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# The Ministry of Waiting.

By The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

Waiting . . . we seem to do a lot of that in our lives, don't we? Such as Hillary once again waiting for my SPN article. Bless her patience! But we wait a lot . . . in grocery lines, drive-up food lines and bank lines; for a child coming home at night from a party; for the rain to stop, the movie to start; for a prescription to be filled; for a test result; for a tweet from a friend; for a check to be deposited in the bank; for things to get better or worse; or for someone to die.

I wonder if anyone has ever researched the average amount of time we spend waiting in any given day. One of my fond childhood memories is of my mother always carrying a book with her so she could read, even if only for a moment, while waiting. How do you fill your time while waiting? Is it grumbling because it takes so long? Is it with patience knowing that whatever you are waiting for eventually will come into being? Even if it is not exactly when you want it to happen?

A Christian, in particular, spends quite a bit time waiting . . . we wait for the Sunday service to begin and the sermon to be over; we wait for God's answer to our prayers wondering if God is listening; we wait for the next change to be made wondering how it will affect our worship and our lives as a community and most of all . . . we wait for the kingdom of heaven to fully arrive. And at times, it seems like it never will, as if God is busy somewhere else.

Waiting is, and will always be, a part of our lives. Nothing we can do to change that no matter how advanced our technology. But perhaps, we can change the way we wait. Perhaps, you might during that time of waiting, offer up a prayer or two. For those of us who lead

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[www.stpaulslansing.org](http://www.stpaulslansing.org)

# 100 Years and Counting

By Sue LeDuc, Senior Warden

We are celebrating our beautiful sanctuary – 100 years of worship in that most gracious setting. I have been looking at the pictures and articles scattered around the cloisters and elsewhere and they paint a fascinating portrait of St. Paul's as a worshipping community. We have literally survived fire and other calamities. We have survived changes that were hard... new liturgies, new music, new ways of living our baptismal vows and spreading the gospel.

We are also looking ahead to our vision of the future. On October 4 we will meet at St. Michael's in Lansing to spend the day asking hard questions, trying ideas, talking together about the goals for St. Paul's in a new century. It is important and scary. We are challenged by new technologies, new ways of communicating, new ways to relate to the community, new concepts as to what is church and what is worship, by changes that come in an instant and by fears as to what is happening to the family, to schools, to our country, to "good old-fashioned virtues." That is not to mention the more mundane issues of our heating/electricity bills, and the constant repairs needed for buildings as old as ours.

And yet, looking at all we have been I can't help but think we will find our vision...and if we keep asking ourselves "Where is God in all this?" we can't go wrong.

## The Ministry of Waiting

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extremely busy lives and claim we have little to no time for prayer . . . perhaps while waiting you might take a moment to give thanks . . . for the blessings and challenges of the day. Perhaps you might take that moment of waiting to look around and seek a someone who looks like they are in need of a prayer or two . . . perhaps you might see something that brings you joy and offer up a word of thanks.

Just a thought. But we all might find that we do a heck of a lot more praying each day if we connect with God while waiting for whatever it is we are waiting for. Blessings to all of you and happy waiting and praying!

Karen+



### **October 2014 Dedications Altar Flowers**

**September 28** - *The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of husband Martin Lindholm, daughters Kathy Lindholm Lane, and Patty Lindholm Bayes and in thanksgiving for my family from Norma Lindholm.*

**October 5** - *The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Christine and Walter Nugent, and Margaret and Earl Kelly by Marilyn and George Nugent and family; and in celebration of our Mother, Virginia Jessop's 100th birthday with love from Debby and Max, Cindy and Becky.*

**October 12** - *The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jean and Tom Shawver by Brad Deacon; and in celebration of the 90th birthday of Mary Louise Lindquist by Barbara and Kirk Lindquist.*

**October 19** - *The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Joyce Wiggins by her daughter Kathleen Johnson, and grandchildren Micha, Tara, Tonya, Jessica, and Jenna.*

**October 26** - *The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory Of God, and in thanksgiving for her grandchildren Claudia, Conrad, Olin and Mateo by Sue LeDuc.*

## **Historical Tour Welcomed at St. Paul's**

On August 23, St Paul's welcomed about 40 men, women, and children as they completed the Historical Society of Lansing's Church and State Tour. This was an outside walking tour, but we were pleased to welcome them into the church for a short presentation and refreshments at their final stop.

