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Sabbath Rest

By The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

The term 'sabbath' occurs in the Christian Scriptures 67 times and 111 times in the Hebrew Scriptures. Obviously with that many mentions, it is something we need to pay attention to or it wouldn't be so prevalent in the biblical writings. The ancestor of the term 'sabbath' is 'sabbat' which means "the seventh day" derived from the creation story in the book of Genesis:

"And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation."

Extensive efforts of more than a century of study into finding the origin of the sabbath outside of the Hebrew Scriptures have not been successful. It seems God is the one who started it all. And in the church that carries some significant weight. Jesus declared himself Lord of the sabbath (Mark 2:28; Matt 12:8; Luke 6:5) with the intent of freeing the sabbath from human restrictions and restoring it to its divine intentions of rest and joy. Again, sabbath rest and joy seems to rank high on Jesus' list of priorities.

How do you engage in your own sabbath rest? Do you slow down? Do you dare to turn off your smart phone, computer or tablet for a few hours? Perhaps turning off notifications on your phone for a day? What prevents you from engaging in sabbath rest? Sabbath joy?

Time in our digital world seems to move so quickly with little chance to catch your breath before the next demand, need, or want requires attention. We 'run' to the store, 'run' errands and 'run' out. Studies illustrate the negative impact of stress, long work hours, and packed schedules on relationships, marriages and health. Sundays are no longer days of rest – rather they are filled with sports events, boy/girl scout activities, plays, musicals and rehearsals.

No wonder God declared a day of rest. Twenty-four hours to stop, rest, rejuvenate and find joy in creation. To find joy in each other – in life – in God's creation. My hope and prayer for each of you is that you create for yourself a weekly sabbath time – a time set aside for rest and joy. A time to tend to your own physical, mental and spiritual health. A time to tend to your soul and to your relationship with God. A time to remember that even God needed to take a break after a busy week at work.

May these next few months bring you sabbath rest, sabbath joy, and sabbath health. I look forward to hearing your stories of your sabbaths upon my return from my own sabbath rest. May it be so.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MAY 20TH VESTRY MEETING

Reports:

- Financial report: Sunday offerings have increased more than budgeted.
- If Music Be the Food – Next concert will be at St. Paul's on September 22, 2019 at 4:00 PM
- Parking in the alley was discussed.

Discussion items:

- 2019 Stewardship Pledge Drive: Co-chairs for the drive are recommended with one being from the vestry and one non vestry person. A search is underway.
- Sexton will be on vacation July 1 – 14. Volunteers will cover security (locking doors and windows is important), cleaning the bathrooms, opening the church and set up for coffee hour on Sunday morning.
- Sabbatical planning next steps – Each vestry person needs to fulfill what they sign up to do. Boundaries will be observed. Next meeting on sabbatical planning is June 10th.

Action Items:

- Corporate Motion -- The Vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church on May 20, 2019 approves via vote of the vestry, the opening of a business checking account, credit card account and any other financial account as deemed necessary by the Treasurer of St. Paul's to conduct the business of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Motion carried.

- Corporate Motion -- The Vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church on May 20, 2019 approves via vote of the vestry, to approve the following individuals to be the Authorized Signers of its MSUFUCU checking account; Jeff Irwin, Sue LeDuc, Margaret Schulte and Karen Lewis. Motion carried.
- Corporate Motion -- The Vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church on May 20, 2019 approves via vote of the vestry, to appoint Jeff Irwin and Theresa Milne as the Responsible Individuals for all of its business accounts held by MSUFUCU.
- Verification of Electronic vote for plumbing repair: To replace sagging and rusty cast iron drains in downstairs hallway under the kitchen, replacing broken and missing hangers for \$1,550.00 and to replace poorly installed, leading pvc drains with cast iron drains in day care room downstairs adjacent to kitchen storage and to replacing broken and missing hangers for \$2,435.00. Motion carried.

Meeting concluded with a review of coming events and pastoral care.

Respectively submitted by
Sarah J. Boron, Secretary

VPOD THE SEQUEL

By Sue LeDuc

VPOD is the "Vestry Person of the Day." As mentioned in last month's St. Paul's News, your vestry is working to better connect and know the people of St. Paul's. This concept has been tried in other churches. We hope you get to know us better and we get to know you.

