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Summer is Here!

By The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

Which means a change in several things. Please read this carefully so you will know what is changing and what is not.

Sunday Morning Services – We move to ONE service beginning June 24th. The service will be at 9:00 AM in the Merrifield Room. We will once again have the opportunity to enjoy the closeness of worshipping together. The good news is that the space is air conditioned! We will continue with this schedule until September 9th when we move back to two services.

We will continue to have Nursery available during our summer worship services at 9:00 AM. Tiffany is off doing an internship for school so we give thanks that Ciera has stepped in for the summer. She and Elise will hold down the fort and enjoy the other little ones who join them on Sunday morning in the nursery.

One-Room Sunday School! We will be offering an 8-week session of Sunday School for our young ones beginning July 8th. They will meet at the same time as worship – 9:00 AM – in the lower level of the Parish House in the first classroom. Jackie Womble is returning to lead our summer session. Thank-you, Jackie! Important to note is the children will not be brought into church for communion but rather will remain downstairs for the entire service. If you wish your child to receive communion, you will need to retrieve your child from class.

Parking Lot Reconstruction! Beginning July 9th, no one will be able to use the church parking lot located

immediately behind the church. This includes both driveways. The entire parking lot is being demolished; new sewer pipes laid, electrical lines/conduit repaired, and new sidewalks and pavement installed. This means there will be no entrance into St. Paul's from the parking lot doors from July 9th through the end of August. On the week-ends you are encouraged to continue parking in the ramp and exiting through the parking structure's side door and down the sidewalk located between St. Paul's and Central United Methodist Church or exiting the structure through its driveway and proceeding down the Seymour Street sidewalk to Ottawa Street.

Entrance to St. Paul's during the week will be through the Parish House door or via the Memorial Garden door. Visitor parking during the week, both handicapped and regular, will be available at several bagged parking meters located on Ottawa and Seymour Streets. Parking will also be available in the 4 C's lot (entrance from Capitol St.) in the spaces marked 'St. Paul's'. If you are parked in spaces marked for one of the other churches, you will be towed!

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Welcome to Our Newest Members!

By The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

Let's start by welcoming the newly baptized into the fold. On the Feast of Pentecost we baptized two young folks into the Christian family: Levi Cramer and Liam (William) Parks. Both behaved well although Levi thought it a good idea to wake up during the pouring of the water on his forehead and plant a good slug on the Rector's face. Dylan Dayton will join the family on June 17th (a great way to celebrate Father's Day.)



Individuals confirmed/received into the Episcopal Church on May 12, 2018 at St. Paul's, Jackson, l to r: Terry Bryce, Jane Bryce, Bishop Gibbs, Jack Baker, Carol Simpson, Jerry Simpson.

We also welcome those who have joined the Episcopal tradition either through confirmation or

reception. During a beautiful service on May 12th at St. Paul's, Jackson, Bishop Gibbs confirmed and received several of our own: Jack Baker, Terry Bryce and Jerry Simpson were confirmed; Jane Bryce and Carol Simpson were received. We give thanks for the presence among us and look forward to their faith and ministry at St. Paul's.

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During the parking lot reconstruction, electrical power to the Parish House will need to be cut off for 1-2 days. St. Paul's will be closed during that time period. As soon as we know what days this will occur, we will notify everyone via email. We apologize for the inconvenience during this period, but it will be well worth it once the work is completed. During the month of July and the first two weeks of August, there will be NO Tuesday noon healing service. After considerable conversation, together we decided the challenges of parking, etc. would make it difficult to attend the service during the parking lot construction. Please mark your calendars: No Tuesday noon service during the period of July 1 through August 14th. The service will resume on Tuesday, August 21st.

The Rev. Karen Lewis+ will be gone for 8 weeks this summer beginning July 1st. Karen+ will return to the office on August 27th. While she is away, the Rev. Susan Carter will be covering all worship services and pastoral care. During the week, if you have a pastoral care need, please contact the office at 517-482-9454. If it is an emergency, the Rev. Carter can be reached at 517-599-0380.

Enjoy your summer! If you take off to the north or parts unknown, we will hold you in our prayers and ask that you do the same. Also, don't forget to pay your pledges. We still rack up the bills even though so many take off on vacation. Blessings to all!

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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Growing Our Community MISSION AND OUTREACH MINISTRY

By Sue LeDuc

Your Mission Ministry Team is expanding our outreach to neighbors and those in need. We have made connections with:

Samaritas – the group that helps unaccompanied minors who come here to Lansing as refugees and

LINCS – a group of autistic young adults who are living on their own trying to make real connections with others.

Samaritas finds apartments or other living space for these young people adrift from their families and the world they knew. We can help with filling the “boxes” Samaritas provides for these young people to furnish their new homes. There are boxes for kitchens, bathrooms, bedrooms, etc. You name it...everything from measuring spoons to pots and pans to lamps...you get the idea. Stay tuned for suggestions and needs. This follows in the tradition started by Bill, our beloved deacon.

Keep an eye out for LINCS, too. You may see a new face in the choir or giving blood or helping at MSU concessions... welcome them.

Finally, a reminder from the children of Red Cedar and Glencairn elementary schools:

The Peace Pledge

I pledge to use my words to speak in a kind way

I pledge to help others as I go throughout my day

*I pledge to care for our earth with my healing heart
and hands*

I pledge to respect people in each and every land

I pledge to join together as we unite big and small

I pledge to do my part to create peace for one and all



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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

St. Paul's Mini-Golf & Silent Auction Recap

By Keeli Baker

It was partly cloudy with temps in the mid-60s, but that didn't stop St. Paul's parishioners and friends from enjoying a day of miniature golf on Sunday, May 6.

