

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

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## From the Rector

Dear St. Paul's and Friends,

Last week we gathered in worship with our Bishop to celebrate Linda Craven's baptism; to give thanks for the ministry of St. Paul's folks; to welcome Jeff Walker as our new Minister of Music; and to ask God's blessing on our journey together, with me as your rector. It was a grand celebration and one that embraced the new opportunities God has gifted us with – those known and unknown.

The Vestry has had much discussion about the priestly ministry that resides in the rector's office: including the responsibilities for liturgy, adult education, administration, personnel and building management, youth formation, pastoral care, diocesan responsibilities, and the list goes on. After two years, I also recognize the magnitude of this position and know that it is a challenge to accomplish all that I need to and I struggle to do all that I want to.

As is always true, God continues to be good to us and gift us when we least expect it. And God's latest gift to us will be the addition to our staff of a part-time priest, The Rev. Dr. Susan Carter. Many of you know Susan as she has provided Sunday supply here during the last few years and shared with B&PW her trip to the North Pole. As a result of your prayers and support, St. Paul's is in the position to call a part-time priest to assist in our current and future ministry.

Susan will join the staff of St. Paul's on November 1, All Saints' Day as the Associate Rector for Pastoral Care. She will be with us approximately 12 hours per week and will focus on providing pastoral care while sharing in the priestly functions of worship and preaching. She has served as rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Howell for the past five years. Prior to that, she was the associate priest at St. Michael and All Angels in Lansing.

Susan is part of a growing body of Episcopal priests who are bi-vocational, holding positions in the Church, and also working outside of it. She is a full professor in the School of Journalism at Michigan State University, where she also serves as the Faculty Representative to the NCAA and the Big Ten. Susan also serves as the appointed Dean of our Capitol Deanery.



A graduate of Michigan State with a B.A. in Humanities, she also holds a J.D. and M.A. (History) from Wayne State. She is a graduate of The General Seminary of the Episcopal Church (M.Div) and earned a Doctorate of Preaching from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary.

A special place of retreat for her is St. Gregory's Abbey in Three Rivers, where she and the brothers there share a passion for the sacred hours, and baseball. An inductee into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame, and the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, she organized and led an all-women ski expedition to the North Pole in 2001.

Daughter Amanda, son-in-law David and grandsons Ben and Harry live in Chappaqua, New York.

Join me in welcoming Susan to St. Paul's and giving thanks to God for providing us with what we need to engage more fully in God's ministry.

Blessings to you and yours,

Karen+

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# Senior Warden's Column

By Chris Krupka

Fall is here and the air is crisp and the leaves soon will be brilliant shades of red, orange, and yellow. St. Paul's is changing too. We have installed a new rector and minister of music and added an assistant rector. It is with great joy that we welcome Karen C. Lewis permanently into our community. Together we plan to work to increase our impact on the Lansing community, particularly in regards to homelessness with our ongoing projects like the needs closet, food donations to the local food bank, and support of area shelters.

And how about that Jeff Walker? I'm sure you are as awed by the Anglican Chant of the psalm as I am. It gives me chills. St. Paul's continues its music tradition in new and exciting ways. With the addition of Susan Carter to our staff as assistant rector in charge of pastoral care, we plan to increase our reach to those that have trouble getting out. We are indeed changing and growing. Our church community is working together to make a difference here in Lansing and spread God's love.

## Thank You!

### A Good Time Had By All

*It was a glorious evening. The music carried us to heaven; the sermon's message struck home; and we rejoiced in the baptism of a beloved member of the community. A great time was had by all. And it took a lot of people to make it all happen. Our grand service on September 9th was only possible due to the tremendous gift of time from many, many people. The choir returned early from summer break to lead us in giving glory to God; the many, many who provided food, flowers, and set-up for our reception that evening and also the potluck the following Sunday; Theresa's tremendous efforts to print the service bulletin in time (due to a very cranky photocopier); Linda's willingness to share her baptism with a cast of hundreds; those who presented gifts to the new rector, and those who cleaned up after the service. My thanks to all of you! What a wonderful evening and a foretaste of all that is to come as we do God's work in this corner of the kingdom. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!*