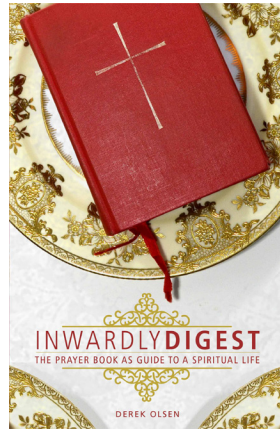
Beginning on Sunday, June 23, one vestry person will be assigned every Sunday to:

1. Give the announcements after both services
2. Be a visible reminder that your vestry is here to serve our community
3. Listen to members of the congregation
4. Answer questions and/ or find the answers or information
5. Help in any way or get the appropriate help
6. Stay at coffee hour to greet newcomers, guests and members
7. Help parishioners connect with various church ministries

NEW BOOK STUDY

By The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

“Have you ever wondered if there was some kind of guide to living a deeper, richer spiritual life that seamlessly incorporated scripture alongside the wisdom of the Church? There is – and you can find it in a pew rack near you! The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is more than a service book; it is a map to a deeper relationship with God, a framework for developing a more intentional and rewarding life of faith.”



So begins the description of *Inwardly Digest: The Prayer Book as Guide to a Spiritual Life*. Written by a layman within the Episcopal Church with a Ph.D. in the New Testament and an interest in most things medieval, monastic, and liturgical, Derek Olsen wrote this book to illustrate how the BCP and its contents help us to know and love God and our neighbor. Olsen explores liturgical spirituality and how the BCP serves as a repository of Christian wisdom and spiritual practice stretching back to the beginnings of the Christian movement.

Olsen claims one of his greatest frustrations with church people is the far too common idea that they don't need to learn anything more about their faith – or themselves – after they leave Sunday School. His hope is to help adult Christians claim a mature faith that can stand up to some of the really hard situations of the world that challenge us on a daily basis.

I offer this book as our next study as I do believe the folks of St. Paul's do want to engage in continuous adult formation and I think this will be a great addition to our conversations about being an Episcopalian. It also offers all of us an opportunity to become more familiar with the book that connects us to every other Anglican in the world.

Inwardly Digest is available in our church office at a price of \$19.00 each. I encourage you to take your time this summer reading this book and upon my return from sabbatical we will engage in some rich and faithful conversations. I too, will be reading along with you while I am away. My sense is we will gain different learnings from this book which we can share with each other.

Happy Reading!!!!

SUNDAYS IN SUMMER

It seems odd to be discussing summer when we have just turned off the heat in our buildings. It was a long winter! But summer will come, and with its arrival comes the hot, humid air which makes it very uncomfortable to worship in the church nave. So trusting that this humid weather will arrive, we will be moving to our summer worship hours on June 23rd.

Beginning on **Sunday, June 23rd**, we will move our worship into the **Merrifield Room** and have only one Sunday service at **9:00 AM**. This worship time is a compromise for those who love the early 8:00 AM service and those who sleep in a bit longer and arrive for the 10:00 AM service. We will continue this schedule throughout the summer, returning to two services on September 8th.

We are grateful for...

... John David Hawkins painting of the Hill Room and the Men's Bathroom. The rooms look brand new!

... the many volunteers who made the services and receptions special for so many. This includes ushers and altar servers for funerals; those involved in making the service and reception for our Deanery Confirmation service so special; graduation Sunday reception!

... all who are Sunday morning greeters and coffee hour hosts! You are the first faces our folks and newcomers see and the lasts! What you do is important!

... for all who supported St. Paul's through the auction and drawing at our golf outing. We raised over \$1,500.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Mini-Golf & Silent Auction Recap

It was 70 degrees and sunny as 51 mini golfers descended upon the Mini Hawk in East Lansing for St. Paul's SP21 restoration fundraiser on Sunday, May 5.

Cody Volek repeated his 2018 performance by shooting the lowest individual score of 47. He joined his parents, Todd and Kelli Volek, to win the first-place team prize with a team score of 41. The Whiskey-Palians, the Simpsons and the Guts, came in second with a score of 44. The Jesus Freaks (Sue Boulton, Jen Humphries, MaryLea Benson, Susan Henderson) tied Agents of Chaos (Jim Milne, Hope Milne, Joe Lehning, John David Hawkins) for third place with competitive scores of 50.

Cheers broke out early and often on the course as eight golfers shot holes-in-one: MaryLea Benson, Joe Lehning, Hope Milne, Greg Wortley, and Mia Baker at hole #2; Lyn Zynda at hole #4; Griffin Baker at hole #14; and, Kelli Volek at hole #16.

