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St. Paul's Calls

Rev. Karen C. Lewis to be Rector

At the 8 am and 10 am services on Sunday, April 26, Senior Warden Chris Krupka announced that the Vestry of St. Paul's has called The Rev. Karen C. Lewis to be our new rector and that Karen has accepted the call.

A Covenant of Call, dated April 21, 2015, has been signed by the Rev. Lewis, Senior Warden Krupka, and The Rt. Rev. Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr., Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan. The Covenant of Call was finalized at the April meeting of the St. Paul's Vestry. The terms of the agreement will commence and Karen's duties as rector will begin June 1, 2015. The official Celebration of New Ministry will be held on September 9 with Bishop Gibbs presiding.

Karen has served as priest-in-charge at St. Paul's since March 2013. After accepting St. Paul's call, Karen stated, "I am excited and looking forward to our next many years together as we continue to minister in this corner of God's kingdom. We have been through much together in the last two years, and God has much more in store for us."

Next steps in our journey...

By The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

It certainly wasn't how we planned it. Losing two major staff persons in such a short period of time. I find that God has an interesting sense of humor . . . just when things seem to be settling down, God allows events to occur that suggest we shouldn't get too comfortable, that the journey is long and the goal isn't what is most important, but rather what you learn as you travel.

So just what is it God would like us to learn as we enter a time of seeking new staff? Perhaps, it is the next step of St. Paul's journey into the future? Perhaps it is God's way of helping us to prepare for whatever awaits us next week, next month, next year? Perhaps, some of this is about community . . . about building a new structure for who we are

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We're on the web!
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You Did It!!!

By The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

Please join me in celebrating with the folks who will be confirmed or received, or who reaffirm their baptismal vows on May 9 in a diocesan-wide liturgy with our bishop presiding. They have been preparing for this event in classwork and study of scripture, Episcopal history, theology, the Book of Common Prayer, and statements of faith. On May 10, we will recognize their hard work and achievement with a special coffee hour following the 10 am service. Congrats to:

*Sue LeDuc
Karlene Bach
Pat Riley
Mark Rudd
Sally Lawrence
Aiden Judge
Andrew Judge*

If You Have the Time and the Skill...

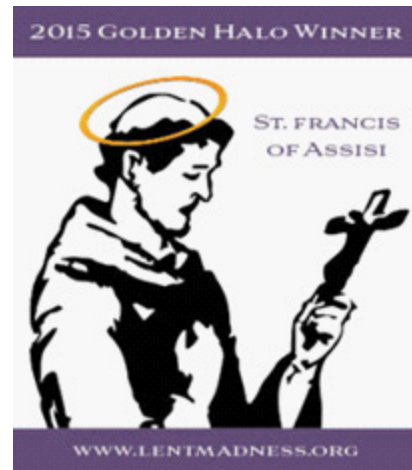
By The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

During the month of May, we will be using volunteers to staff the Office Administrator's position Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you wonder if you have the skills to assist in this effort, your primary responsibilities will be to answer the phone and the door, make copies on the photocopier, sort mail, etc. For more information or if you wish to volunteer, please contact Pat Riley at 517-882-1691 or via email at SMITTY271@sbcglobal.net.

Save the Date

for this year's Mass in the Grass

This year's Mass in the Grass is June 14 for the 10:00 a.m. service and picnic at Granger Meadows Park in Dewitt Township. The service will be held in Pavilion #1. Hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, chips, lemonade, water, and tea will be provided. Please sign up to bring some type of salad (potato, pasta, fruit, etc.), vegetable, or dessert. Sign-up sheets are in the Merrifield Room.



Sue LeDuc
WINNER
St. Paul's

2015 Guardian of the Golden Halo



Jim Milne and Bobbi Tisdale
Tied for 2nd Place

The big winners were the youth of St. Paul's
who received \$355 for special events!
Thank You to ALL the PARTICIPANTS!!!!

Stephanie Hall
Claudia Hamlin
Barb Heany
Jennifer Humphries
Jeffery Irwin
Patty Irwin
Shelly and Mike Jacobs
Sue LeDuc
Barbara Lindquist
Kirk Lindquist
Marilyn Maloney
Jim Milne
Bobbi Tisdale
Candy Womble
Jackie Womble

Parish News and Events.

