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Relationships.

By The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

My suitcases are packed; vestry meeting tonight; noon service tomorrow and then I am off to experience the wonders of France for almost two weeks. Many have said to me "don't take any work with you" and "don't think about us". But . . . how can I not? Yes, I will leave my work cell phone at home and I will try not to check my email too often; but I will think about you. Although an ocean may divide us for several days, I will carry you in my heart.

Being in relationship with others does that to you . . . you carry them with you wherever you may go. Once the relationship is established it is not so easy to dump someone from your heart. Sure, we try sometimes . . . when we are angry with someone, or have been hurt by their actions, or feel we are undervalued and not appreciated, or our expectations have not been met. I can only imagine the hurt Jesus experienced by those who denied him, called him names, or wished him physical harm. Yet, he never cut anyone off. At times, he seemed to love them even more. Loved them enough to open wide his arms and have them nailed to rough-hewn wooden boards.

I believe the primary thing God asks of us is to try to be faithful. To live out that faith in our relationships with each other, with our community, and with the wider world. Not an easy task and if anyone ever suggested to you that being a Christian was easy . . . well, they didn't know what they were talking about. I struggle with it all of the time and perhaps you do also.

Relationships are hard because they require us to be vulnerable, to take risks, and to invest time and energy into the life of another. Relationships are demanding, as they ask of us to live with each other's bad days, challenging behaviors, and, sometimes, harsh words. But,

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Relationships

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we also are gifted with grateful hugs, kind words, and patient support to get through those difficult moments. Relationships are the one thing above all others that hold us together as the community of St. Paul's.

In the coming days, I invite you to ponder your relationships – with your family, friends, fellow St. Paul's folks, and the wider world. Which of your relationships need tending? What investment are you willing to make to see each relationship flower and bloom? How is your relationship with Jesus Christ? Is some work needed there? How much time and effort do you give to ensuring those whom you love and care for, know it? Also, and more difficult, who do you need to forgive? As forgiveness is the necessary glue that holds us together.

A community of faithful people, like St. Paul's, is a wonderful, glorious, tangled mess of relationships. I can't imagine where my life would be without it. Let us carry each other in our hearts as we continue to build our relationships with each other and the world.

Blessings,

Karen+

Schedule for Greeters

The greeters for September will be the Altar Guild and Metro 218 ministries. The Altar Guild has Sept. 7 & 14, and Metro 218 has Sept 21 & 28.

October greeters will be the Building & Grounds and Finance ministries. Leaders, please send the names of the greeters to Kathleen so she can put them in the Sunday bulletin.



Better Late than Never

By Sue LeDuc, Senior Warden

It will soon be clear to you, dear readers, that I missed the deadline of Friday, August 15 at midnight to submit my column to SPN. I knew what I wanted to write about, I thought, until I heard Rev. Lewis's sermon on Sunday. Sunday's sermon was from Matthew 15:21-28...the story of the Canaanite woman and her faith even in the face of Jesus' showing his very human side of frustration. And Karen emphasized that reaching out of our boundaries and protective shields yields life-giving experiences.

I had planned to write about community because of my recent personal experience with the love of this church community. I heard such kind words and so got many hugs and wonderful cards after the recent death of my mother...I was overwhelmed. Thank you everyone.

I thought about that sermon all the way home – home to the relative chaos (or really – chaos of relatives) at my house. My son and my grandson came for a quick visit from Brooklyn, NYC, on Thursday. All three grandchildren spent Thursday and Friday at my house for sleep-overs, etc., and – well, you get the picture.

But the basic of truth of this passage in Matthew and Karen's sermon resonated with me. There are certainly days when I think my only charge is my family; but I have lived long enough to experience the unexpected joy and profound satisfaction of overcoming my fears and stretching my boundaries.

There are Monday mornings when I ask myself...why did I volunteer to help with the Bhutanese refugees? But moments of insight, too; as when one of the men said to me after we talked about elections and practiced voting... "we lived under a king...we have never voted...we don't know what it is like." And I was stunned by what I take for granted and how easy it is to forget what we have and how easy it is to be cynical. Their faith renewed mine.



CPR and First Aid classes are returning to St. Paul's!

