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Gifts from God

By The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

God has gifted St. Paul's throughout the decades with talented folks who bring their many musical skills and passions to our community. We experienced the incredible talents of Dr. Paul Eickmeyer who expanded our choral music program to six choirs and designed our pipe organ during his long tenure; our music ministry continued to grow in maturity and talent for 45 years under the direction of Dr. Stephen Lange; Jeff Walker's tenure, although brief, led us through the initial transition from a much-beloved chorus master into a new era; and now we have the opportunity to continue our transition under the leadership of St. Paul's new acting Minister of Music, Dr. Timothy Flynn.

Dr. Flynn comes to us from St. Mary Cathedral (directly across the street from us on Seymour) where he has been the Music Director/Organist since 2009. In addition to his work at the Cathedral, Dr. Flynn is Chair of the Performing Arts Department and Professor of Music at Olivet College. In addition to that... he has published numerous sacred compositions; speaks, reads and writes French and German; toured with choirs in Europe; presented nationally and internationally papers/lectures on Puccini, Charles Gounod, etc.; led workshops on "Art as Prayer and Prayer as Art: Visio Divina", and the list of accomplishments continues on filling a six page resume (which I will be happy to provide to all who request it).

Tim is no stranger to the Anglican tradition. For three years he was the Choral-Vicar [counter-tenor] at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. He also was the Music Director/Organist for St. David's Episcopal Church

down the road and for St. John's Episcopal Church in Chicago, IL. Educationally, Tim graduated from George Mason University with a Bachelor of Music in organ and conducting and went on to receive his Master of Music and Doctor of Philosophy in Musicology from Northwestern University. And in his spare time, he has completed the required training to be a licensed Lay Worship Leader in the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan. Whew!

Our hope is for Tim to join us mid-June after completing his responsibilities at the Cathedral. We will provide opportunities for the various choirs (and parents of choir members) to join Tim in conversation regarding their hopes and dreams for the music at St. Paul's and also to determine rehearsal days/times. In 2017, the Minister of Music Search Committee will convene to begin conversation regarding a permanent Minister of Music, a position for which Dr. Flynn will be eligible.

Please join me in giving thanks to God for another musical gift to St. Paul's and join me in welcoming Dr. Timothy Flynn to our corner of God's kingdom.

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We're on the web!
www.stpaulslansing.org

Introduce Yourself!

By The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

We have many new folks in our congregation who are learning much about the Episcopal Church, St. Paul's, and our own unique brand of life in this corner of God's kingdom. Please remember to introduce yourselves and help shepherd them around our facility as they try to find the right path to the Merrifield Room or the Van Atta Room or the bathroom. Also, please wear your name tags so everyone can get to know each other. Let us all welcome the following folks to St. Paul's:

- Kate Haun & Andy Brent
- Marty & Michelle Snitgen and their children, Jocelyn and Colin
- Sherri Sutton and her son, Jim Sutton, and his daughter Alexis
- Ashley & Ben Gaulker
- Justin Alexander & Katie Johnson
- Amanda Ross
- Lauren Verstraete
- Christine & Lars Overway with their children, Ren & Vera
- Jason & Mary Kimball and their three sons, Parker Lee, Aiden, and Anphield