SAVE THE DATE:

Steve Lange Farewell on June 21

By Martie Repaskey

You already have heard the news that Steve Lange is retiring from his position as Minister of Music at St. Paul's. Steve has inspired the St. Paul's community over the period of 45 years through his extraordinary musical and spiritual leadership, and we are grateful for his ministry.

Plans are underway to give Steve a rousing farewell—with our gratitude. We will gather after the worship service on June 21 to say 'thank you' to him, and we hope many of you will be able to join us. It promises to be a good time—with lots of music, memories, tributes, and good food! Steve

is also inviting you to sing with the choir in the service on June 21; to that end, there will be a rehearsal on Saturday, June 20, at 10:00 a.m. We will be singing Parry's "I Was Glad," which many present and past choristers may know. It would be grand and so fulfilling for him to lead a huge choir on his final Sunday!

More information about the retirement celebration on June 21 will be forthcoming in a letter to the entire present and former congregation, family, and friends.

Kudos to...

... those who gathered on the Saturday before Easter to clean up our church yard. It looks great!

... those who worked for many, many hours in making our first Dinner and Music evening a great success! Well done, good and faithful servants!

... the young ones in our midst who did an awesome job of leading our liturgy on April 26 for our spring Children's Sabbath service. It is always a treat and boost of confidence in our future when we see the talents of our children and youth.

... to all who gave of their blood on April 25. And kudos to all who made sandwiches to feed those who gave blood; and kudos to those who volunteered at the blood drive.

... those who made Holy Week another week of worship and community – working hard to pull together a meal in which our Central United Methodist and Christ Community neighbors joined us. We give thanks for their contributions of wine and bread!

... the lectors, acolytes, prayer leaders, and chalice bearers ... your gifts assist greatly in our ability to lead a worshipful service on Sundays.

Congratulations...

... to Alexandra Wiesner who will receive the Outstanding Alumni Honor Roll award at the East Lansing Educational Foundation Annual Awards Dinner on May 14th. We are proud of you and your good work in our community!

Ministry and Mission.

Mission & Outreach

by Carol Miller

LOAVES AND FISHES WISH LIST DRIVE

Please help individuals and families transitioning out of Loaves and Fishes Shelter to keep their new residences clean by donating brooms, dust pans, mops, dish soap, dish cloths, laundry and bar soap, and buckets. Also needed for the shelter residents are disposable razors, Chap Stick, pocket tissue packs, and feminine hygiene products. You can place your donations on or near the Needs Closet table in the church cloister. Items will be delivered to Loaves and Fishes around June 29. Thank you from all our friends at Loaves and Fishes!

HELPING HANDS DAY OF SERVICE, JUNE 27, 9:00-3:15 PM

St. Paul's parishioners are invited to participate in this community event sponsored by Lansing Parks and Recreation Department and Lansing Area Church of the Latter Day Saints. This year's projects, in part, include mulching at eight city playgrounds, upgrading Gier and Davis Ball fields, clearing unwanted vegetation at Grand River Park, and cleaning out rain gardens along Michigan Avenue. More information on how you can help, a complete list of projects, and information about this exciting outreach is available where you can sign up to help in the Merrifield Room.

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE

Seventy-five to one hundred participants joined the dynamic four-part film series and community dialogue "Why We Still Need to Talk about Race" each Tuesday evening beginning March 17 at Lansing Community College. Strong collaboration between local religious, academic, and civic communities, including St. Paul's, Antioch Full Gospel Church, St. Jude's Catholic Community, and LCC, ensured the event's success. New facilitators each week included these community leaders: Judge Hugh Clarke; Councilwoman Judi Brown Clarke; Prosecutor Stuart Dunning; Mobile in Black and White film director Rob Gray; Police Captain Daryl Green; the New Citizens Press Publisher Rina Risper; LCC Professor Shawn Smith; LCC Black Student Union President Eddie Wol; Sheriff Gene Wrigglesworth; and Police Chief Michael Yanokowski. Special accolades go to St. Paul's Planning Committee members Susan Henderson, Rick Laub, Libby Richardson, Sue LeDuc, Chris Krupka, Karen Clarke, Pat Riley, and Carol Miller. Approximately 20 St. Paul's parishioners participated in the programs. Many thanks to Lansing

St. Paul's News May 2015

Community College, the Rev. Karen Lewis, and St. Paul's Mission and Outreach Ministry for their generous financial contributions to this vital endeavor. Susan Henderson, speaking for the entire "Why We Still Need to Talk about Race" Committee, looks forward to future Lansing community dialogue and action around the issues of race.