Watch the October SPN for class schedule and more details!

Can't wait for more information? sboron@casair.net

Financial Update.

By Jeff Irwin, Treasurer

- As you may be aware we began the 2014 year with a projected operating shortfall of approximately \$133,000 and about \$90,000 available in the Perpetual Fund to cover the deficit.
- In response to this deficit the Vestry took action to reduce 2014 compensation for the positions of Rector, Office Manager and Music Director. They also eliminated the positions of Bookkeeper and Assistant Music Director. This resulted in **approximately \$30,000 in compensation expense being trimmed from the 2014 budget.**
- Also, approximately \$7,500 was reduced from our 2014 Diocesan pledge, and \$2,500 in operating expense was reduced by recording the funding of Mission and Outreach out of the restricted funds only.
- Finally an appeal was conducted in an effort to increase pledge revenue. **As of August 12 an additional \$37,465 has been pledged for 2014.** Of that amount \$13,000 has already been contributed. The additional 2014 pledge campaign has not been completed and additional pledges are hoped for.
- The above amounts net to a **potential 2014 operations shortfall of approximately \$56,000.** As of July 31, \$40,000 has been withdrawn from the Perpetual Fund to fund the deficit. Therefore it is possible that only an additional \$16,000 will need to be withdrawn from the Perpetual Fund for the remainder of the year 2014.
- As of July 31 there was **\$52,000 still remaining in the Perpetual Fund.**
- Based on the above information it is anticipated **the Perpetual Fund will still have a balance at December 31, 2014.**
- I do caution that the above amounts are approximate and will change based on actual financial results.
- Also while it does appear that there will be a balance in the Perpetual Fund at the end of 2014, there will still be a significant financial challenge for the year 2015.

Kudos to

. . . all of our summer musicians and soloists. What a delight to hear your voices in worship.

. . . those who volunteer their time each Monday morning to work with our Bhutanese ministry.

. . . the office volunteers who fill in when Kathleen is on vacation. They have the opportunity to see how the office runs, how much maintenance the building requires, and the overall busy-ness of St. Paul's, even in the summer.

. . . those who volunteered to serve lunch to our community neighbors at Open Door.

. . . the 100th Anniversary Committee who has worked hard over the summer to make this a time of celebration of not only our past, but also the future. In particular, thanks to Hillary for the great banner out front!

. . . Mark Rudd for changing the sign out front on a regular basis.

. . . those who provide warm hospitality after several funeral services this past summer. Your gifts of food, conversation and cheer create a comfortable space for many to cry, share stories, and grieve.

. . . all the acolytes who woke up early on a Sunday morning to serve at the altar!

~Karen+

St. Paul's News September 2014



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.

September 2014 Altar Flower Dedications

September 7 - *The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of the Senko, Jambor, and Majancsik families by Elizabeth Senko and family and in loving memory of Peggy and Lex Brede by Pam and John Irwin.*

September 14 - *The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of brother, The Reverend H. Arthur Doersam, and parents Harry and Mary Doersam by Eleanor Doersam and in loving memory of Sam, Sloma, and Rita Assiff by their family.*

September 21 - *The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Carol Julian's birthday.*

September 28 - *The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of husband Martin Lindholm and daughter Kathy Lindholm Lane and in thanksgiving for my family from Norma Lindholm and in celebration of Cynthia and Greg's love.*



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Parish Events.

A Centennial Celebration!

It is the 100th Anniversary of our beautiful St. Paul's church structure. Invitations have been sent out to former clergy and to state and government officials. We, the people of St. Paul's, will be getting our invitations this week. We will have a wall of many of the celebrations that have taken place at St. Paul's. So, bring in your wedding photos, your baptism photos, and commemorations of your glorious events that have happened here at St. Paul's. Many other activities are planned for you and with you. Are you ready to celebrate?

1892 Rite

Rev. Karen Lewis will present two Wednesday night informational meetings exploring the 1892 Rite. Although women were not allowed at that time to become priests, Karen, our priest-in-charge, will lead us on **Sunday, September 28, with the 1892 Rite Service at 10:00 a.m.** On that special Sunday there will be **no 8:00 a.m. service** in order for all of us to worship together. Then, of course, we will have an old fashioned "Pot Luck." Bring your favorite dish, but food does not have to be 100 years old!