Mission & Outreach Ministry

Your Help is Appreciated

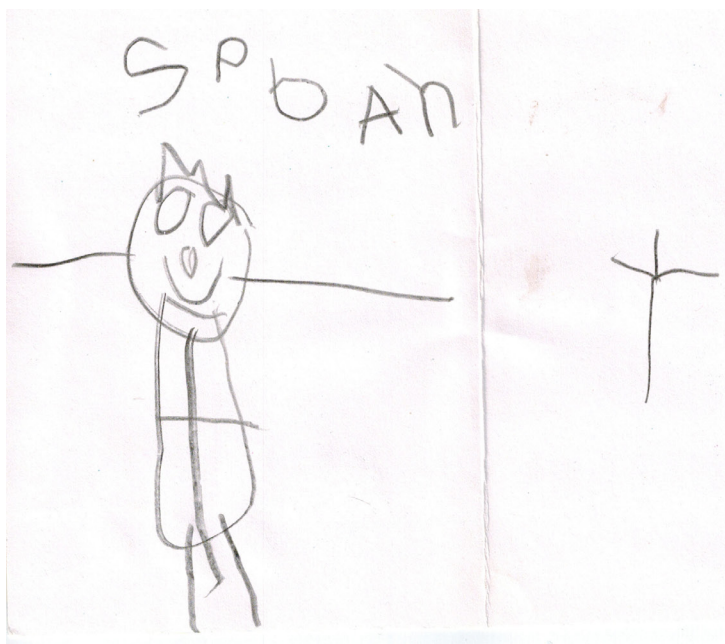
By Sue LeDuc

I just got some wonderful thank-you notes from families our Need Closet has helped. This is from the Community Mental Health early childhood intervention therapist:

"I just wanted to send a quick email saying how truly touched my families are when they receive "gifts" from the needs closet....What has made the most difference to my families is the waterproof sheets and pull-ups you have provided for the older children. Many of the older children have this enuresis issue. The waterproof sheets are so nice because it is almost impossible for the families to replace urine soaked mattress. It makes laundry so much easier and is something they would not be able to afford."

The letter goes on and is accompanied by a picture drawn by one of the children and a handwritten thank you from the mom.

Mission and Outreach Ministry also says Thank you St. Paul's!



Spring is Here - We Think...



Signs of Spring are popping up around St. Paul's. Jeanne Kapenga has planted daffodils at the front of the church and parish house (see photo); Libby Richardson; our Sexton, Christopher Hart; and Max Pierce have been working to prepare the memorial garden; Christopher has produced a plan for the Seymour Street plantings, and the Vestry has approved expenditures for flowers and plants from the Bancroft Fund. On Saturday, April 30, volunteers, including Sue Boulton, Larry Clark, John David Hawkins, Amanda Ross, Max and Debbie Pierce, and Mark Rudd participated in the annual Spring grounds cleanup sponsored by the Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team. See future issues of the St. Paul's News for progress reports.



Max Pierce and John David Hawkins assist with cleanup in the memorial garden.

Financial Update

By Jeffery Irwin, Treasurer

Financial Information as of March 31, 2016

Pledge income was \$102,491 for the three months ending March 31, 2016. March is 25% of the year and we have collected 33% of the pledged budget, so we are in good shape in regard to pledge revenue.

For the month of March, we recorded \$11,271 more expense than revenue. Noteworthy expenses include a payment of \$6,150 for the quarterly general insurance and \$4,332 in utilities. We also had additional payroll expenses in March for Jeff Walker's final compensation.

Year to date we have had \$1,295 more expenses than revenue, which in relation to the budget is a good financial result.

The designated and restricted invested funds had a \$26,813 gain in market value in March. This is a significant improvement over prior months in 2016 and brings the year to date market value gain to \$11,585. We have also collected \$6,387 in designated and restricted contributions as of March 31.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

The Spirit of St. Paul's Showcased on one Amazing Day

by Chris Couch

The spirit of St. Paul's shone brightly on Saturday, April 16, with two major events: the Spring Red Cross Blood Drive and the Cabaret fund-raiser for young choristers.

Kudos to Libby Richardson and her band of volunteers for a successful blood drive, and to Larry and Larissa Clark and their extended family for pulling together a terrific Cabaret show on short notice, in the absence of a minister of music, with vital support from Deb McMartin-Finkel, and Jeff Kressler.

The Blood Drive, held in the Merrifield Room, collected 29 units for the Red Cross. "They were very pleased," said Libby, adding "Thank you to everyone who volunteered; thank you to those who made sandwiches; and thank you to those who gave blood. This is a group effort to support the Greater Lansing Community." The Fall Blood Drive is already scheduled for **Saturday, October 1**.

This year's Cabaret featured solos and ensembles, singers, instrumentalists, a dramatic reading, even a mystifying magician (!), in acts that showcased the talents of parishioners from the youngest of choristers to bona fide members of the AARP. It was an evening of high energy and dazzling entertainment. A dessert reception followed, with guests nibbling on petit fours and other delights provided by Max and Debby Pierce in the same Merrifield Room in which a few hours earlier blood donors were stretched out on tables.

Alleluia!

By The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

In the month of May we will welcome into God's household five new individuals through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. On Sunday, May 1st, Ren and Vera Overway will be initiated into the Body of Christ and on Sunday, May 15th, Joss and Colin Snitgen will be joined by Katie Johnson as they are baptized by water and the Spirit. Join me in celebrating their new life in Christ!