SOUTH SUDAN CLINIC MEDICINE COLLECTION

Thanks to the Business and Professional Guild members and additional St. Paul's parishioners, Daniel carried a suitcase back to his homeland overflowing with over-the-counter medications for patients working through the SSALMO Medical Clinic.

St. Elizabeth

St. Elizabeth Guild will meet at the home of Sally Lawrence on Tuesday, May 26, at NOON for our salad luncheon.

This will be our last meeting for Spring 2015 so we would like to see everyone. If anyone is interested in joining us; please let me know.

Debby Pierce, President

Altar Flowers

By Barb Lindquist

*Thank you for your support of
St. Paul's Altar Flower Ministry*

Easter *Theda Assif-MacGriff, Nancy S. Berger, Marge Cook and family, Eleanor Doersam, William and Shannon Fineout, Robin Floyd, Dick Hacker, Sue LeDuc, Sally H. Laurion, Mandy Lawton, Laura Julier, Barbara and Kirk Lindquist, Marilyn Maloney, Chris Mc Daniel and Kathy Vogel, Dave and Debbie Parks, Max and Debby Pierce, Barbara Richardson, the Richardson children – Elisabeth, Robert and Katherine, Pat Riley, Tom Sampson and Nancy Wonch, Alice Slater, Gloria Sutton and family, Mary Jane Wilson, and Greg, Amy and Willie Worrteley*

April 12th *Max and Debby Pierce*

April 19th *Mary Jane Wilson*

Remember to sign up for Altar Flowers! All dates are open for your special dedication.

YOUTH

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

By Jackie Womble



Welcome to Nazareth, where Jesus was a kid. Join us for Vacation Bible School June 15-19, 2015, where we will explore Jesus's hometown through the eyes of his mother, Mary. The children will be divided into tribes to hear stories, play games, and explore the Marketplace. VBS will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 11:00 am. This year will be slightly different from years past: not only is our day shorter, but the children will be free to experience the Marketplace "buying" their food and crafts. Vacation Bible is always a fun, faith filled, and joyful! Come join us!!!

Vacation Bible School Volunteers and Supplies

I'm looking for volunteers to join us and help with supplies. The days will be shorter this year and you can volunteer for 1 day, 2 days, 3 days, 4 days or all 5 days. Our curriculum is very flexible this year!! If you can help out at all during the week, see Jackie Womble. Vacation Bible School is almost here!! Wahoo!!

The supplies we will need this year are:

- 14 5-by-7 area rugs
- 4 pop up canopies
- 6 small hammers
- 1 box of nails
- Scrap wood
- Carpentry tools---egg beater drills, small saw, chisels, etc.
- 1 pkg. of sandpaper
- 1 16 oz. bottle of Olive oil
- 1 box rock salt
- 2 containers of hand wipes
- 2 mortars and pestles to borrow
- 1 large bag of potting soil
- 60 small pots--peat or terra cotta
- Newspapers
- 120 8 oz bottles of water

As always, thank you so much for all the amazing support you give VBS! Please know you make such a difference in the lives of the children that attend VBS!!!

ONE WORLD, MANY STORIES

By Barb Lindquist



Good books for children are a rich and untapped resource for proclaiming and interpreting Christian faith for ALL ages. The books in the St. Paul's Youth Library belong to anyone concerned with Christian communications. Both old and young can be enriched by these stories. Books can be a bridge to a faith- expanding experience.

For instance, *Guess How Much I Love You* by Sam McBratney, a well-known board book for toddlers, is a beautiful description of both God and Christ's love for humankind. It touches on the fact that people cannot earn God or Christ's love, but rather are given it freely because we are God's children. The pictures in the book physically

show how "deep" and "wide" the love of God truly is. Read Ephesians 3:18-19, and Psalm 127:3 for scripture connection.