Following mini golf, the group gathered in the Lakeview Banquet Room for a cheeseburger lunch buffet and silent auction. Seventeen silent auction items were donated, ranging from a custom-made quilt crafted by Sally Boron to a catered dinner for eight donated by Teresa Barcy. Raffle tickets were sold for "pick-a-prize" restaurant gift packages as well as individual prizes. Children received summer sand buckets filled with toys and candy, and Detroit Tigers baseballs. Golfers practiced their game on an indoor mini-putt green and picture props were available to take fun photos.

St. Paul's Emails - NOT Spam!

Have you had trouble receiving emails from St. Paul's? Chances are the emails are going to your 'spam' folder. A spam folder (sometimes called "clutter" or "junk", depending on your email system) is where your email system automatically sends messages that are potentially unwanted.

If this is happening to you, you will need to add office@stpaulslansing.org to your list of contacts within your email. There are a few ways that you can do this:

- Send an email directly to office@stpaulslansing.org. Typically this will add the address to your contacts.
- Check your contact list. When you are looking at your contact list in your email system there should be a button or option to 'Add Contact'. Adding office@stpaulslansing.org here will ensure the messages go directly to your inbox.
- Check your spam folder. If an email from the office, there will usually be a button near the top of the email to remove office@stpaulslansing.org from the filter.

If none of these methods work, I recommend Google! In the search bar type: "How do I add contacts to ____". Fill the blank with the name of your email provider (Gmail, Yahoo, AOL, etc.)

I hope this helps you ensure that you receive everything the office is sending out so you can also keep up with what is happening at St. Paul's!

The Hubers solicited donations worth \$1,200 from generous local businesses: Baryames Cleaners; Baskin Robbins of Okemos; Biggby's; Buddies of Okemos; Burgdorf's Winery; Capital Prime; Cheddar's; Christians Greenhouse; Cops & Doughnuts; Country Club of Lansing; Culver's; Cutco; Douglas J; Dusty's; Grand Traverse Pie Co.; Great Harvest Bread of Okemos; Hall of Fame Café; Jersey Giant; Lansing Symphony Orchestra; Logan's Roadhouse; Lucky's Steakhouse; Old Chicago; Outback Steakhouse; Pizza House; Playmakers; Professional Party Planner; Stateside Deli; Studio C; and, Van Peenen's Flowers.

Many parishioners contributed to the event: Marilyn Maloney donated a Schuler's gift card; Gloria Sutton donated a visa gift card; The Hubers donated a crystal wine decanter; Keeli Baker donated Tigers tickets; Sally Boron donated a quilt and wall hanging; Elizabeth Richardson donated dessert; and, the Pierces donated restaurant gift cards. Elizabeth Richardson and Jerry Simpson sold raffle tickets during the lunch hour, raising over \$500 in sales.

The event raised \$1,580 for the St Paul's SP21 Restore project, dedicated to our church's ongoing building repairs.

Thank you to all who participated! We hope you had a great time!

St. Paul's Mini Golf Committee

Keeli Baker, Jim and Ree Huber, Jennifer Humphries, Amanda Ross, Carol and Jerry Simpson, and Lyn Zynda

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Where are the St. Paul's Women's Guilds?

Traditionally, St. Paul's has had two guilds for women. St. Elizabeth's Guild met at noon time in member's homes. Last year they decided to disband and move to a new format. Business and Professional Women met in the evenings with dinner and a program. Attendance declined and it was decided to have brown bag dinner together instead of a catered meal. Attendance continued to decline.

The women of St. Elizabeth's started to meet socially for lunch in a restaurant once a month. The group grew and women who were not part of St. Elizabeth's were included. The group has grown with 22 St. Paul's Women meeting for fellowship in April.

Now known as St. Paul's Women, the group meets for lunch at 11:30 AM usually on the last Wednesday of the month. Location has been rotating each month from March through November.

All women of St. Paul's are invited to join the group when they are available. No dues, no officers, no commitment to provide a program, join us to share our faith and fellowship! Contact Barbara Clark to be added to the email announcement list at bjwclark1@juno.com.

Transitions

We celebrate Diane Clark's and Leslie Hall's reception into the Episcopal Church and Carol Thomas' reaffirmation of her baptismal vows. These three were part of our Capitol Deanery's service held here at St. Paul's on May 23rd. It was an honor to host Bishop Gibb's last confirmation in this area prior to his retirement in December.

We congratulate those who recently graduated:

Sara Nevin, Thomas Laub and Anna Krupka

We mourn with those whose loved ones died recently, may their souls rest in peace.

