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*Celebration of Ministry and Welcoming of
Rev. Karen C. Lewis as Rector of St. Paul's*

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

7:00 PM

with Bishop Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr

Brief Reception Following the Service

Additional Reception Following the 10:00 AM Worship Service

on Sunday, September 13



*"I think if God had intended women to be ordained —
He'd have created THEM the superior beings . . ."*

Reprinted from March 1973 SPN - how far we've come!

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Make a Joyful Noise

By The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

On September 13, we return to our two-service Sunday schedule of 8:00 & 10:00 AM. The 8:00 AM service is spoken – quiet and reflective. The 10:00 AM service is our liturgy with music, including choirs. As you might imagine, with our new Minister of Music, Jeff Walker, our 10:00 am service will have some changes. Changes are not indications there was something wrong with the way we used to do liturgy, rather the changes we are making offer new ways of engaging in our Anglican tradition.

As always, when changes are made, it never means permanency. Unfortunately, we too often think that if we do the same thing two or three times, it is now a tradition and etched in stone. Rather, changes offer us an opportunity to experience new things in new ways.

What are these changes . . . ?

First, choir rehearsal schedules. The Cherub Choir and Boys and Grace Choir will combine and rehearse as one on **Wednesday evenings from 5:30 – 6:30 PM starting September 16th.** After much discussion, it was decided that due to the small size of the Cherub Choir, it is a natural step to combine their voices with those of Boys and Grace. Our hope is that the older ones will adopt the younger ones and provide caring mentorship and guidance.

The High School Choir will rehearse on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 PM starting September 17th. The high schoolers will no longer have Sunday school on Sunday morning; rather they will join our community for the entire worship service and engage in their own formation/education on Sunday evenings from 5:00 to 6:30PM starting September 20.

The Chancel Choir will continue to rehearse on Thursday evenings with a slight shift in the start time: rehearsal will be from 7:30 pm – 9:00 PM starting September 10th.

Second . . . what will our 10:00 AM Sunday service look like now? Remember, the structure of our Anglican liturgy is well-established throughout the world, so you will not experience any surprises in terms of the structure of what we do. We will be returning to Eucharistic Prayer B, one you know well. We will still read Scripture, hear a sermon, recite The Nicene Creed, pray for our brothers and sisters, and offer our gifts of money, bread and wine.

The differences you will experience are . . .

Our psalm will be sung using Anglican Chant by The Chancel Choir and High School Choir. Anglican Chant grew out of the plainsong tradition during the English Reformation. The earliest known examples are from the 16th century, written by Thomas Tallis. Anglican Chant was created to

allow Anglican church choirs to chant the psalms in four-part harmony. It matches the natural speech-rhythm of the psalm's words to the notes of a simple harmonized melody.

The children will enter our Sunday morning service at the exchanging of The Peace. This provides our Sunday School a bit more time in class. Upon entering they will find their families to sit with for the remainder of the service. So parents, please look for your children as they enter the church as there will be no formal procession into the church. Choirs will not be vesting for the service unless they are singing during that service.

Other changes will occur as we discover once again who we are as St. Paul's church, God's children, chosen and beloved. In the meantime, let us welcome with a joyful noise, Jeff Walker, our new Minister of Music.

The Bishop's Visitation - Sunday, September 27th

Our Diocesan Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr., is required by canon law to visit each church in the diocese once every three years. It is our turn once again to welcome Bishop Gibbs for his official visitation on Sunday, September 27. On this day we will have only one service, at 10:00 AM, as we gather both services into one worshipping community. An important part of our service will include the reaffirmation of our baptismal vows as Bishop Gibbs confirms one of our members.

Following the service, we will gather for a special coffee hour and enjoy an opportunity to learn about our faith from our bishop. Please mark this special day on your calendar.

The Spiritual and Legal Issues of Major Life Transitions

The Rev. Karen Lewis, as well as three of St. Paul's estate planning attorneys, will be presenting a series on the spiritual and legal stages of life transitions for three successive **Wednesdays, November 4-18, from 6-8 PM.** Each week the class will address the specific needs/issues of certain groups: week one will focus on the concerns of newly married couples and young families; week two, those who are single, including those who have never been married, are widowed, separated, or divorced; and week three, those either in or facing retirement. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

Meet Jeffrey Walker

New Minister of Music at St. Paul's

By Chris Couch



Jeffrey Walker, our new Minister of Music, joins us in September. At the St. Paul's News, we thought it would be fun to go beyond the resume and ask him a few questions, by way of introduction. Here is a brief Q & A with Jeff, followed by a brief official resume he has provided.

How did you get into this line of work?