Karen+

### A Thank You from Steve Lange

*A most heartfelt thank you goes out to all those involved with the celebration of my retirement on June 21—Martie Repaskey and her "retirement committee"; Debby Pierce and her volunteers, who put on the reception; Vicki Walker and Maureen Nauss for their work in putting together the program at the reception; all the choristers who sang for the service and at the reception; and all who donated for the commissioning of the new anthem by Rene Clausen (it was wonderful!!!), and to the Stephen Lange Music Scholarship Fund. I was deeply touched by your generosity of time and monetary donations. I was especially moved by the commissioned piece, the Godspell medley, Vicki's sermon and organization of the reception program, and having the Mormon Tabernacle Choir present to sing this final service. It was wonderful. My heart overflows with gratitude! Thank you to all who participated or sent cards and messages! It was great to hear from so many of you!*



### Fall Blood Drive: Volunteers and Donors Needed

By Elisabeth Richardson

The Fall Blood Drive will be held Saturday, October 17, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We need lots of help. We need help on the day of the Drive, help with set-up and tear-down, we need lots of sandwiches, and we need lots of blood donors. If you can give blood, please sign up to donate. If you have never given blood, but would like to try, please sign up to donate. This is a fun community event that takes very little time, but benefits a whole lot of people. Sign-up sheets are available in the Merrifield Room.

The need is constant, the gratification is instant. Please give.

# Hello my name is

Please! Please! Please!

Please wear your name tags! Perhaps some of you might remember when you first visited St. Paul's as your possible church home. A bit frightening, particularly if you are shy and know no one. Seeing a friendly face and having a name to put with it is so very helpful. If you do not have a nametag, let us know. If you do have one, please wear it!

## Financial Update

### Financial Information as of August 31, 2015

August 31, 2015 is 66.7% of the year. Pledge income was \$229,345 for the eight months ending August 31 which is 62.1% of the 2015 budget. We are \$17,000 behind the budget for pledge revenue. It is hoped that parishioners that may have fallen behind in the summer months will now catch up on their pledge giving.

After consideration of the transfer for restricted funds from the Shawver and Memorial funds, we had a net increase of \$6,248 in operating funds as of August 31, 2015. This indicates we are operating within our budget.

In August there was a \$26,959 decline in the value of the investment funds. This makes the year to date a \$4,412 decline in value. Also, as of August 31, 2015, \$24,241 has been contributed to various restricted funds. Most notably, \$12,931 to establish a Choir Education Travel Fund and \$6,965 to establish the Stephen Lange Music Scholarship Fund.

## Yes, We Will

By Sue Millar

We will again be having a used book sale to benefit Episcopal Relief and Development (aka ERD). Please save your books for our mid-winter sale that you want to pass on to others. The success of this sale -- sending around \$1,000 annually to ERD -- depends on your continued support! Watch for additional announcements. Thank you!

## BCP 101 The Gifts Hidden Inside

By The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

It is true in almost every instance, that when you walk into an Episcopal Church and open up the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP), it will 99 times out of 100, open to page 355. And what is page 355 you ask? It is the page which we turn to on Sunday mornings to begin The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two. Did you know that on page 444 is a prayer for the safe delivery of a child? Or on page 461 a prayer in the morning for use by a sick person? If you have ever wondered why we pray for the dead, you could turn to page 862 in your BCP and discover the answer. Or perhaps it is important for your family vacation planning to know the date of Easter in the year 2053 or how in the heck do we know which scripture lesson to read on which day? If any of these items intrigue you or you have a desire to plumb the depths of the book of prayer that binds the Anglican Church together, join us for a two weeks of learning on two **Wednesdays, October 21st and 28th.**

## St. Paul's has TWO AED's!

Sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death in the United States, claiming 350,000 lives annually – one every 90 seconds! Prompt use of an AED – Automated External Defibrillator - along with CPR can save lives. St. Paul's purchased an AED in 2008 which is located on the wall directly across from the elevator in the parish house. A second AED was purchased in September with Usher Funds and has been installed on the back wall of the sanctuary to the east side of the door to Ottawa Street.

AEDs are user friendly because they are voice activated and tell you what to do – anyone can follow the directions. The majority of St. Paul's ushers, staff and others have been trained in CPR and AED skills. There is an alarm on the door of each of our AED cabinets which sounds very loudly when the door is opened, signaling a cardiac emergency has occurred.