69 golfers gathered at Hawk Hollow's Mini-Hawk course for an 18-hole scramble. The lowest team score of 48 went to the Johnson family (Mark, Kate, Anna, Nick, and Lauren), who won Outback Steakhouse gift certificates. Cody Volek, Keeli Baker's nephew, earned the lowest individual score of 51, taking home Titleist golf balls. Theresa Milne and Nick Johnson each shot a hole-in-one, boosting their teams' overall scramble scores.

Following mini-golf, the group gathered in the Lakeview Banquet Room for a hamburger lunch buffet and silent auction emceed by Jim and Ree Huber. 16 silent auction items were donated, ranging from a custom-made quilt to a Mackinac sailing charter for six. Attendees also participated in a pick-a-prize game whereby tickets were purchased for the chance to win a prize package of their choice. The Hubers and others solicited numerous donations from local businesses that were used to create the prize packages.

The following individuals were recognized for their efforts in making the event a success: Jim and Ree Huber; Bobbi Tisdale; Libby Richardson; Lyn Zynda; and, Keeli Baker.

Generous donations from the following individuals helped support the event: Dave Berger; Libby Richardson; Mike & Shelley Jacobs; Jim & Theresa Milne; Lyn Zynda; Larry & Kathy Gut; Jennifer Humphries; and, Nikki Seger, rector of St. Michael' Episcopal Church, Lansing.

Gratitude was expressed for the generosity of the following local businesses: Buddies; Cracker Barrel; Great Harvest Bread Company; Pizza House; Dusty's; Cancun Mexican Grill; Best Cleaners; Jersey Giant; Sail Mackinac; Stateside Deli; Sweetilicious; Williamston Theatre; Grand Traverse Pie Co.; Douglas J; YaYa's Chicken; Christians Greenhouse; Playmakers; A Catered Affaire; Old Chicago; Country Club of Lansing; Lansing Symphony Orchestra; MSU Aesthetics; Studio C! Cinemas; Outback Steakhouse; and, Baryames Cleaners.

The event raised \$3,000 to date for the St Paul's SP21 Restore project, dedicated to our church's ongoing building repairs and upgrades.

Thank you to all who participated!

Update of member information: We are undergoing a software conversion and we need to update member information such as addresses, email, phone, and birthdates. Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the office. Please do not call the office with your updated information, as the conversion has us very busy!

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Birthdate _____

Spouse _____

Birthdate _____

Child 1(at home) _____

Birthdate _____

Child 2(at home) _____

Birthdate _____

Child 3(at home) _____

Birthdate _____

Child 4(at home) _____

Birthdate _____

Home Address _____

Other Address _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____ (work) _____

Family member phone _____

Preferred email for each family member _____

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

LIFE IN THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS

By Dr. Timothy Flynn

Dear St. Paul's Family, as many of you might know, I am in the discernment process for the priesthood and have been officially endorsed by the parish through the Vestry and my CDC. I wanted to share with you a brief account of my process thus far and I welcome any questions you might have for me along the way.

For the past several months I have been meeting with my Community Discernment Committee (CDC), which was made up of Jim Milnes, Sue LeDuc, Amanda Ross, Joe Lehning, and Katie Wilson (my "external" person from St. Michael's). We met to discern God's call in all of our lives as we work together within the Body of Christ. We prayed, shared experiences, and the group served as a collective wisdom for one another. It was a period of great openness, honesty, and vulnerability, which was extremely meaningful to me personally and professionally. During this process, we followed suggested guidelines given to us by the diocese, but we also had freedom to follow where the Spirit led as well. Upon completion of our set number of meetings (which had to take place over no less than the span of 6 months), the committee confirmed my calling and wrote their report consisting of specific responses to several questions from the diocese. After that, their report was given to the Vestry who then in turn endorsed me to continue in the process.

Over this past year, in addition to meeting with my CDC, I have taken a scripture course at the Academy for Vocational Leadership designed by and under the auspices of the Seminary of the Southwest (Episcopal). This was a rigorous course of reading, writing, and monthly daylong intensive courses, which were academically stimulating and very rewarding. The format included monthly asynchronous distance learning courses taught by faculty from the seminary, augmented by lots of reading, and completed by face-to-face classroom communal discussions held at the Colombiere Retreat Center in Clarkston. Some of my colleagues were from our diocese, and others were from the Diocese of Eastern Michigan, which uses this format for both diaconate and priestly formation.

This spring semester I took an intensive online course on Anglicanism, taught by Rev. Dr. John Kater, at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, CA. This course was also an asynchronous distance-learning format and involved much reading and reflecting through weekly written assignments. As a professor myself, I have come to have a better appreciation for distance learning and various techniques involved in delivering quality instruction for non-traditional students through this process. Fortunately, both of these courses – while enjoyable and enlightening for someone who considers himself a life-long learner – will also be able to transfer to my official studies as I continue on my journey.

My next official step in the sequence of events of discernment is my interview with the Diocesan Commission on Ministry (COM) and approval by them and the Bishop for postulancy. This meeting is set for June 4. I have a very large portfolio of materials and other supporting documents (including the CDC and Vestry reports, and a letter from Karen+) which the committee will scrutinize and discuss with me. Should I successfully pass this next gate-keeping step, then Bishop Gibb, the COM, and I will decide upon my continuing education. The Spirit is at work! Please keep me in your prayers as I keep you in mine. I am grateful for your support and for the opportunity to minister here at St. Paul's. In my short time here I have seen the Spirit at work in many wonderful ways within this community, and look forward to where our journey will lead us in years to come! God bless you all.

Calendar

June

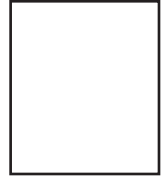
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