra special!

On Easter Sunday the Youth Christian Education Program will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for children 10 and under after the 10 am service. All are welcome!

#### Items need for VBS

In preparation for Vacation Bible School this year I am in need of medium to large cardboard boxes, colored cellophane, and clear disposable plant trays. They will be used to decorate our gathering space. Please see Jackie Womble or put them in her office if you have any you can donate. Thank You!!



Nightwatch: Detroit

# St. Paul's Ministries St. Paul's Mission and Outreach Ministry

By Carol Miller

What's new? St. Paul's the Needs Closet will be launched April 15 upstairs in the parish house. This ministry serves as a clearinghouse to provide, at no cost, gently used and new bedding, towels, warm winter coats, and diapers directly to Lansing's neediest individuals and families for their health and well-being. Thanks to Debby and Max Pierce for donating all the shelving and to Libby Richardson for giving large plastic bins for storage.

Who will we help? We begin this ministry by targeting individuals and families who have undergone needs assessments by social service workers. We will work at first with Amy Wortley and Kathy Vogel, St. Paul's parishioners, and their co-workers, all whom are social workers at Community Mental Health. If you are a St. Paul's member, a licensed, practicing social worker and would like to share in this project, let us know. Also, Bobbi Morris at Open Door will notify us when particular clients need assistance. We will minister to our own church members, as our Reverend Karen Lewis will confidentially access the closet if need be. Also, St. Paul's Refugee Group members in dire need could be helped by the Closet, as determined by the support group leadership team. Our Needs Closet staff will deliver the requested items to these professionals who will then disperse them to their clients. In order to accommodate our parish staffing capabilities, the Closet will not be open to any walk-in clients at this time.

Why a Needs Closet at St. Paul's? One key focus of our Mission and Outreach Ministry is homelessness in the Greater Lansing area. Most folks moving from homelessness to more stable environments own little to nothing. Providing clean, warm bedding and towels for households in transition will promote more healthy living. Giving disposable diapers to help a mother in financial crisis may prevent her from reusing a soiled one on her baby! Why does Lansing need another Needs Closet when Christian Services orchestrates a clearinghouse ministry for churches? As human needs grow, services must increase; we as Christians are called to respond lovingly, promptly and directly. St. Paul's is a giving, dynamic family who is asking for more hands-on ministry, thus our Needs Closet is born!

How can you help? If you, your relatives, friends are spring housecleaning, clearing-out, or downsizing, please consider giving laundered, gently used items you no longer need to our project. Our "clearing house" needs the following: bed clothes for twin, full (double), and queen size beds including machine washable sheets, pillowcases,

warm blankets, comforters, bed spreads, bath and hand towels, wash clothes and heavy winter coats. New items are appreciated as well, including mattress pads, regular and allergy-free pillow covers, pillows, and disposable diapers. Along with donating these used or new items, please consider shopping at thrift stores, super sales in stores, or on-line. If you need someone to pick up your donation at your home, call Carol Miller (a) 614-0570 for arrangements. Please place donated items in the designated area located in the cloister between the sanctuary and the parish house. Cash donations for purchasing items to stock our Needs Closet are gratefully accepted.

St. Paul's Mission and Outreach Committee members are writing proposals to various sources for this project, requesting monies to buy inventory. If you would like a receipt for your in-kind or cash donation, let Carol know. Equally important, we need helpers to manage, inventory, sort, stock, tidy up, and gather "orders" together for distribution to the social service workers and our minister as requested. Please join in this exciting ministry as you are able.

# **Stewardship Ministry Team**

By Ree and Jim Huber



Your Stewardship Ministry Team begins each meeting with the prayer that says, "Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor...that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy Holy Name."

We are continuing to pray that all our works help glorify the Lord as we strive towards an increased amount of money for our financial needs. Today, our pledge donations are about \$10,000 less than last year, and we have a deficit of about \$100,000 to have a balanced budget.

What can we do as a Parish? How do we keep our beloved St. Paul's going strong? One idea is to begin some fundraising activities to help meet our financial needs and budget deficit, but we do need more ideas and a lot of assistance. Can you help? As good stewards of St. Paul's, you have each given so much. What more can we do together? As our children showed us and asked us with their orange clapper hands and shiny orange socks, "Where does Jesus need you to be His hands and His feet?"