# Lucy Finkel Performs in *Dido and Aeneas*

For love, time stands still. For honor, we march on.

Henry Purcell's masterpiece is a seamless blend of operatic delight, graceful ballet, and creative staging. The tale of the beautiful Queen Dido and the young adventurer Aeneas is a love story that has been re-imagined for the 21st century. This baroque treasure is a large scale collaboration with GRBS Junior Company, Grand Valley State University's Opera Theatre Department, the Chamber Choir of Grand Rapids, and Daredevil Circus Company.

This performance is double cast with Lucy Finkel singing in the 2:00 matinees on Saturday and Sunday. As you can read above, the opera is, in part, a Grand Valley State University production. GVSU has taken on a new practice of inviting graduates to mentor their current performers through the opera productions. Lucy is grateful for the opportunity to both sing the role and work with the GVSU students.

It so happens that this performance coincides with Grand Rapids ArtPrize. ArtPrize is an international art competition held in downtown Grand Rapids, very near the Peter Martin Wege Theatre. Make a day of it and take in both ArtPrize and *Dido and Aeneas*.

**October 9-11, 2015**

**Peter Martin Wege Theatre, 341 Ellsworth Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503**

**Tickets are \$15 and may be ordered in the following manner:**

BY PHONE (616) 454-4771; BY FAX (616) 454-0672; BY EMAIL [RissaT@grballet.com](mailto:RissaT@grballet.com); MAIL/IN PERSON GRAND RAPIDS BALLET 341 Ellsworth SW Grand Rapids, MI 49503 You may also wish to go to the Grand Rapids Ballet website to obtain more information. The web address is <http://www.grballet.com/2015-16-season/#top>



## When can we go again?

By Rev. Karen Lewis

Eight youth and seven adults headed west a few weekends ago to spend some quality time learning about God, learning about each other, and forming community. Lake Michigan Camp and Conference Center in Pentwater, on the shores of Lake Michigan, was our destination. Housed in the retreat center, we ate together, prayed together, sang together and played together. The adults who joined our youth expedition were asked to drive, eat and pray with us. The rest of the time was theirs to enjoy however they saw fit. Some shopped, some read, some slept, and some hung out with us. On Saturday evening, the group was split into two teams: youth vs. adults, for a scavenger hunt. Once all of their items were acquired, they created a skit using their various gatherings and shared it with the rest of us.

The goal of our youth retreat was simply to form community, worship God, and learn to appreciate each other and our differences. That happens quickly when sharing sleeping quarters. It also happens when you play together as we did on our dune ride and ice cream stop. Our goal was accomplished when both youth and adults asked, "When can we go again?" Perhaps you might want to join us next time!

## Children's Sabbath

We will celebrate Children's Sabbath on **Sunday, October 18th during the 10:00 AM** service. This year's theme is *How Long Must I Cry for Help? Bending the Arc Toward God's Vision of Justice for Children*. Our Outreach for Children's Sabbath this year will be the City Rescue Mission's Maplewood Center for Women and Children. This is a shelter for Homeless women and children, providing them with a place to sleep and food. There below are items they are in need of:

- New pillows
- New hair brushes
- Twin blade razors
- Shaving cream
- Diapers size 6 or any size
- Kleenex
- Underwear for women(size 5-8) and children
- Pajamas for women (XL-XXXL) and children
- Feminine hygiene products
- Socks for women and children
- New sheets-twin extra long
- Pacifiers
- Sippy cups

Items can be brought in **Sunday, October 11-November 1** and placed in the basket by the Youth Table in the Merrifield Room.

## Youth Christian Education

Our Youth Christian Education Program Year began on Sunday, September 13th. Youth, ages 3 thru 7th grade, gathered for faith and fellowship!