Golf Scramble

Monday morning, **September 29 at 10:00 a.m.**, there will be a "Golf Scramble" at El Dorado Golf Course in Mason. Teams will consist of four people, and the ball played is the

best ball of the team. You do not even have to be a good golfer to play in this tournament! **The cost is \$25 for 9 holes and a cart.** There will be lunch served afterwards for \$15, and you can come to the lunch without even having played a round of golf. Prizes will be awarded. Come join us in the laughter and fun!

Dedication and Consecration with Bishop Gibbs

The celebration continues on **Wednesday evening, October 1, at 5:30 p.m.** with Bishop Gibbs officiating with a service of dedication and consecration. After this special service of giving thanks to our beautiful building and celebrating our past as we look to the future, we will welcome our guests and each other with a "Champagne Reception."

This is where you can help! Your favorite appetizer or hors d'oeuvre will be graciously enjoyed by all. Sign up in the Merrifield Room for your delicious contribution! We look forward to enjoying the food and friendship of this delightful occasion.

This is truly a celebration of our "Goodly Heritage." Let's welcome everyone to OUR St. PAUL'S BUILDING CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION with praises to the Lord as we look forward to our future and hundreds of more years!

THEES, THYS, AND THOUS

What a difference 100 years make! In 1914, St. Paul's was worshipping with the 1892 Book of Common Prayer. A normal Sunday service would start with Morning Prayer, then move on to The Litany, and finally Holy Communion, if you chose to stay for it. Sermons were normally 25 minutes long, if not longer. You, or the priest, would recite The Lord's Prayer at least four times during the service; say the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed; hear numerous readings of scripture; and sing perhaps one or two hymns. There was no choir, no procession in or out, and no one but the priest was allowed to touch the bread and wine.

Our theology and praxis sure has changed! Join me on Wednesdays, **September 10 and 24 at 6:30 p.m.** to explore the 1892 rite we will be using on Sunday, September 28. We'll look at the theology of the service and how it compares to our theology today. We'll ponder why the folks in the pews had little to say or do in the service. We'll look at the history behind the development of this rite – which takes us back to 1789. And, we'll discern if there is anything in the 1892 rite we should have carried through into today.

On these two nights, A Catered Affaire will offer a **dinner starting at 5:00 p.m.** Please sign up in the Merrifield Room if you are joining us for dinner.

Parish Events.



38th Annual Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 12 @ 1:00 p.m. – Calling all walkers and rockers! Please join us for this 10k Walk for Hunger. Look for our CROP Walk information table in the Merrifield Room during the month of September where you can register to walk, make a pledge or donation, and get more information for this very important cause. Help us “End Hunger One Step at a Time”!

Music.

Calling all choristers Ages 5 to 95!! If you enjoy singing, please join us in choir this fall. It's a great way to share your talents in praise of God, to experience great fellowship with fellow singers, and to bless other parishioners while being refreshed yourself during each rehearsal.

For Youth (grades K-12): Rehearsals will begin on **Wednesday, September 3**. The schedule is:

Cherub Choir (for choristers in grades K-2) 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Maureen Nauss, director)

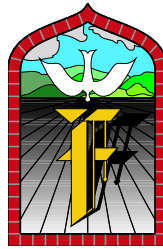
Boy's and Grace Choirs (Grades 3-6) 5:30 to 6:30

High School Choir (Grades 7-12) 6:30 to 7:45

For Adults: Chancel Choir rehearsals (for adults of any age) will begin on **Thursday, September 4, at 7:30 p.m.** This first rehearsal will be preceded by a potluck supper at 6:30. Please bring a dish to pass, but if you can't, please join us anyway for the meal and a time of fellowship and catching up on summer activities! We have a great year planned with much new music—especially for services celebrating the 100th anniversary of the church building. In preparation for Silver Bells in the City, The Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals on **Thursday, September 11**. If you haven't rung before, please call Mary Rodeck for more information. If you have any questions about the choir program, please call Steve Lange at 482-0369. Help us make a joyful noise to the Lord this year!