- ✠ Dave Parks' mother
- ✠ Graham Crabtree's mother
- ✠ Marilyn Earley's father
- ✠ Barbara Hamm and Paul Potts' son
- ✠ The family of Maureen Sanders
- ✠ Kirk Lindquist's mother

Prayer Quilts

St. Paul's, a member of nationally known Prayers and Squares ministry, has been giving prayer quilts since about 2009. Prayer quilts are given to anyone in need of comfort. While illness and grief are two of the reasons prayer quilts are given, they are given to anyone in need of support through prayer.

What is the procedure for requesting a prayer quilt? There are forms on the sign up table in the stand up file in the Merrifield Room to request a prayer quilt. Requests can be made without completing a form. Verbal requests can be given to our clergy, Karen or Susan, or by contacting the St. Paul's office or Sally Boron (sboron@casair.net or 517-669-9468).

Prayer Ministry Team

By The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

Prayer is a vital ministry – one that helps grow in our relationship with God. Prayer is also an action-oriented ministry – one in which we can pray for other members of our congregation, our community and our world. In light of our commitment to prayer, and the need for prayer, I am gathering together a group of folks who have a passion for prayer. This group will engage in prayer in a number of different ways:

- Praying regularly on your own for those in our congregation and others who seek prayer and support. You will receive a weekly list of folks, concerns and issues to include in your daily prayer life.
- Gathering on a monthly basis to learn new forms of prayer and to engage in group prayer
- In the future, sharing our learnings about prayer with others in our congregation

I am asked on a daily basis to pray for others. It is my honor and privilege to pray for many. My sense is there are many of you in the congregation who also have a passion for prayer. To be a part of this team does not require any expertise in prayer or the ability to pray aloud in a group setting. Rather, to be a member of this team, you are asked only to commit to praying and learning and growing in faith. The majority of your time commitment will be engaging in prayer in your own space on your own time. If this is something you feel God is calling you to, please connect with me either by email or a quick chat. I am prayerfully awaiting who God is calling to this ministry.

An Attitude of Gratitude

By Amanda Ross

How many of us have felt unappreciated? Most of us can come up with an example that's less than a few weeks old, and most likely involving someone we're close to. We all experience gratitude gaps, on both sides; the area between not feeling appreciated, and not showing others how grateful we are for the things they do.

I am scrupulous about expressing gratitude to servers when I go out for a meal. It's a hard job, and their hard work makes a meal out so much more enjoyable for me! I make sure to take the time to verbally express my gratitude throughout the meal, as well as leaving a generous tip after. But that doesn't mean I've got this gratitude thing down perfectly. I just realized that I can't remember the last time I thanked my sister for shouldering the bulk of the burden of caring for our mother.

I appreciate what she does far more than I appreciate a good meal (even considering not having to do dishes). So why don't I remember to express that gratitude? Unfortunately, this isn't one of those articles that give

you answers (although if you have all the answers- let me know!). Instead I'd like to offer you a challenge. For the month of June, I'd like to challenge you to focus on gratitude for those closest to you. Here are two ideas that I'll be trying:

Host a gathering.

Summer is about to begin, and with vacations and cabins it's easy to go weeks without seeing the friends and family that you're most grateful for. Take the time to show your appreciation in person before summer vacations start.

Ask if there's anything you can do.

Starting when we're toddlers, we want to be self-sufficient and can struggle to ask for help. Take a moment to ask someone close to you if there's anything you can do for them. From big things like chores, to fun things like taking the kids to the park for the afternoon, asking to help – and meaning it! – is a great way to show your appreciation.

Let us know how it goes! We're halfway through our year of gratitude and want to know: Were you able to take the time to share more of your gratitude for those closest to you this month?

Islam and the Misconceptions that Exist in the West About It

By Imam Sohail Chaudhry - info@lansingislam.com

What is Islam?

- Word "Islam" means Surrender, Submission, Obedience, Sincerity, and Peace with God.
- Islamic Beliefs: Unity of God, belief in Angels, Prophets & Messengers, Holy Books (Torah, Gospel, and Qur'an), Life after Death, and Preordainment.
- Pillars of Islam: Declaration of Faith, Five daily prayers, Fasting the month of Ramada, Paying charity and Pilgrimage to Mecca.
- Sources of Islam: Qur'an (authoritative source), Hadith (Saying of the Prophet: explanatory source), Consensus of Scholars and Critical Reasoning.
- Fastest growing religion of the World with over 1.5 billion followers.