When I was in junior high my piano teacher was the church organist and choir director. I was fascinated by everything that was going on at the organ console and asked her if I might come early to choir and try the organ. On that day she showed me some of the softer stops and then left me alone. I started pushing buttons and trying out all the stops and was completely captivated. I had sung in choirs since childhood so it was an obvious career path for me.

Do you have a favorite hymn?

My favorite hymn is 'When in Our Music God is Glorified' (no surprise there!). I am particularly fond of the great Anglican hymns and German chorales.

A favorite composer/style of music other than sacred music?

Classic jazz is my favorite genre outside of the classical tradition. I played saxophone in the band from 4th through 8th grades.

What is your favorite book in the Bible?

Psalms – the first hymnal.

What are your interests outside of music?

I have always been a big fan of science fiction – from the early pulp fiction through Isaac Asimov, Robert Heinlein, and Arthur C. Clarke.

Favorite way to relax?

I love to cook. Julia Child is my culinary heroine.

Anything that might surprise us to find out about you?

I have been a Star Trek fan since the original series premiered when I was 11. And please, I am a Trekkie, NOT a Trekkie. And I will be happy to explain the difference to you!

What do you like most about being an organist/choirmaster?

Actually I like the full range of my activities, from directing the choirs (I'm looking forward to working with the children and youth which I haven't done for many years), leading the congregation in the great hymns of the church, playing great organ literature, and of course the beauty of the liturgy itself.

Jeffrey Walker holds degrees in organ performance from the Oberlin College Conservatory and the Eastman School of Music. He is a past winner of the prestigious American Guild of Organists National Competition. He has just completed his tenth season as Organist/Choirmaster of Christ Episcopal Church in Detroit where he directed a semi-professional parish choir. He played in the Flint Symphony for 20 years and has also performed in the Lansing, Ann Arbor, Saginaw Bay, and Detroit Symphony Orchestras. He teaches piano, organ, and harpsichord, and accompanies the Opera Workshop program at Flint School of Performing Arts, and maintains a busy schedule as a piano, organ and harpsichord tuner/technician.



CPR/AED/First Aid Class

September 26, 2015,

9:00 AM, Cost: \$30

Sign up by Sept. 9th in Merrifield Room

Remember the EMS calls on 2 Sunday mornings?

Do you know what to do?

Learn how to help in an emergency!

Five openings left to fill this class.

Complete course content at your leisure on your computer.

Approximately 2 weeks to complete online content.

2 – 2 ½ hour skill session on the Saturday, Sept. 26.

Skill session will be completed no later than 12 noon.

Questions: Contact Sally Boron 517-669-9468 or sboron@casair.net

New Vestry Members Recruited to Complete Terms

The Vestry has two new members: **John David Hawkins** and **Laura Julier**. Each is filling out a term that ends January 2016, and they will be eligible to serve an additional three years if elected at the 2016 Annual Meeting. They are replacing two members who recently resigned, Bryan Goldberg and Theresa Milne. (Theresa has become our new parish administrator.) St. Paul's News asked them to tell us about themselves for the benefit of the parishioners they will be serving. Here are brief biographies they provided.

Laura Julier: I'm a cradle Episcopalian, baptized in the Church of the Heavenly Rest, New York City. I've served on vestries at Trinity Church in Iowa City, IA and at All Saints, East Lansing, and while in Iowa, worked in a number of capacities in campus ministry, including the diocesan commission. I've spent a good deal of my 25 years in the Lansing area advocating for and working with homeless support shelters, including the LARS program and coordinating the holiday fruit and greens sale for a few years, and working on behalf of domestic violence support and advocacy. I'm on the faculty at Michigan State University, currently as director of the Professional Writing program. I teach writing, editing, and publishing, edit a literary journal, and have volunteered as editor for a number of community nonprofits. I've been a member and a lay eucharistic minister at St. Paul's for ten years.

John David Hawkins is a Lansing native and married Christi Thrush in 2013. They have 4 daughters and 10 grandchildren between them. As a lifelong member of St. Paul's, he has sung in the choir almost continuously since third grade and has been an usher for 29 years. He was on the very first choir trip to England, led by Choirmaster/Organist Paul Eickmeyer, with 28 other St Paul's choir boys in 1968. Last May he retired from the United States Postal Service after 40 years, the last 24 years as a Business Mail Entry tech/instructor. He and Christi are planning to continue traveling. They plan to see the Polar Bears in Church Hill, Canada, but their more immediate itineraries are a trip to China and a river cruise in Europe.