From phlebotomists and blood bags to magicians and petit fours in one day! That took a lot of volunteers—too numerous to mention—beginning with those who helped the Red Cross set up before daylight, and those who registered blood donors and served doughnuts, sandwiches, and juice; continuing with those who helped the Red Cross pack up and those who turned the Merrifield Room into a reception area for the post-Cabaret dessert. Not to mention those who equipped the sanctuary with lights and sound for Cabaret and then later prepared the space to Sunday morning. What a set of community-serving, community-creating accomplishments.



Blood Drive Organizer, Libby Richardson

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Mid-Michigan Drop-Off Recycling Center Locations

By Mark Rudd

It's that time of year where most of us think about doing some "spring cleaning." Before you pitch those unwanted items in the trash where they will end up taking space in a landfill, please consider RECYCLING. On behalf of your St. Paul's Recycling Ministry Team, we've compiled a list of recycling centers nearest you. Check out their webpage to see what items they take. Thank you for doing your part as good stewards of God's creation and our home.

- Daggett Container Service, 927 E. Sheridan Road, Lansing, 48906, (517) 487-2224, www.daggettcontainer.com/recycling-services
- *Dart Container Corporation, Howell Road (between Cedar Streets and US-127), Mason, (517) 676-3803 ext. 2206, www.dart.biz/recycle
 - ALSO **Dart Container Corporation Holt Plant, 2148 Depot Street, Holt, 48842
- Delhi Charter Township Recycling Center, 2074 N. McCue Road, Holt, 48842, (517) 699-3873, www.delhitownship.com/Recycling.htm
- ^Delta Township Recycling Center, 5717 Millett Highway, Lansing, 48917, www.deltami.gov/index.php/services/recycling-2/
- East Lansing Department of Public Works, 1800 E. State Road, E. Lansing, www.cityofeastlansing.com/recycle
- Friedland Industries Incorporated, 405 E. Maple Street, Lansing, 48906, (517) 482-3000, www.friedlandindustries.com
- Granger Recycling Center, 16980 Wood Road, Lansing, 48906, 1 (888) 947-2643, www.grangernet.com/services/
- Lansing Recycling Center, 5507 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, 48911, (517) 272-7753, <http://lansingrecyclingcenter.com>
- Meridian Township Recycling Station and Transfer Station, 5976 E. Lake Drive, Haslett, 48840, www.reclaimedbydesign.com
- Michigan State University Recycling Center & Surplus Store, 468 Green Way off Farm Lane, E. Lansing, 48824, (517) 355-1723, <http://recycle.msu.edu/>

- Schupan Recycling, 2875 Northwind Drive, #205e, East Lansing, 48823, (517) 333-8845, www.schupan.com/container-recycling
- *St. Johns Lions Club Recycling Center, corner of Swegles and Steel, St. Johns, www.clintoncounty.org/Departments/DepartmentofWasteManagementHomePage.aspx
Dart picks up polystyrene from this recycling center. * and ** are accepted.
- Williamston Transfer Station, 2450 E. Grand River, Williamston

*Dart specifically recycles polystyrene products also known by the trademark name "Styrofoam."

**Food Service Foam and Packaging Foam are both accepted. Please rinse Food Service Foam containers. No foam packaging peanuts.

^Boy Scout Troop 111 has a retired American flag collection container located here. They will ensure that it is appropriately included in their formal flag retirement ceremonies.



Four F's Potluck at the Rudd's

The Four F's Program will hold its annual end of the year luncheon and program evaluation on Monday, May 16, from 12:00-2:00 PM at Mark and Nancy Rudd's house, 8431 Country Farm Lane, Laingsburg (about two miles south of Sleepy Hollow State Park). We will look back at this year and discuss the future of this program.

Please bring a list of books you'd like to suggest for summer reading. Guests are invited to bring finger food to the potluck luncheon; drinks will be provided.

Please be sure to sign-up for this event in the Merrifield Room. If you need directions to the Rudd's, please see Mark after Sunday services.