# St. Paul's Ministries

### St. Elizabeth Guild

Our first meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, April 22. Meeting place and program to be announced soon.

The May 27th meeting will be our annual Salad Luncheon which starts at 12 noon. We will be meeting at the home of Sally Lawrence.

If you would like to join us anytime, please call me at 485-5446 or email at maxpierce@prodigy.net.

**Debby Pierce** 

# OneWorld, Many Stories St. Paul's Youth Library



Sharing a good book is a way of giving yourself. It is a way to speak in a lively and comprehensible way about faith. Children's literature deals with themes of importance and basic

questions of life in ways that are clear and vital. Good books have many "Christian" characteristics, especially in its basic hopefulness and recognition of the good and miraculous. They carry a fundamental faith that the world, however muddled, is good.

The books highlighted this month approach the complex ideas of Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter simply without diminishing their importance.



Year A: 5th Sunday in Lent, April 6, 20 Gospel Reading: John 11: 1-45

The Magician's Elephant by Kate DiCamillo

Year A: Liturgy of the Palms, April 13, 2014

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

The Colt and the King by Marni McGee





Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014 Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:14 – 27:6 *The Easter Story* by Brian Wildsmith

Year A: 2nd Sunday in Easter, April 27, 2014 Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

The Boy Who Cried Bigfoot! by Scott Magoon



# **Altar Flower Ministry**

Thank you to the following people for the part you play in adorning the altar with flowers to celebrate the beauty of God's creation.

April 2014 Altar Flower Dedications
April 27, 2014

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Steve and Peg Clink, and John and Doris Sheldon, by Peter and Nancy Sheldon

and

in loving memory of our mothers, Lola Repaskey and Edna Frasher, by Martie and Tom Repaskey.

Please remember to send in your monetary donation to St. Paul's.

If you would like to make a donation, simply fill out and submit an Altar Flower Request Form that is found on the sign-up table in the Merrifield room, and on the St Paul's website. All dedications for a particular Sunday will be honored.



# Maybe It's Time for You, Too

By Chuck and Sue Millar

Maybe it is time for you, too, to deal with those please-letme-avoid-it end-of-life issues. But, as Garrison Keillor has observed, "There are no exceptions."

Last summer we both reached our eightieth year, and we realized that the best time to talk about end-of-life issues would be while we are still in fairly good health. Deciding our preferences and then sharing them with our children has brought us peace of mind and gratitude from our kids. When the time comes, such preparation will spare our family much uncertainty and stress.

St. Paul's offers a helpful guide, *Planning for the Future*. We found that it lists helpful questions regarding end-of-life issues.

#### For example:

- Have we given Power of Attorney to someone to handle our finances when we are unable to do so?
- Do we have an Advanced Directive spelling out our wishes for end-of-life medical treatment and someone with Power of Attorney to make medical decisions when we are unable?
- Where do we keep our important papers, our credit cards, our computer passwords?
- Have we given someone in our family this information?

The guidebook also asked church-related questions for each of us to answer individually:

- When death is near would I like a priest to be present to offer prayers and perhaps anointing?
- Do I want to be buried or cremated?
- Do I prefer a funeral or a memorial service?
- Will there be a funeral home visitation?

Planning for the Future also provides personal funeral service options to consider. We selected preludes, postludes and hymns we particularly like; we both have chosen to include communion as part of the service. Our lessons and psalms are selected, and we have provided the names of those whom we like to speak at our funeral. When a few of our preferences appeared to fall "outside the box," we consulted with Karen and came up with satisfying alternative choices.

Early in our planning we met with our four children and their spouses to describe in general terms our financial trusts and our views regarding end-of-life issues. Steve and Sandy live in Mobile AL, so we had to engage in considerable negotiation to make it possible for everyone to attend, but we found a way and all our children and their spouses came, including two of our teenage grandchildren. This was a new experience for all of us, and everyone was a little uneasy and uncomfortable at first --- Mom and

Dad's eventual deaths being the "elephant in the room." Chuck reviewed the "what" and "why" of the meeting and led the discussion using an outline to be sure we covered the agenda. At the end of perhaps an hour and a half of discussion and questions, all of us were grateful for the information and discussion, and even more so for the love that was evident.