Lange Retirement Celebration

By Martie Repaskey

On Sunday, June 21, the St. Paul's congregation gathered to celebrate Dr. Stephen Lange's music ministry and to bid him a happy retirement. Music and faith and gratitude constituted the theme for the day!

Throughout the 10 am worship service the choirs—boosted by the voices of 35-40 past choristers—offered new music. The high school choir presented a new offering by Doug Austin, entitled "We Are Like a Puff of Wind." The Chancel choir sang "I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me" and Dr. Lange's new composition—"Be Strong and of Good Courage." Jeff Kressler offered a new piece, sung by the Chancel Choir: "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes." Vicki Walker provided a memorable sermon.

At the culmination of the service, Dr. Lange was surprised when the choir presented one more new piece of music—indeed a premiere, written by noted choral composer Rene Clausen, in tribute to Steve and the choirs of St. Paul's—"O God, You Are My God." He then presented a final postlude, and the entire congregation remained seated until the finale, when all present offered him a standing ovation.

All gathered for a reception, luncheon, and program in the Merrifield Room. It was notable and memorable to see the faces of many past members of the choir and congregation—among them individuals who had grown up in St. Paul's choirs over the years. The program, directed by Vicki Walker and Maureen Nauss, was a journey down memory lane with Matthew Nauss as emcee extraordinaire. Carol Ingells offered a personal tribute to Dr. Lange, reminiscing about their years of working together and leading St. Paul's prayer group. Sally Boron presented Steve with a personalized quilt. Martie Repaskey told about the commissioning of music by Rene Clausen, and Brad Deacon presented Steve with a tribute and proclamation from State Representative Andy Schor, State Senator Curtis Hertel, and Governor Rick Snyder.

Nancy Lange reminisced, speaking with gratitude for the many years of the Langes' music ministry at St. Paul's, and expressing her thanks for the beautiful amber jewelry presented as a gift to her from the people of St. Paul's.

Over \$7,000 in monetary gifts from the people of St. Paul's and other friends and family enabled the funding of the Stephen R. Lange Music Scholarship Fund, which will offer opportunities for choristers to further develop their musical skills for years in the future. The program concluded with a lively reprise of Godspell music, with present and past choristers joining in songs that had come to have great meaning for them all. It seemed a fitting conclusion to the celebration honoring Dr. Lange for 45 years of significant musical and spiritual leadership.

Adult Formation/Education Schedule for the Fall

By The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

During the summer, we have an opportunity to quiet ourselves and consider the many possible areas of learning we might engage in during the fall months. Our first class series – Sacramental Equality – is in response to two major developments over the summer. These include the Supreme Court's decision to legalize same-sex marriages (or as I like to refer to it 'Marriage Equality') and our General Convention's decision to authorize new trial liturgies for marriage and change our church understanding of defining marriage as between 'one man and one woman.'

What does this mean for us? What do healthy relationships look like in a marriage? What struggles might we still have providing access to all the sacraments to all people? We will explore these topics in **September for three Wednesdays; the 16th, 23rd and 30th.**

For two Wednesdays in October, the 21st and 28th, I will offer a class called 'BCP 101'. Whether you are a brand new Episcopalian or one who has been around for a few years, what are the hidden treasures in our BCP that you have not yet discovered? How might you use your BCP on a daily basis for prayer?

November brings all adults an opportunity to look at the spirituality and legal issues specific to their stages or transitions in life. For three weeks, each Wednesday

Some Gentle Reminders...

... the Parish Office is open **Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.** Please remember to connect with us during this time. If you cannot call until after 2:00 pm, please leave a voicemail and someone will respond as soon as possible, or you may email office@stpaulslansing.org. If you need to reach the Rev. Karen Lewis after hours, her cell phone is 517-243-7906.

... if you are going to be in the Church or parish building alone, please call or text Christopher so he knows someone is there. This is for safety and security reasons, for if something happens to you while you are there, we need to know you are in the building so we can find you!

... Yes, the external door key has been changed. If you believe you need a key to the external doors of the church or parish building, please connect with Theresa, our Parish Administrator. You will be asked to fill out a form – why the change in the locks? Every few years the locks are changed because so many keys end up in hands we do not know as people make copies and more copies, and more copies, etc. Also, the lock to the archives door has been changed as things seemed to be walking out through the door on St. Paul's News September 2015

beginning with November 4, will offer a specific group an opportunity to learn about faith and life issues. See the article in this month's SPN.

And in December, as we prepare ourselves for the birth of our Lord through a season of great expectation, Advent, we will have a three-week class (2nd, 9th, 16th) on Race Relations and Diversity. Advent offers a great time for this formational activity as we remember that our Lord came for all: the young and old, rich and poor, black and white; all are God's children and Christ's brother and sister.