It was a bright sunny morning and St. Paul's looked beautiful. The outside looked great, thanks to the efforts of volunteers, and our historical displays were up due to the hard work of our 100th Committee. Mandy Lawton invited our visitors in and gave a brief history of our church building, followed by questions and answers. Our needle point kneelers were of much interest to many. After being able to wander our church, the group made their way to the Cloister area where they were served refreshments by Deb Pierce and Sally Lawrence. Most lingered, asking more questions and checking out more of our beautiful pieces of art and sculptures. Some commented on how surprised they were when they walked into St. Paul's, indicating it was more beautiful than what they had imagined. Several suggested they may have to come back on a Sunday. The morning was a success, many visitors through our doors, appreciating our beautiful church and getting to know us a little better.

# Financial Update.

By Jeff Irwin, Treasurer

- August 31, 2014, is 67% of the year. **Pledge income was \$224,229** for the eight months ending August 31 which is 77% of the original 2014 budget. However the budget for pledge income has not been modified for the additional pledge campaign.
- Operations had a small net gain for August of \$1,543 to bring the August 31 year to date total to a loss of \$55,706. The reason for the gain is primarily additional pledge payment received, the reduction in compensation and benefits, and less overall spending in the summer.
- In August the **market value of the designated and restricted funds gained \$16,653** for a year to date net market gain of \$38,486.
- As of August 31 we have **\$51,315 still to be collected from the Capital Campaign.**
- Because of the reduced spending and additional pledge contributions noted above we have not had to transfer funds from the perpetual fund since April. To date we have transferred \$40,000 out of the perpetual fund into the checking account. **The perpetual fund has a balance of \$53,388 as of August 31.**

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## CPR / AED / First Aid are Returning!



St. Paul's stopped hosting American Red Cross (ARC) classes because our local ARC chapter could no longer rent out manikins that are necessary for teaching life saving skills. Funds provided by St. Paul's Hubbard Fund have purchased one set of 4 adult manikins, eliminating the need to

rent or borrow manikins from other organizations.

### FACTS:

- St. Paul's is a registered ARC Authorized Provider of health and safety classes.
- St. Paul's has a fully certified ARC instructor – Sally Boron
- Classes have been condensed and stream lined –
- Old: classes were 6 or more hours in length with all instruction and skill practice taught throughout the day
- New: classes are now available online followed by a less than 2-hour hands- on skill session with an instructor

### How does the new format work?

1. The instructor will enroll participants at St. Paul's by a set deadline and provide them with instructions for taking the content of CPR, AED, and First Aid on their own computer, at their own pace.
2. Participants will have about a 2-week time frame to complete the online class. The class may be completed all at once or spaced over time, returning

to the content sections as is convenient. At the end of each content section, there is an online quiz, 80% correct required for success. Depending on individual differences, it will take around 2 hours to take the online portion of the class.

3. When the online class is complete, the participant will receive a certificate of successful completion by email and the instructor will be notified of their success.
4. A hands-on skill session will be scheduled at St. Paul's for those who have successfully completed the on line class. This session will be no more than 2 hours in length. The instructor will use video lessons to review hands on skills. Participants will practice the skills on manikins and with other materials. After appropriate demonstration of skills, participants will have successfully completed the class and earn 2-year ARC certification.

### Enroll in an Adult CPR / AED / First Aid Class:

- Skill class – November 22, Saturday, 9 am; Registration deadline November 6.
- Skill class – December 13, Saturday, 9 am; Registration deadline November 25.
- Class size is limited to a maximum of 10, minimum of 6.
- There is a fee of \$30 to cover ARC course fees and locally used materials.
- Contact Sally Boron for more information – sboron@casair.net or 517-669-9468

# Parish Events.

## Worship Ministry ~ An Invitation

By Lyn Zynda

There was a time in the not-too-distant past when the members of the congregation were not allowed to participate in presenting the Eucharistic Services. While this might have allowed for more nap time during Sunday morning services, it certainly didn't promote a feeling of inclusiveness or involvement in our worship.