By Jackie Womble

Children's Sabbath

Sunday, May 15, we will be celebrating Children's Sabbath at the 10:00 AM service. We will also be celebrating 3 Baptisms AND Pentecost!!! It will be a fun filled, joyous morning! Come join us as we welcome 3 new members into our flock and share the joy of the Holy Spirit. There will be practice for the service at 10:00 AM on **Saturday, May 14**, for the children.

Some important dates:

- There will be no Sunday School May 15th - Children's Sabbath and May 29th – Memorial Day Weekend.
- Our last day of Sunday School for this year will be June 6th.
- Summer Sunday School will begin on June 26th.

Vacation Bible School!

It's coming, It's coming! June 13-17, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Monday-Friday. This year's Theme is: "Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace."

Pass the word to one and all! I am looking for volunteers and participants! Come join us for the fun, faith and fellowship!

Here are some items we need for VBS:

- 4 canopies
- 4 area rugs
- 8-10 flat sheets or tables cloths
- 1 large bag of topsoil
- Straw
- Small bottles of water

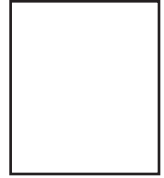
Thanks for all your help and support!!! We couldn't do this without you!

Calendar

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 FOOD BANK SUNDAY Jackie Womble Away NOISY OFFERING - HANNAH'S HOUSE 8:00 AM B & PW Corporate Communion & Breakfast 8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion in Chapel 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion/Baptism in Sanctuary 5:00 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Bible Study	2 Christopher Hart Away Jackie Womble Away 9:00 AM Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield	3 Jackie Womble Away Theresa Milne Away 12:00 PM Worship & Healing Service 5:00 PM EIP Classes (Drive Defensive) 6:00 PM Stewardship Ministry Team	4 Jackie Womble Away 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting 4:00 PM St. Aelred's Ministry 5:30 PM Children's Choir 5:30 PM Mission & Outreach Ministry 7:00 PM LDCA - Hill Room	5 Jackie Womble Away	6 Jackie Womble Away OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 PM AA Meeting	7 Jackie Womble Away
8 MOTHER'S DAY UTO Ingathering 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	9 9:00 AM Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield 6:30 PM Building & Grounds Ministry--VanAtta Room	10 12:00 PM Worship & Healing Service 6:00 PM B & PW	11 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting 2:30 PM Clericus 5:30 PM Children's Choir 5:30 PM Investment Committee Meeting-Rector's Office 7:00 PM LDCA - Hill Room	12	13 OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 PM AA Meeting	14 10:00 AM Children's Sabbath Rehearsal
15 Children's Sabbath PENTECOST The Rev. Dr. Carter Away 8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion in Chapel 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion/Baptism in Sanctuary 11:30 AM Youth Trip to Ronald McDonald House 6:30 PM Bible Study 11:59 PM SPN Deadline!!	16 9:00 AM Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield 12:00 PM Four Fs 6:00 PM Vestry Dinner - Meeting @ 6:30 pm 6:30 PM AGO Scholarship Auditions	17 12:00 PM Worship & Healing Service 5:00 PM Larissa Clark Student Rehearsal 6:30 PM Chalice Bearer training w/the Rev. Lewis	18 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting 5:30 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM LDCA - Hill Room	19 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast	20 OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 PM AA Meeting	21 Diocesan Council 9:00 AM Larissa Clark Recital
22 GRADUATION SUNDAY The Rev. Dr. Carter Away TRINITY SUNDAY 8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion in Chapel 9:45 AM Church School 10:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion in Sanctuary 5:00 PM Youth Group	23 The Rev. Lewis - Repairers of the Breach 9:00 AM Bhutanese Refugee Support Group-Merrifield 6:00 PM Recycling Ministry Team--VanAtta	24 12:00 PM St. Elizabeth Guild at Deb Pierce's-- Salad Luncheon 12:00 PM Worship & Healing Service	25 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting 7:00 PM LDCA - Hill Room	26	27 OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 PM AA Meeting	28
29 The Rev. Dr. Carter Away 8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion in Chapel 10:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion in Sanctuary	30 Memorial Day - Office Closed	31 12:00 PM Worship & Healing Service	1 12:00 PM AA Meeting 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 4:00 PM St. Aelred's Ministry 5:30 PM Mission & Outreach Ministry 7:00 PM LDCA - Hill Room	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 PM AA Meeting	4

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