# Guild and Committee HAPPENINGS

## Changes in Our Altar Guild

For the last few years, Sally Boron has given significantly of her time and talent to guide our Altar Guild. In addition, when you get Sally, you get Allan – who is the handyman extraordinaire! These two have dedicated a substantial portion of their lives to St. Paul's and for that we give thanks. In particular, we thank Sally for ensuring that the candles are filled, the linens ironed, the baptismal bowl prepared, and all is ready for our Sunday morning worship. Sally has now chosen to take a well-earned break from the directorship of this group, although she will remain active on her weekly team. Although Sally is irreplaceable, two talented folks have stepped forward to assume the role as Altar Guild co-directors: Kathy Vogel and Bobbi Tisdale. My thanks, and that of the Altar Guild for their willingness to lead, nurture, train, and care for those who prepare God's table for our liturgies. Let us all say thank you to Sally and welcome to Kathy and Bobbi.

## Mission & Outreach Opportunities

**Hunger Hurts.** How can we at St. Paul's help Lansing feed those in need? 1. Donate to the Crop Hunger Walk on October 11 and support our youth members and adults in fund-raising for this vital cause. Sign up in the Merrifield Room to walk and/or give generously to this annual event which supplies food for our hungry neighborhood families. 2. Help fill our food collection shopping cart in the rear entrance each month. Develop the habit of bringing at least one non-perishable food item to stock the First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry, our neighboring church. 3. Join the Food Pantry volunteer staff to help continue this valuable community outreach. Assisting clients as they choose food from the pantry or answering phone calls to schedule appointment is greatly appreciated! Call First Presbyterian Church @ 517-482-0668 for more information.

**Bitter Cold Hurts.** 1. Look for the Mitten Tree's arrival in St. Paul's cloister in early October. Decorate it through mid-November with your donations of warm gloves, mittens, scarves, hats. All collected items will be given to local school children and adults who otherwise would go without. 2. Our Bedding, Towel, and Needs Closet volunteer staff continues to supply underserved children, women, and men with blankets, sheets, comforters, pillows, mattress pads, towels and diapers because our

## Consider Joining St. Aelred's

By Chris Krupka

St. Aelred's Ministry is looking for a few new members passionate about serving others. **We meet the first Monday of the Month at 4:00 PM in the Van Atta Room.** Our ministry is to visit and call members who are unable to attend services. We also send birthday cards and notes to those who need encouragement. We send children's books to newborns and meals to those that are laid up due to surgery or illness. We are the "keepers" of the prayer list.

If you know of anyone who needs prayers or meals or a visit, please let Chris Krupka ([cekrupka@gmail.com](mailto:cekrupka@gmail.com)) know. If you feel called to visit or phone our shut-ins, or prepare meals for those in need, please contact Chris and let her know of your availability.

By Carol Miller

church family donates gently-used and new items to this ministry. Our Wish List this month includes Diapers (all sizes except 3), baby wipes, blankets, queen-size sheets. All items listed above are gratefully accepted as well! Please place items on the Needs Closet table in the Cloister. 3. Volunteer to work with our Needs Closet team to help purchase, inventory, check in items, gather orders, and make deliveries to social workers at local agencies. Call or email Carol Miller @ 517-614-0570 or [cemiller756@gmail.com](mailto:cemiller756@gmail.com)

**Discrimination Hurts.** All are invited to engage our hearts and minds by participating in the Rev. Karen Lewis's class on Race Relations and Diversity on **December 2, 9, and 19th.** Our parish family conversations continue since the Mobile in Black and White film event and the Why We Still Need to Talk about Race series last winter. Last month, with the East Lansing One Book One Community event, several parishioners read Just Mercy and heard the author, attorney and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative Bryan Stevenson, talk about his work with unjustly imprisoned children and adults of color. We are all an important part of the Mission and Outreach Ministry at St. Paul's as we continue to make a difference by learning, caring, praying and doing!