We experienced this exclusion again recently during our 100th Anniversary celebration when our Priest-in-Charge, Karen Lewis, led the entire service – no Prayer Leader, no Lay Lector, no Eucharistic Ministers to participate and assist. While the experience was interesting and educational (did people ever really talk like that?), I surmise most of us prefer the opportunity to be part of each week's worship services.

That's what I'm inviting each of you to do, to join this vital and important ministry at St. Paul's. I speak from experience when I tell you participating in the presentation of our Eucharistic service deepens the experience of worship. You can participate in one, two or all of three ministries:

### PRAYER LEADERS

Prayer Leaders lead the congregation in the "Prayers of the People." These can be taken directly from the BCP or

you are invited to write your own. These prayers are led from the pew so this might be a good fit for someone who is not comfortable getting up in front of the entire church.

### LECTORS

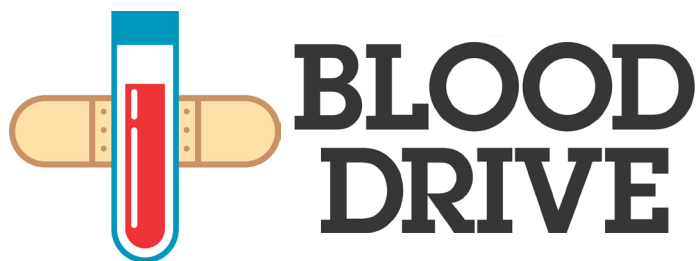
Lectors are the ministers who read the Old and New Testament lessons each week. The copy is provided for you to rehearse before the service and you are invited to add context to each lesson if you are inspired to do so.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Also known as Chalice Bearers, these ministers share, "The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation," to fellow parishioners. This role does require you to be licensed by the Diocese, which requires a one-hour lesson conducted by the Rev. Karen Lewis.

Volunteers for all ministries and for both 8 and 10 a.m. services are needed – with special urgency for 8 a.m. If you feel you could be a candidate for this vital ministry, please call or email me: [Lyn Zynda \(Lynella@aol.com\) 517-202-6992](mailto:Lynella@aol.com). Thank you for your consideration.

*As each has received a gift, employ it in serving one another, as good managers of the grace of God in its various forms.* ~ 1 Peter 4:10

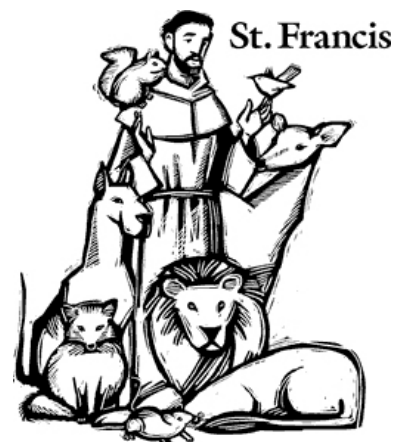


The Fall Blood Drive is **Saturday, October 18, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.** and we need help. If you would like to be a part of this Community Outreach event, we need help making phone calls, setting up and tearing down, working the day of the Drive, making sandwiches, and donating blood. If every person who reads this article brings someone to this drive to give blood, we will easily make our 50 unit goal! Please help us save lives in the Lansing area.

*Thanks, Elisabeth Richardson*

## Blessing of the Beasts

Be sure to bring your furry friends to the 10am service on **Sunday, October 5**, for the annual "Blessing of the Beasts." Every year, on the Sunday closest to Saint Francis' Day, we gather together to share our pets with one another and bless them as representatives of the unconditional love of God. All "beasts" are welcome! The 10 a.m. service will be held in the Merrifield Room on October 5. No sign up is necessary.



# Parish Events.

## COMING IN FEBRUARY

By Sue Millar

As sure as the February Thaw, or the February blizzard, once again we will be asking for your donations to the annual **ERD USED BOOK SALE**, raising funds in support of the work done by Episcopal Relief and Development. Each year, thanks for your support through donated used books and then your purchase of "new" books, we have been able to send \$1,000 or more each year to bring hope and resources to help heal the world. I'm hoping you will designate a box or bag in your home where you can begin collecting your contributions. Watch for details.

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## Save Your Wednesdays!