4F'S UPCOMING EVENTS

(Faith, Fellowship, Food, & Fun)



Anyone who has time in the middle of the day is welcome to join us for Faith, Food, Fun & Fellowship! This year, we'll be meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month September through May, with no gatherings during Lent. Please sign up for programs in the Merrifield Room or by calling Kathleen at the church office (482-9454) or Nancy Sheldon (393-9165).

12:00 Noon Lunch (\$6.00 lunch from A Catered Affaire)

12:30 PM Bible Study – “Using Hymns as Spiritual Resources” with Dr. Steve Lange

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Program

Monday, September 15: Sparrow's Palliative & Hospice Care Services. Our first 4F's program this fall will be held at Sparrow Health System's St. Lawrence campus on W. Saginaw. We will meet there at noon for lunch, our Bible study and program. This presentation will be about the services they provide to keep those who face the challenges of a life-limiting illness out of emergency rooms and helping them remain in their homes as long as possible. Additionally, they use a comprehensive approach to hospice in-home care, with their inpatient program located in Hospice House on the St. Lawrence campus. Other Sparrow services provide care in many nursing homes and assisted living facilities in our area. We will have an opportunity to tour Hospice House after the presentation. A box lunch will be provided to those who sign up. Plenty of parking is available at St. Lawrence and we'll provide directions to everyone in advance.

Monday, October 13: Spirituality in the Art of Glassblowing. In October, 4F's will visit the Craig Mitchell Smith glass studio and showroom in Old Town (North Lansing). He is a Lansing artist using the medium of glass to create sculptures and gift pieces. His work has been seen in HGTV, Cooley Gardens, Dow Gardens, MSU Perennial Gardens, and the Chicago Flower and Garden Show. Most recently, he had a massive display sculpture of butterflies at Epcot Center at Disney World. Craig Mitchell Smith's enthusiastic personality and beautiful works will be sure to give us all a truly delightful afternoon. We will meet at the church for lunch & Bible study, then car pool to the studio. If you'd rather, you can also sign-up without lunch and meet us at the studio. Directions will be provided to those who'd like them.

Ministry and Mission.

St. Aelred's

St. Aelred's has expanded its services to provide meals for those that are in need following surgery or illness. To make this process easier, we are using the website mealtrain.com. If you are a person who enjoys cooking, please contact Chris Krupka (cekrupka@gmail.com) with your email address and she will add you to the list of people who are willing to cook. Once on the list, you will receive an email letting you know who needs a meal, their address, any allergies or food preferences as well as how many people will be sharing the meal. The more meal makers we have the easier the job. Thank you for your help!

If you are visiting friends that are sick or shut in and may need a pick me up, there are small vases available that may be filled with flowers from the altar. If you need assistance finding the flowers or vases, just ask an altar guild member following the service (they can be found in the sacristy) and they will be glad to help you out.

Communications & Technology

Attention Leaders of Ministries, Guilds and all Groups: Important deadline.

Web page description and purpose are due NO later than **Monday, September 29.**

1. With your group, please write or rewrite the description and purpose for your ministry, guild, group that you would like to have on your group's web page on the St. Paul's web site.
2. Submit to Rev. Karen for approval, with a copy to Karen Clarke and Chris Couch.
3. Revise if needed.
4. Final copy will be submitted for inclusion on the website.

Altar Flower Ministry

Altar flowers at St. Paul's bring the glory of God's creation to our worship each Sunday. In the past, the St. Paul's community has been blessed with many loyal supporters of this ministry.

For decades, this ministry was available to only one or two people per Sunday. Some people felt shut out. In an effort to make this ministry more accessible to everyone, changes were made. Unfortunately, after all dates were open for dedications very few people have taken advantage of this opportunity.

Surprisingly, not all people who have requested a special Sunday dedication have made a donation for that dedication. It has been sad to find out that in the past, some of our parishioners did not even respond to Smith's bills. Without donations for these dedications, we have a \$630 deficit. The Altar Flower Ministry must be self-sustaining. Obviously, changes are in the works for 2015.

For the remainder of 2014, please check the flower dedications on the bulletin board by the elevator. If you have a long-standing dedication, altar flowers cost \$70 weekly. Please make your donation accordingly.