Bible Study starts up again on Sunday evening, September 20, at 6:30 PM. We will start with Paul's letter to the Colossians. This study is open to everyone, so do not be shy! If you are in need of a study Bible, please let Karen know.

And amidst all of this, I will lead a book study of Christopher Yaw's book "Jesus Was An Episcopalian". The date for our first gathering will be set by the group. Books are available in the office. If you have not signed up to join us, please do so in The Merrifield Room so we can connect with you.

Mark your calendars! Their truly is something for everyone. If you will be desiring dinner, please sign-up in the Merrifield Room. **Dinner is \$6 a person and will be offered every Wednesday night there is a class.**

their own with no one's knowledge. If you need to access the archives, please connect with either Theresa or Karen. And lastly, the lock to the choir room has been changed as this is a private office housing a new staff person. If you need to access the choir room, please connect with one of the staff: Christopher, Karen, Theresa or Jeff.

... it is so easy to forget that Theresa Milne is not only our Parish Administrator but also a long-time parishioner of St. Paul's. Please try to remember that Sunday is Theresa's day off and she is not working on that day. If you need to ask a question or leave a reminder, please leave a note in the office mail box and she will connect with you on Monday.

... if you need to reach our new Minister of Music, Jeff Walker, his email address is music@stpaulslansing.org. To reach him by telephone, please call the main church office number 517-482-9454 and you will be transferred to his phone and provided an opportunity to leave him a voicemail. There is no longer a separate/private phone line to the choir office.

Guild and Committee

FALL MEETINGS

Ushers' Breakfast

Another school year is upon us and the ushering staff will, once again, begin the new season with our Annual Breakfast/Meeting on **September 20, 2015 at 9:00 AM**. A Catered Affaire will provide a delicious breakfast.

This is a great opportunity to invite new members to join our group. Invite them to join us for breakfast. It would be great if we could staff eight ushers per crew. Do not forget the 8:00 AM crews; they also need new members.

Spouses & children are welcome to join us for breakfast.

Head Ushers – Please contact your members about the meeting and determine how many will be attending.

Head Ushers please RSVP with your counts to John David Hawkins at (517) 303-1217 or ho12t@comcast.net by September 15, 2015.

Ushers Needed

HELP WANTED! Openings are now available. Requirements: the desire to serve.

Those interested in serving can contact John D. Hawkins at 517-303-1217 or the Church Office at 482-9454.

Ushers are divided into four crews, about 8 persons per crew, with a crew being assigned to the same Sunday each month. Any member of St. Paul's can join and experience is not required.

Four Fs Begins Monday, September 21



Nancy and Mark Rudd will be the featured speakers as the 4Fs program kicks off a new year. They will offer an audio-visual presentation of their most recent adventures in Scandinavia. Particular attention will be given to the churches, history, culture, and natural beauty of this beautiful land.

Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m., followed by a brief Bible study. The program will conclude by 2:00 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Merrifield Room if you are joining us for a lunch of soup and salad. The list of Four Fs programs for the rest of the program year will be published in next month's issue of the St. Paul's News.

If you're interested in food, fellowship, faith, and fun, please join us!

Building & Grounds Ministry - New Meeting Day and Time!

Meetings are moving to the **Second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM**.

All members of the congregation are welcome at B & G meetings.

Do you have a skill that relates to the needs of our beautiful but aging building? Can we use you as a resource? Please visit one of the meetings and consider becoming part of the Building and Grounds Ministry.

Next meeting: **SEPTEMBER 14, 2015, MONDAY, 6:30 PM**



**** IMPORTANT ****

**ALTAR GUILD MEETING
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER
12, 9:30 AM**

Coffee and pastries

Meet with Karen Lewis

Build our community covenant

New - Streamlining altar duties

Update & review set up for services

Refresh - how to press linen

A word about candles

Walkers, Runners and Rockers Needed!

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 11**, for Lansing 38th Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk. We are looking forward to another successful CROP Hunger Walk, which helps to meet the needs of our community and relieve the plight of people around the world. Working together, we can respond to God's call. Look for upcoming details in bulletins and at our information table in the Merrifield Room, in September.

YOUTH

By Jackie Womble

Welcome Back from Jackie Womble!

Youth Christian Education will resume Sunday, September 13, at 9:45 am for ages 3 years through eighth grade. The Senior High class has been moved to Thursday night after choir practice. Nursery is available for children 8 weeks to 3 years. We will continue to use the Feasting On the Word curriculum. I'm looking forward to a fun, faith filled year!

Thank You So Much!!!