Join us for two new adult formation series on Wednesday evenings. On October 15 and 22– Karen will lead us in a class focused on prayer – known as Help Me to Pray! We'll look at the various forms of prayer – what works for you and what doesn't. From silence to fasting to prayer beads to journaling – discover the various prayer forms we engage in to connect with God.

**In November – on the 5, 12, and 19 – we are honored to have a three-week series on the wisdom of our Desert Fathers and Mothers with Nancy Weatherwax.**

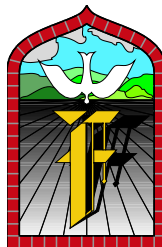
Nancy Weatherwax received her Ph.D. from the Graduate Department of Religion at Vanderbilt University in 2003 with a specialization in early Christianity. She has taught at several midwestern colleges and universities, including Millikin University, Albion College, Lansing Community College, and Western Michigan University. Nancy is an Episcopalian with Presbyterian roots, who has enjoyed leading adult education classes in churches for over 20 years.

This study series invites you to explore the spirituality of the desert fathers and mothers, men and women of fourth and fifth century Egypt, Syria, and Palestine who felt called by God to make a radical commitment to the Christian life. Their teachings have been preserved in the form of outwardly simple but profoundly insightful sayings. Come and discover what the sayings and lives of these early Christians offer to us in our own spiritual journeys today.

**Remember to sign up if you are joining us for dinner from a Catered Affaire.**

## 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 (482-9464) or Nancy Sheldon (393-9165)

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

12:45 PM – Our spiritual segment: Using hymns as one of our spiritual resources - Dr. Steve Lange

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Program

**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 at Cooley Law School Gardens, Dow Gardens, MSU Perennial Gardens, the Chicago Flower and Garden Show and on HGTV. 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 & meet us at the studio. Directions will be provided to those who'd like them.

**Monday, November 17: "Truly grand, for more than a century: America's Original Grand Hotel":** The Grand Hotel has always embraced its rich history, but kept up well with the times. It's personal historian, Bob Taggatz, has been a long-time employee of this beautiful hotel on Mackinac Island and is the historian who teaches classes about history at the hotel. He's a wonderful storyteller and has fascinating tales to tell about its building and its more than one hundred years of service of excellent hostelry! In the winter, he resides in Mason, MI.

**December 8 or 15...date yet to be determined: "Annual Christmas Celebration: Special luncheon & Choir Concert"**

# Ministry and Mission.

## Mission & Outreach

By Pat Riley and Carol Miller

St. Paul's Mission and Outreach welcomes Pat Riley as our new coordinator of our monthly Open Door lunch-serving project. Thank you, Pat!

Pat writes,

*The Open Door Ministry is coordinated with Central Methodist Church. We do it on the second Thursday of the month. We usually have 6 people sign up. That list is on the table in the Merrifield Room. We meet in church and walk over as a group @ 10:50 a.m. Bobbi gives an overview of her program and the type of service you will do, such as dishing up the food or pouring drinks. She usually has a spot picked out for us. Then we DON our beautiful hairnets and aprons and go to work. I am taking over as coordinator for this event. If you have any questions: Call 882-1691 or email me smitty271@sbcglobal.net or snag me in church.*

Secondly, a warm thanks to Chris Krupka who is now co-manager of St. Paul's Bed Linen, Towel, and Diaper Needs Closet located in the former Deacon's Office upstairs in the Parish House. In August, items from our closet were distributed to eight families through their case workers, so Chris found herself very busy!!!! Thanks for our parish families' continued donations of gently used linens, towels, and disposable diapers to be placed on the table in the cloister. Help St. Paul's Church reach out to our local community in need.

Fall means broader opportunities for giving. Please look for the mitten tree's annual arrival in the cloister in October where you can hang mittens, gloves, and scarves to be given to our local folks, especially children, to help keep them warm as the cold weather settles in. Also, Thanksgiving Baskets sign up will take place in the Merrifield by mid-October. Please consider providing the food for a family's holiday dinner. Turkeys will be purchased separately through donations if you care to help this way. The Red Cross Blood Drive and the Crop Walk also take place in October, so please look for those sign-up opportunities at church. God blesses everyone for our outreach efforts!