Please remember to write Flower Fund on the memo line of your check made payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Please put your donation in the offering plate or mail directly to the church office.

St. Elizabeth

The first meeting this Fall for the St. Elizabeth Guild will be on **Tuesday, September 23.**

Nancy Sheldon will be Hostess for this meeting, and it will begin at the church in the Hill Room with a short meeting and light lunch. We will then proceed to the Lansing Historical Exhibit at City Hall. (For those who cannot make the walk to City Hall we will have transportation available).

If anyone would like to join us we would love to see you. Please connect with me at 485-5446 or maxpierce@prodigy.net.

Welcome back

Debby Pierce, President

Ministry and Mission.

Mission & Outreach

By Carol Miller

Hearing God's call to reach out?

Join in St. Paul's outreach efforts this fall in one of these simple ways:

- Donate two dozen cookies on a Sunday morning to be shared with our Monday morning Bhutanese support group members who meet in the Merrifield Room.
- Buying a new warm coat for yourself for fall and winter? Give your used coat to the St. Paul's Needs Closet by placing it on the table in the cloister. We promise it will be given to a needy visitor at Open Door Ministry who will be most appreciative.
- Buy an extra can of beans, fruit, soup, tuna etc. to help fill the shopping cart at the parking lot entrance of the church once -- or often.
- Organize a Needs Closet Drive with your guild, club, or co-workers to collect gently used sheets, blankets, comforters, towels, disposable diapers, and baby wipes and put the items on and around the table in the cloister.
- Volunteer to create a fresh Mission and Outreach Display on the bulletin board outside the Merrifield Room.
- Talk with any of the following Mission and Outreach Committee members about your outreach ideas and interest in working on projects: Chris Krupka, Pat Riley, Karen Clarke, Libby Richardson, Susan Henderson, Debby Pierce, Lyn Zynda, Tom Repaskey, Tom Cathey, Nancy Rudd, Mark Rudd, Jack Womble, Sue LeDuc, and Carol Miller.

Thank you!

St. Paul's Prayer Group

"We are not called to save the world, solve all problems, and help all people. But we each have our own unique call, in our families, in our work, in our world. We have to keep asking God to help us see clearly what our call is and to give us the strength to live out that call with trust. Then we will discover that our faithfulness to a small task is the most healing response to the illnesses of our time." ~Henri Nouwen

The Prayer Group meets on the **first Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Chancel of the church.** We are continuing our study of the works of Henri Nouwen this year as we read and discuss his book *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. The New Oxford Review says this about Nouwen's book: "For all who ask, 'Where has my struggle led me?' or for those 'on the road' who have had the courage to embark on the journey but seek the illumination of a known way and safe passage, this work will inspire and guide each time it is read. *The Return of the Prodigal Son* is a beautiful book, as beautiful in the simple clarity of its wisdom as in the terrible beauty of the transformation to which it call us."

The Group begins on **Tuesday, September 2**, and meets September through May. Occasionally there may be changes in the meeting time, which will be well publicized. We gather in the church combining sharing, silent reflection, discussion of the book, and specific prayer concerns. All participation is strictly voluntary. We pray for St. Paul's, its needs and its joys. An attitude of gratitude is always part of our vision. For more information, please contact Steve Lange (482-0369).

Men's Breakfast Group

Men's breakfast group, which meets on the third Thursday of the month, will hold its first meeting of the year on **Thursday, September 18**. Breakfast is provided by A Catered Affaire for \$6.00 a person. We share a meal, fellowship, and thoughts about God's intentions for us through Bible study. This year we continue our study of Revelation under the leadership of our Priest-in-Charge, Karen Lewis. Please join us as often as you can as we learn about the symbolism that John uses to bolster the spirits of the early church in the midst of increasing persecution. We meet from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. in the Hill Room—just sign up in the Merrifield Room or let Steve Lange (482-0369) know if you plan to attend.



It's Back to School Time!

By Jackie Womble,
Youth & Family Missioner

This means Sunday School starts! Join us on **September 7 at 9:45 a.m.** for the return of the Youth Christian Education Programs, ages 3 years through seniors in high school! The children will begin Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and join in the service just before the passing of the peace.