Most of the books in the St. Paul's Youth Library have faith talk suggestions and connections. Check it out. We hope to expand the literature available specifically for the nursery. A wish list of board books has been compiled and is available in the Reading Corner in the Merrifield room. If you would like to make a monetary or book donation, contact Jackie Womble.

Calendar.

MAY 2015

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 26 CHILDRENS SABBATH Diocese Happenings until 6 pm NOISY OFFERING PILLOW SUNDAY 8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion in the Chapel 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion 11:30 AM Music Search Committee 7:00 PM Lange Choral Ensemble | 27 Rev. Lewis @ Marriage Equality Conference 9:00 AM Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield 5:30 PM Liturgy & Music Ministry 6:00 PM Recycling Ministry Team | 28 11:00 AM St. Vincent Charities-Hill/Merrifield 12:00 PM Worship & Healing Service 12:30 PM St. Elizabeth Guild @ Lille Foster | 29 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting 5:30 PM Cherubs, Boys & Grace Choirs 6:30 PM High School Choir | 30 7:00 PM Chancel Choir | 1 OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 PM AA Meeting | 2 Rev. Lewis @ Ministry Fair 9:00 AM Diocesan Ministry Fair - Detroit |
| 3 FOOD BANK SUNDAY 8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion in the Chapel 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Hour Farewell Reception | 4 9:00 AM Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield | 5 12:00 PM Worship & Healing Service 6:00 PM Stewardship Ministry Team | 6 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting 5:30 PM Cherubs, Boys & Grace Choirs 5:30 PM Mission & Outreach Ministry 6:30 PM High School Choir | 7 7:00 PM Chancel Choir | 8 OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 PM AA Meeting | 9 11:00 AM Diocesan Confirmations-Brighton |
| 10 Baptism Anniversary Celebration Mother's Day UTO Ingathering 8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion in the Chapel 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion 11:30 AM Communications Committee | 11 9:00 AM Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield 6:00 PM AGO Scholarship Audition | 12 12:00 PM Worship & Healing Service 5:00 PM Buildings & Grounds 6:00 PM B&PW Dinner & Meeting | 13 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting 4:30 PM St. Aelred's Committee - Van Atta 5:30 PM Cherubs, Boys & Grace Choirs 5:30 PM Community Life Committee - Library 6:30 PM High School Choir | 14 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 10:45 AM Open Door - Serving Lunch 7:00 PM Chancel Choir | 15 OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 PM AA Meeting 11:59 PM SPN Deadline!! | 16 9:00 AM Larissa Clark Student Recital Sanctuary & Reception Merrifield |
| 17 Rev. Lewis Away 8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion in the Chapel 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion 11:30 AM Youth Choir Recognition & Potluck Luncheon 11:30 AM Youth Christian Education Committee 1:00 PM Laub Court of Honor 4:00 PM Laub Recital - Sanctuary 5:00 PM Laub Reception-VanAtta/Merrifield | 18 9:00 AM Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield 12:00 PM 4 F's Luncheon & Program 6:00 PM Vestry Dinner - Meeting @ 6:30 pm | 19 8:00 AM MI United- Merrifield Room/Van Atta/Conf/Library 12:00 PM Worship & Healing Service | 20 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting 2:30 PM Rev. Lewis @ Clericus Mtg., St. Paul's Jackson | 21 9:30 AM Rev. Lewis @ Fresh Start Program | 22 OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 PM AA Meeting | 23 |
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| 31 GRADUATION SUNDAY St. Paul's 100th Bldg. Steve Lange Away 8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion in the Chapel 9:45 AM NO Church School 10:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion | 1 Steve Lange Away 9:00 AM Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield | 2 Steve Lange Away 12:00 PM Worship & Healing Service 6:00 PM Stewardship Ministry Team | 3 Steve Lange Away 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting 5:30 PM Mission & Outreach Ministry | 4 Steve Lange Away | 5 OFFICE CLOSED Steve Lange Away 12:00 PM AA Meeting | 6 St. Paul's Neighborhood Garage Sales Steve Lange Away |

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