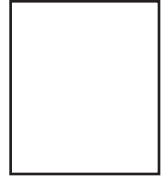
# Calendar

# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> BISHOP GIBBS VISITATION <b>9:45 AM</b> Church School <b>10:00 AM</b> Confirmation <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion in Sanctuary <b>4:00 PM</b> Lange Ensemble	<b>28</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield <b>5:30 PM</b> Liturgy & Music Ministry <b>6:00 PM</b> Recycling Ministry Team	<b>29</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Worship & Healing Service	<b>30</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> Boys & Grace Choirs/Cherub Choir <b>5:30 PM</b> Family Dinner <b>6:00 PM</b> Sacramental Equality Class w/Rev. Lewis	<b>1</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> HS Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> Dayton Wedding Rehearsal <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>2</b> OFFICE CLOSED <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>3</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Dayton Wedding
<b>4</b> Christopher gone (after church) FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS <b>FOOD BANK SUNDAY</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion in Chapel <b>9:45 AM</b> Church School <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion in Merrifield Rm-Blessing of Pets <b>4:00 PM</b> Lange Ensemble <b>5:00 PM</b> High School Youth Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Bible Study w/Rev. Lewis	<b>5</b> Christopher gone <b>9:00 AM</b> Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield	<b>6</b> Christopher gone <b>12:00 PM</b> Worship & Healing Service <b>7:00 PM</b> Diocesan Delegate Caucus at St. Michael's Lansing	<b>7</b> Christopher gone <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting <b>4:00 PM</b> St. Aelred's Ministry <b>5:30 PM</b> Boys & Grace Choirs/Cherub Choir <b>5:30 PM</b> Mission & Outreach Ministry <b>5:30 PM</b> Planned Giving Mtg.	<b>8</b> Christopher gone <b>6:00 PM</b> HS Choir <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>9</b> Christopher gone OFFICE CLOSED <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>10</b> Children's Sabbath Rehearsal Christopher (back)
<b>11</b> Baptism Anniversary Celebration <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion in Chapel <b>9:45 AM</b> Church School <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion in Sanctuary <b>11:15 AM</b> Acolyte Training with the Rev. Lewis <b>11:30 AM</b> Communications Committee <b>4:00 PM</b> Lange Ensemble	<b>12</b> COLUMBUS DAY - CLOSED Rev. Lewis Away <b>9:00 AM</b> Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield <b>6:30 PM</b> Building & Grounds Ministry	<b>13</b> Rev. Lewis Away <b>12:00 PM</b> Worship & Healing Service <b>6:00 PM</b> B & PW <b>6:30 PM</b> Buildings & Grounds	<b>14</b> Rev. Lewis Away <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> Boys & Grace Choirs/Cherub Choir <b>5:30 PM</b> Community Life Ministry - Library	<b>15</b> Rev. Lewis Away <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast <b>6:00 PM</b> HS Choir <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir <b>11:59 PM</b> SPN Deadline!!	<b>16</b> OFFICE CLOSED Rev. Lewis Away <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>17</b> Rev. Lewis Away <b>8:00 AM</b> BLOOD DRIVE
<b>18</b> CHILDREN'S SABBATH <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion in Chapel <b>9:45 AM</b> Church School <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion in Sanctuary <b>11:30 AM</b> Lector & Prayers of People Training <b>4:00 PM</b> Lange Ensemble <b>5:00 PM</b> High School Youth Group	<b>19</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield <b>12:00 PM</b> Four Fs <b>6:00 PM</b> Vestry Dinner - Meeting @ 6:30 pm	<b>20</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Clericus Mtg., Christ United Dewitt <b>12:00 PM</b> Worship & Healing Service	<b>21</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> Boys & Grace Choirs/Cherub Choir <b>5:30 PM</b> Family Dinner <b>6:00 PM</b> BCP Class w/Rev. Lewis	<b>22</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> HS Choir <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>23</b> DIOCESAN CONVENTION IN NOVI OFFICE CLOSED <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>24</b> DIOCESAN CONVENTION IN NOVI
<b>25</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion in Chapel <b>9:45 AM</b> Church School <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship & Holy Communion in Sanctuary <b>4:00 PM</b> Lange Ensemble	<b>26</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield <b>5:30 PM</b> Liturgy & Music Ministry <b>6:00 PM</b> Recycling Ministry Team	<b>27</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Worship & Healing Service <b>12:30 PM</b> St. Elizabeth Guild	<b>28</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> Boys & Grace Choirs/Cherub Choir <b>5:30 PM</b> Family Dinner <b>6:00 PM</b> BCP Class w/Rev. Lewis	<b>29</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> HS Choir <b>7:15 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>30</b> OFFICE CLOSED <b>12:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>31</b> TIME CHANGES TONIGHT



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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:** Jane Diehl, Bill Millar, 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** who are serving in dangerous areas: Brendan Moody, and Erin Ehn.

**We give thanks** with the Overway family for the addition of Vera to their family.