We have made a couple of changes this year. The first one is that we have moved the Junior High classroom to the last room on the right of the Christian Education wing. This will allow all of our classes to be in one part of the building.

Our second change is, we will be using a new curriculum with the preschool through junior high classes. The new **Feasting on the Word Curriculum: Teaching the Revised Common Lectionary** is an ecumenical, downloadable resource that incorporates the uniqueness of the award-winning Feasting on the Word commentaries. This innovative resource incorporates the Feasting on the Word commentary style to explore one of the lectionary passages in ways suitable for all participants. Each age level provides comprehensive, accessible biblical background for teachers from four perspectives.

This curriculum begins with a solid scriptural and theological base for leaders and invites leaders and learners deeper into the rhythm of the church year. It utilizes a common Bible passage for all learners, making it easy for families to learn and live out their faith together.

We are looking forward to a wonder filled year!

Children's Sabbath

Precious in God's Sight: Answering the Call to Cherish and Protect Every Child. We are joining many thousands of people of faith and places of worship across the religious spectrum who share concern for our nation's children and are united in faithful commitment to respond through prayer, education, hands-on service, and persistent justice-seeking advocacy on the Children's Sabbath weekend and throughout the year to come. This year the Children's Sabbath is focusing on assuring every child a Strong Start in life through quality nurturing and early childhood development for 0-8 year olds.

We will be celebrating Children's Sabbath on **Sunday, October 19 at the 10:00 a.m. service.** More to come!

Anti-Bullying Workshop

To continue our celebration of Children's Sabbath on **October 19th**, Eric Travis, the Youth and Young Adult Missioner for the Diocese, will present a Anti-Bullying Workshop **after the 10:00 a.m. service.** There will be a potluck lunch served before he begins. So plan to join us after the Children's Sabbath service on October 19.

An Old Fashioned Gathering!

On **Saturday, September 27, from 3 to 5-ish** join us as we celebrate like 1914! As a start to our week long celebration of the 100th Anniversary of our church building bring the whole family and join us for homemade ice cream, games and evening prayer.

YOUTH

One World, Many Stories St. Paul's Youth Library

Can the literature of childhood help us communicate the Christian faith? Absolutely! Children's literature is one vehicle that transmits our understanding and insights from one generation to the next. Religion is the story of our spiritual quest. It is a journey. We need to illustrate the meaning with new stories about the human condition, about the way life is lived and can be lived and should be lived.

The literature of childhood can be an effective common language because it contains stories we can all listen to and learn from together. It is full of incidents and characters that we can respond to with varying degrees of understanding as we study and worship as one body. Read simply because literature is one of God's good gifts.

Literature can help us learn about giving – how God has given to us and how we can give to others. Children may think that tangible things like toys, food, and trips are significant gifts. It is often difficult to illustrate gifts that are intangible or sacrificial.

Check out these books to explore our God-given gifts that we have to share.

Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman

Each of us is wonderfully made in the sight of God and each of us is given our individual gifts. In God's sight we are all created equally. It is possible for Grace to believe that she can be anything that she wants to be, with hard work.

Brother Sun, Sister Moon by Katherine Paterson



The Canticle sings of our kinship with all created things. Jesus teaches us to look at the natural world to understand trust. This book could be a guide to prayer for a family. It has no age limits.

Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox

God gives to us the gift of relationship. God first reaches out to us and in turn gives us the wisdom, strength, love, creativity, and desire to reach out to one another.

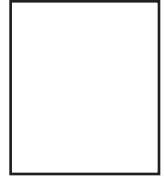
The Clown of God by Tomie dePaola

Giovanni is a poor orphan who achieves fame and fortune through his skill of juggling. Two Franciscan monks tell the amused Giovanni that everything—including his juggling—sings of the glory of God. Although he counters that he only juggles to entertain people and make them laugh, the monks insist that "If you give happiness to people, you give glory to God as well."