Following the meeting we resumed work on the Planning guide but soon realized we still had questions and needed to confer with Karen. This meeting was very helpful: In a half hour's time, decisions became clearer and details fell into place. At Karen's suggestion, we also visited our designated funeral home to discuss with someone the services they offer including the possibility of pre-paying a funeral--- steps for which our children will thank us.

We are grateful for this experience. It has eased many of the uncomfortable feelings we had when we first began this planning process. Even more importantly, we are assured that the activities and values expressed at the end of our lives will be ours.

## Join the Conversation!

By Rick Laub



St. Paul's own Dr. Rob Gray will be with us on

Saturday, April 12, for an evening discussion and showing of his documentary "Mobile in Black and White". The documentary on structural racism has just been released and has already been at several film festivals. It recently was accepted at the Capital City Film Fest.

Structural racism is often subtle and hidden. It is woven through our laws and institutions, very much like the structure of our buildings is hidden and yet very much required to maintain the way we live.

The documentary starts at 7:00 pm and will be shown at Dart Auditorium on the campus of Lansing Community College – just a three block walk from St. Paul's. A panel discussion and open mic will follow the showing.

At 5:00 pm, we will have a dinner (menu-based potluck) in the Merrifield Room where Rob will introduce "Mobile and Black and White". Please mark you calendars for this opportunity. Visit www.lansinginblackandwhite.org.

# St. Paul's Events Calendar

#### **APRIL 2014**

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church 218 W. Ottawa St. Lansing, MI 48933

The greeters for April will be the Parish Life and Communications and Technology Ministries. April greeters will be the Parish Life Ministry on Sundays April 6 & 13, and Communications & Technology for Sundays April 20 & 27. May greeters will be St. Aelred's Ministry for Sundays May 4 & 11. Worship Leaders will be greeters for Sundays May 18 & 25. Leaders please send the names of the greeters to Kathleen so she can put them into the Sunday bulletin.



<u>We pray for those who are sick and in need:</u> Katie Stoltze, Debra Staal, Kent Riley, Webb Smith, Jr., Adam, Ashley, Dick, George Nama, Patty Lindholm Bayes, Max Sutton, Jamelia Manson, Kaleel Van Voorhees, Ed Remick, Angela, Pat, Dave and Sue Metzger, Matt Mann, Jim, Orville, and Joi Luckadoo-Villa.

<u>We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers:</u> Kathy Bowland, Blain Coghill, Dave, Mason Hill, Marsha Macholz, Bill, John & Grace Hawkins, Tom Foltz, Jake Cook, Sebastian Cuesta, Joe & Judy Manson, Marge Cook, John Sleight, MaryLea & Ed Benson, Marilyn, and Ellie Doersam.

We pray for peace and comfort: for Gloria Sutton and family & friends of Max Sutton who recently passed away.

<u>We pray and remember those in the Military, who are serving in dangerous areas:</u> Jeff Doorlag, Tyson Carter, and Sam Montie.

We pray for those expecting: Anna & Ben Hoffman, Jennet & Isaac Francisco, and Julia & Justin Heany.

<u>We give thanks for:</u> the newest members of Christ's Body, Keeli Sue Baker, Anna Lynn Gardner, and Jennifer Lynn Humphries.

We pray for those preparing for confirmation, reaffirmation and being received to make their hearts and minds ready to receive the blessings of the Holy Spirit: Keeli Baker, Sela Bauman, Sally Boron, Larry Clark, Larissa Clark, Emma Clark, Christopher Hart, Jennifer Humphries, Karen Lewis, Barb Lindquist, Jim Milne, Theresa Milne, Hope Milne, John Nevin, and Frankie Nevin.

<u>We pray for:</u> The Most Revd. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop; Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr., our bishop; Karen C. Lewis, our priest-in-charge; and all other worship ministers and staff at St. Paul's.