## Communications & Technology

By Andrej Walilko

### 'Net News

The time has finally come! Our new website is online! This complete re-creation of the St. Paul's website has streamlined the site's usability, provided a more secure and updated engine, and upgraded its appearance significantly. Though there are still spots where the kinks are being ironed out, the new website will hopefully provide visitors and prospective members with a more realistic and modern image of the St. Paul's community.

The ministries page is one of the biggest changes. Each ministry team now has direct access to edit its own page on the website, so that updates can be made as frequently as desired to include past meeting minutes, a calendar of the year's events, or simply a statement of purpose. This gives a lot of flexibility to the individual teams, and reduces some of the strain from the web administrators. If you are on a ministry team and need access to your page, please get in touch with the communications team.

If you have comments and questions about the new website, you can voice your opinions by emailing the webmaster at walilko@gmail.com.

## St. Elizabeth

The next meeting of St. Elizabeth Guild will be **Tuesday, October 28** at the home of Ree Huber.

A program has not been chosen yet but stay tuned to the Sunday Bulletin.

Again if you have any interest in joining us for lunch and meeting and a lot of enjoyable friendship, please call me at 485-5446 or email to maxpierce@prodigy.net

~ Debby Pierce

# Ministry and Mission.

## Altar Flower Ministry

By Barb Lindquist

### *New Altar Flower Dedication Procedure*

Starting with the first Sunday in Advent, there will be a new procedure for altar flower dedications. There will no longer be automatic dedications from year to year. You will need to fill out an Altar Flower Dedication Request Form each time you want a dedication. A sign-up chart will be maintained on the bulletin board by the elevator on the main floor. Parishioners and friends need to sign up for a dedication date on the chart. It will be possible to have multiple dedications for any given Sunday. Each dedication request requires a \$70 donation. All dedication requests for a specific Sunday will be honored.

To have an altar flower dedication in the bulletin, your form and \$70 payment must be turned into the office by the Monday prior to the Sunday of your dedication. The cost of each dedication request will be \$70 regardless of the number of people who have signed up for a particular Sunday.

There will be four Sundays during the year for special dedications: Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, and All Saints. On these Sundays, a dedication will be a minimum donation of \$25. A few weeks before these special Sundays, there will be a special dedication form available.

If no dedication has been made for a particular Sunday, no altar flowers will be provided. The operating budget can no longer subsidize altar flowers. This ministry must follow the original intent, and be self-sustaining.

## St. Aelred's

St. Aelred's Pastoral Care asks that you include the following people in your daily prayers:

Those serving in the Military:

Jeff Doorlag ~ Tyson Carter ~ Sam Montie ~ Trevor Cichowski ~ Matthew Cichowski ~ Brendan Moody

Those suffering from Illness or Health Issues:

Kathy Bowland ~ Katie Stolze ~ Dave ~ Debra Staal ~ Tony ~ Carol W. ~ Ed Remick ~ Elizabeth ~ Angela ~ Bill Sheldon ~ Mason Hill ~ Marsh Macholz ~ Bill ~ John Hawkins ~ Grace Hawkins ~ Tom Foltz ~ Sebastian Cuesta ~ Joe Mason ~ MaryLea Benson ~ Ed Benson ~ Dave Metzger ~ Sue Metzger ~ Susan Brewster ~ Rev. Allen Brown ~ Jane Diehl

## St. Paul's Prayer Group

An Invitation from the Prayer Group

What is prayer? The Book of Common Prayer says that "Prayer is responding to God, by thought and by deeds, with or without words." Others have said that "Prayer is the practice of the presence of God." Richard Foster suggests that "prayer is coming home to God—coming home to serenity and peace and joy, home to friendship and fellowship and openness, home to intimacy and acceptance and affirmation."

If you would like to pursue some of these aspects of prayer, please join us in the Prayer Group, which meets on the **first Tuesday of each month, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** in the front of the church. This year we are using *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming* by Henri Nouwen as a jumping off place for our discussions about prayer and its place in our lives. For more information, please contact Steve Lange at 482-0369.