Calendar.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Rev. Lewis Vacation 9:00 AM Church School in Hill Room 9:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion w/Rev. Hamlin	1 LABOR DAY Rev. Lewis Vacation	2 Rev. Lewis Vacation Schedule Sound System Check 9/4 12:00 PM NO Worship & Healing Service 5:30 PM Prayer Group - Chancel	3 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting 5:30 PM Cherubs, Boys & Grace Choirs 5:30 PM Mission & Outreach Committee 6:30 PM High School Choir	4 6:30 PM Adult Choir Potluck - Hill Room 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	5 Office Closed 12:00 PM AA Meeting	6 9:30 AM Altar Guild Meeting
7 FOOD BANK SUNDAY 8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion 1:00 PM Bissinger Funeral Service	8 Bissinger Interment Deepdale 9:00 AM Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield Room	9 12:00 PM Worship & Healing Service 5:00 PM Buildings & Grounds 6:00 PM B&PW Dinner & Meeting	10 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting 2:30 PM Clericus Mtg. - Van Atta 4:30 PM St. Aelred's Committee - Van Atta 5:00 PM Family Night Dinner 5:30 PM Cherubs, Boys & Grace Choirs 5:30 PM Finance Committee 5:30 PM Parish Life Committee 6:30 PM High School Choir 6:30 PM Rev. Lewis Exploring the 1892 Rite	11 10:45 AM Open Door - Serving Lunch 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	12 Diocesan New Beginnings Event @ St. Paul's Office Closed 12:00 PM AA Meeting	13 Diocesan New Beginnings Event @ St. Paul's
14 Baptism Anniversary Celebration HOLY CROSS DAY 8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion 9:00 AM Usher's Breakfast 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion 11:30 AM Communications Committee	15 9:00 AM Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield Room 11:00 AM Executive Vestry Committee 11:59 PM SPN Deadline!!	16 12:00 PM Worship & Healing Service 5:30 PM Finance Committee	17 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting 5:30 PM Cherubs, Boys & Grace Choirs 6:30 PM High School Choir 7:00 PM Clericus Diaster Planning w/Vestry @ St. Paul's	18 Fresh Start Retreat @ Emrich Center 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	19 Fresh Start Retreat @ Emrich Center Office Closed 12:00 PM AA Meeting	20
21 MINISTRY MATTERS 8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion 11:30 AM Youth Christian Education Committee	22 9:00 AM Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield Room 5:30 PM Liturgy & Music Ministry 6:00 PM Vestry Dinner - Meeting @ 6:30 pm	23 12:00 PM Worship & Healing Service 12:30 PM St. Elizabeth Guild	24 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting 5:00 PM Family Night Dinner 5:30 PM Cherubs, Boys & Grace Choirs 6:30 PM High School Choir 6:30 PM Rev. Lewis Exploring the 1892 Rite	25 5:45 PM Quilty Kats - Hill Room 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	26 Diocesan New Beginnings Event @ St. Paul's Office Closed 12:00 PM AA Meeting	27 Diocesan New Beginnings Event @ St. Paul's Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social with 1892 Evening Prayer
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We pray for those who are sick and in need: Katie Stoltze, Debra Staal, Webb Smith, Jr., Adam, Ashley, Dick, Jamelia Manson, Angela, Pat, Jim, Bill Sheldon, JoLee Manson, Mary Zamora, Susie Brewster, Mary, Bruce Helmer, Rev. Allen Brown, and Joan Gibbs.

We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Kathy Bowland, Dave, Mason Hill, Marsha Macholz, Bill, John & Grace Hawkins, Tom Foltz, Jake Cook, Sebastian Cuesta, Joe & Judy Manson, Marge Cook, MaryLea & Ed Benson, Marilyn, Kaleel Van Voorhees, Dave & Sue Metzger, and Ellie Doersam.

We pray and remember those in the Military, who are serving in dangerous areas: Jeff Doorlag, Tyson Carter, Trevor Cichowski, and Matthew Cichowski.

We pray for the family and friends of those who recently died: Anne Dewey, Matt Mann, Kent Riley, Elizabeth Lentz, Patty Lindholm Bayes, and John Bissinger.

We pray for and celebrate the birth of: Bonwen Amibeth Francisco to parents, Jennet & Isaac Francisco; and Felicity Eleanor Heany to parents, Julia & Justin Heany and big sister, Anya.