Vacation Bible School, "Hometown Nazareth: Where

Jesus was a Kid", was a great success! We had a fun time singing, dancing, learning, creating, and eating together! This year's format was different but it enabled the children to have a more hands-on experience. Thank you so very much to all who volunteered during the week, to those who brought in supplies, and to those who supplied us with rugs, sheets, canopies, wood, and tools. If I have not given you your items back, please let me know!!

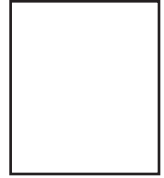
August Youth Retreat

The Rev. Karen Lewis and Jackie Womble (with a few more adults) took the youth on a retreat to Lake Michigan Camp and Retreat Center at the end of August. The focus was on playing, learning, cooking, and praying. There will be a report on this special weekend in the October St. Paul's News.

Calendar September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Youth Retreat 9:00 AM Church School 9:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion in Merrifield Room	31 9:00 AM Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield	1 12:00 PM Worship & Healing Service	2 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting 5:30 PM Mission & Outreach Ministry	3 7:00 PM Chancel Choir rehearsal	4 OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 PM AA Meeting	5
6 No Church School FOOD BANK SUNDAY 9:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion in Merrifield Room	7 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	8 12:00 PM Worship & Healing Service	9 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting 7:00 PM CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY	10 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	11 OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 PM AA Meeting	12 9:30 AM Altar Guild Mtg w/the Rev. Lewis
13 Baptism Anniversary Celebration POTLUCK CELEBRATION - FOLLOWING 10AM SERVICE 8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion in Chapel 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion in Sanctuary 11:30 AM Communications Committee 4:00 PM Lange Ensemble	14 HOLY CROSS DAY 9:00 AM Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield 6:30 PM Building & Grounds Ministry	15 11:30 AM Rev. Lewis @ Clericus Mtg., St. Paul's Lansing 12:00 PM Worship & Healing Service 11:59 PM SPN Deadline!!	16 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting 4:00 PM St. Aelred's Ministry 5:30 PM Boys & Grace Choirs 5:30 PM Cherub Choir 6:00 PM Sacramental Equality Class w/Rev. Lewis	17 REV. LEWIS AWAY-FRESH START 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 6:00 PM HS Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	18 OFFICE CLOSED REV. LEWIS AWAY-FRESH START 12:00 PM AA Meeting	19 10:00 AM Safeguarding God's Children
20 8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion in Chapel 9:00 AM Usher's Breakfast 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion in Sanctuary 5:00 PM HS Youth Group 6:30 PM Bible Study w/ Rev. Lewis	21 9:00 AM Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield 12:00 PM Four Fs 6:00 PM Vestry Dinner - Meeting @ 6:30 pm	22 12:00 PM Worship & Healing Service 12:30 PM St. Elizabeth Guild 5:30 PM New Member Ministry	23 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting 5:30 PM Boys & Grace Choirs 5:30 PM Cherub Choir 6:00 PM Sacramental Equality Class w/Rev. Lewis	24 6:00 PM HS Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	25 OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 PM AA Meeting 1:00 PM Pierce Committal	26 8:30 AM CPR Class with Sally Boron
27 BISHOP GIBBS VISITATION 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM Confirmation 10:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion in Sanctuary 4:00 PM Lange Ensemble 5:00 PM HS Youth Group	28 9:00 AM Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield 5:30 PM Liturgy & Music Ministry 6:00 PM Recycling Ministry Team	29 12:00 PM Worship & Healing Service	30 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting 5:30 PM Boys & Grace Choirs 5:30 PM Cherub Choir 6:00 PM Sacramental Equality Class w/Rev. Lewis	1 6:00 PM HS Choir 7:00 PM Dayton Wedding Rehearsal 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	2 OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 PM AA Meeting	3 4:00 PM Dayton Wedding

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Prayers for Our Parish Family

FROM THE ST. AELRED'S GUILD

Please pray for those who are sick and in need: Peggy, Margaret (Peggy) Richardson, Carolyn Pierce, Webb (Tony) Smith Jr., Carol, Jerry Ann Beaufore, and Emilia Morgan.

Pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Mason Hill, Marsha Macholz, Bill, Tom Foltz, Sebastian Cuesta, Joe and Judy Manson, Marilyn, Kathy Bowland, Jim, Ralph and Jo Hoffman, John and Grace Hawkins, Karen C., Julie, and Van Anderson.

We pray for and remember those in the Military serving in dangerous areas: Brendan Moody, and Erin Ehn.

We pray for comfort and peace: for the family and friends of Mary Rose Siebold, and of Karen Lewis' Mother, who recently passed away.