**ATTENTION:** Your St. Paul's Recycling Ministry Team is holding a bottle/can (deposit) fundraiser on **Sunday, October 26th**. Our purpose is to prompt recycling awareness within St. Paul's community of worshipers, and raise some cash (which will go into the General Fund). Bring any bottles/cans (rinsed please) that you can spare. You can "deposit" your bag of bottle/cans before the service inside the Merrifield Room or in the vestibule off the Ottawa Street entrance; there will be Recycling Ministry Team members to direct you. We'll take it from there. **THANK YOU!**

# YOUTH

By Jackie Womble,  
Youth & Family Missioner

## Children's Sabbath

We will be celebrating Children's Sabbath on **Sunday, October 19**, at the 10 am service. This year's Children's Sabbath theme is Precious in God's Sight: Answering the Call to Cherish and Protect Every Child. The Children's Sabbath focus is on assuring every child a Strong Start in life through quality-nurturing early childhood development. As part of our Children's Sabbath Celebration we will be collecting donations for the Family Growth Center. The Family Growth Center (FGC) provides free drop-in respite childcare to families in crisis and parents who need a "stress" break. Childcare is provided by a highly skilled and compassionate staff in a licensed facility. The FGC provides quality care for children from 6 weeks. To help live into this year's Children's Sabbath theme we are asking for the following items:

- Gently used books, puzzles and toys
- Construction paper
- Markers
- Crayons
- Paints

## Trunk or Treat!

Calling all princesses, goblins, saints, and super heroes for a ghoulish good time! Join us on All's Hallow Eve (Halloween) for trick or treating trunk to trunk in the parking ramp behind St. Paul's from **6 to 8 p.m.** We will be concluding our evening with an All's Hallow Eve Service.

We will be having a trunk decorating contest for those who would like to provide treats to our costumed visitors! So gather up your treats and creative ideas and join us on **Friday, October 31!**

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

### *Using Children's Picture Books to Talk about Faith*

As much as we would like for faith to infuse every part of our children's existence, talking about faith in our everyday lives may seem hard at times. Children's books can provide a natural springboard for faith talk. The books in the Reading Corner in the Merrifield room are not "religious" books; they are not about faith. Rather, they are wonderful stories that will provide many opportunities for conversations about what it means to be a faithful person in God's Kingdom. Happy reading!

## Episcopal-whoosa?

By Barb Heany

On Saturday, September 6, Barb Heany, Frankie Nevin, and Kaitlyn and Aidyn Narezo ventured off to St. Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville, MI, not knowing just what to expect. We had heard of this Episcopalooza before, but had no idea what we were getting into. All we knew for sure was that Eric Travis, the Youth & Family Missioner with the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, desperately needed volunteers. So we were off to the rescue! Little did we know that we were going to be blessed beyond our imagination with a beautiful day and beautiful people!

Episcopalooza is an EDOMI-sponsored back to school carnival. There were lots of inflatable games and bouncy houses, food aplenty and a drawing for some great prizes and best of all it was FREE! This event travels to different parishes within our Diocese, giving the community and fellow Episcopalians a chance to meet and get to know one another. Now that we know what Episcopalooza is you can bet we will be back next year and we hope you will too!

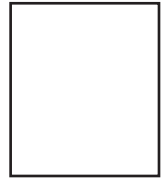




# Calendar.

## OCTOBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> <b>9:45 AM</b> Church School <b>10:00 AM</b> 1892 Rite Service & Holy Communion <b>11:30 AM</b> Congregation Potluck <b>6:45 PM</b> Bible Study w/Rev. Lewis	<b>29</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield Room <b>10:00 AM</b> Golf Scramble @ Eldorado Golf Course <b>6:00 PM</b> Recycling Ministry Team	<b>30</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Worship & Healing Service	<b>1</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> 100th Bldg. Ceremony <b>5:30 PM</b> Cherubs, Boys & Grace Choirs <b>6:30 PM</b> High School Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> St. Paul's Reception	<b>2</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>3</b> Office Closed <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>4</b> Congregational Visioning @ St. Michael's w/ACA breakfast/lunch FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS
<b>5</b> BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS <b>FOOD BANK SUNDAY</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion <b>9:45 AM</b> Church School <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion w/Blessing of the Animals in Merrifield Room <b>11:30 AM</b> England Choristers Parents Meeting	<b>6</b> Rev. Lewis Retreat <b>9:00 AM</b> Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield Room <b>6:00 PM</b> Stewardship Ministry Team	<b>7</b> Rev. Lewis Retreat <b>12:00 PM</b> Worship & Healing Service <b>5:30 PM</b> Prayer Group - Chancel	<b>8</b> Rev. Lewis Retreat <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting <b>4:30 PM</b> St. Aelred's Committee - Van Atta <b>5:30 PM</b> Cherubs, Boys & Grace Choirs <b>5:30 PM</b> Finance Committee <b>5:30 PM</b> Mission & Outreach Ministry <b>5:30 PM</b> Parish Life Committee <b>6:30 PM</b> High School Choir	<b>9</b> <b>10:45 AM</b> Open Door - Serving Lunch <b>7:00 PM</b> Deanery Caucus @ All Saints' <b>7:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>10</b> Office Closed <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>11</b> Steve Lange Away
<b>12</b> Baptism Anniversary Celebration Coffee Hour w/Cake for Mary Lindquist 90th Birthday Commissioning of Crop Walkers Steve Lange Away <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion <b>9:45 AM</b> Church School <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion <b>11:30 AM</b> Communications Committee <b>11:30 AM</b> Youth Christian Education Committee	<b>13</b> Steve Lange Away <b>9:00 AM</b> Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield Room <b>12:00 PM</b> 4 F's Luncheon & Program	<b>14</b> Steve Lange Away <b>12:00 PM</b> Worship & Healing Service <b>5:00 PM</b> Buildings & Grounds <b>6:00 PM</b> B&PW Dinner & Meeting	<b>15</b> Steve Lange Away <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting <b>5:00 PM</b> Family Night Dinner <b>5:30 PM</b> Cherubs, Boys & Grace Choirs <b>6:30 PM</b> Help me to Pray Class w/Rev. Lewis <b>6:30 PM</b> High School Choir <b>11:59 PM</b> SPN Deadline!!	<b>16</b> Steve Lange Away <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast <b>9:30 AM</b> Rev. Lewis @ Fresh Start Program/Brighton <b>7:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>17</b> Office Closed Steve Lange Away <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>18</b> BLOOD DRIVE 9-2 Steve Lange Away <b>10:00 AM</b> Children's Sabbath Rehearsal
<b>19</b> CHILDREN'S SABBATH Commissioning of Convention Delegates <b>DIAPER SUNDAY!</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion <b>9:45 AM</b> Church School <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion <b>11:30 AM</b> Anti-Bullying w/Eric Travis <b>11:30 AM</b> Congregation Potluck	<b>20</b> COLUMBUS DAY - OFFICE CLOSED <b>9:00 AM</b> Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield Room <b>12:00 PM</b> 4 F's Group Lunch & Program <b>6:00 PM</b> Vestry Dinner - Meeting @ 6:30 pm	<b>21</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Worship & Healing Service	<b>22</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting <b>5:00 PM</b> Family Night Dinner <b>5:30 PM</b> Cherubs, Boys & Grace Choirs <b>6:30 PM</b> Help me to Pray Class w/Rev. Lewis <b>6:30 PM</b> High School Choir	<b>23</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>24</b> Diocesan Convention - Lansing Center Office Closed <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>25</b> Diocesan Convention - Lansing Center
<b>26</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion <b>9:45 AM</b> Church School <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion	<b>27</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield Room <b>5:30 PM</b> Liturgy & Music Ministry <b>6:00 PM</b> Recycling Ministry Team	<b>28</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Worship & Healing Service <b>12:30 PM</b> St. Elizabeth Guild	<b>29</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> Cherubs, Boys & Grace Choirs <b>6:30 PM</b> High School Choir	<b>30</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Handbell Choir <b>7:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>31</b>  Office Closed <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Trunk or Treat Halloween Party @ St. Paul's	<b>1</b> ALL SAINTS' DAY



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We pray for those who are sick and in need: Bill Sheldon, Mary Zamora, and Jane Diehl.

We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Mason Hill, Marsha Macholz, Bill, John & Grace Hawkins, Tom Foltz, Sebastian Cuesta, Joe & Judy Manson, MaryLea & Ed Benson, Marilyn, Susan Brewster, Bruce Helmer, Debra Staal, Katie Stoltz, and Kathy Bowland.

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

We pray for the family and friends of those who recently died: Irene Campbell and Joan Gibbs.

We pray for: 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; our worship ministers, vestry, and staff at St. Paul's.