Common Misconceptions:

- Muslims worship a stone in the desert and kiss the ground five times a day. (Muslims worship One God, the God of Abraham and Moses and Jesus).
- All Muslims are Arabs (only 13% of the Muslims are Arabs, Indonesia being the largest Muslim population of the world).
- All Arabs are Muslims (There are many Arab Jews and Arab Christians).

- Jihad means "Holy War" and Islam preaches terrorism (Jihad means to struggle for the truth and against evil and physical combat is just one of the facets of Jihad. Jihad is not the same as terrorism).
- Islam is intolerant towards others religions (Jews and Christians are called the "People of the Book," a respectful title in the Qur'an. People of other faiths prospered under the shade of the Islamic Empire of hundreds of years).
- Islam is spread through the use of the sword (Islam is spread though the amazing character traits of early Muslims. It was through trade and commerce that people of other civilizations came into contact with the Muslims).
- Women have no right in Islam (Women have spiritual, inheritance, parenteral, economic, political and social right in Islam).
- Jesus (Peace be Upon Him) in Islam (He is considered to be one of the mightiest messengers of God, one who could bring people back to life, was born miraculously, cured the blind and the lepers. One who will return at the end of times. There is the chapter in the Qur'an called, "Mary").

Food Insecurity in the Land of Plenty

MISSION AND OUTREACH MINISTRY

By Sue LeDuc

It is hard to believe that in our country of plenty there is hunger. Yet recent statistics show that there has been an increase in "food insecurity" among young adults in Michigan [10.12% to 14.88%]. "Food insecurity" is defined by the USDA as "a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life." Or, put another way "limited or uncertain access to nutritionally adequate and safe foods."

More than 1/2 the students attending community colleges struggle with food insecurity according to a recent study of more than 33,000 community college students at 70 community colleges by Sara Goldrich-Rab at the University of Wisconsin HOPE Lab. As she stated: "food insecurity is a college completion issue....we have to stop pretending that living expenses are not educational expenses."

It is with this in mind that Mission & Outreach Ministry has reached out to food pantries at MSU, LCC, and our neighborhood elementary school – Riddle. There are much-used food pantries at all 3 locations, not to mention the food pantry at First Presbyterian Church. Thanks to your generosity, we have been to help refill much needed supplies at all 4 locations. There are notices in the church bulletin as to specific needs such as salt and pepper (MSU), breakfast foods (Riddle), on any given Sunday. Keep an eye out for something you could bring to church to donate.

Altar Flower Changes

By Theresa Milne

Altar flowers beautify the sanctuary and the chapel of our church, and are a gift to God and those who attend our worship services. Local florists are now charging delivery fees and flower costs continue to increase. Currently, flower expenses outpace flower contributions. You fund altar flowers by your generous donations to our flower fund. Flowers are not a line item in our church budget. The cost of altar flowers will now be \$80 per Sunday to include coverage of the delivery charges. The altar flower ministry is intended to be self-sustaining. Currently, if no dedication has been submitted for a given Sunday, there will be no flowers.

How do we address the costs? Find a friend to team up with to arrange for altar flowers. Multiple people/families can contribute for any given week and dedications will be included in the bulletin. This way, no one person would have to bear the cost for an entire week. A contribution for flowers is a meaningful way to honor or remember a loved one. It is also tax deductible.

For the summer months while we hold our services in the comfort of the air-conditioned Merrifield Room, we will have a live plant basket containing small vases that will hold individual live flowers. These can be cut flowers from a grocery store or even from your garden. Notify the office if you would like to bring flowers in for a given Sunday and we will include your dedication in the bulletin.

We continue to look at other ways to make changes to how we arrange for flowers on the altar. Please contact Theresa Milne if you would like to be a part of an Altar Flower Ministry. Please have your requests in the office by the Monday prior to the Sunday of your dedication.



SPN 1982

St. Paul's is filled with many original works of art, each with its own story to tell. Looking back on old editions of the parish newsletter, it's interesting to find the origins of the pieces we see around us.

In June 1982, the following article was run in St. Paul's News:

Three new woodcarvings by Mr. Hill, which observers say are some of his best, grace the walls of St. Paul's. all depict episodes in the life Christ, at the beginning and at the end.

Largest of the three shows the Flight into Egypt, with Mary holding the infant Jesus as she rides on a donkey and Joseph walks beside them. It was inspired by a scene in a 15th Century stained-glass window in St. Leonard's Church, Frankfurt, Germany.

The carving, measuring approximately 20x30 inches, took some three months to complete while Mr. Hill was recuperating from surgery last year. Like the other carvings, it is done in pine.

Appropriately, Flight in Egypt hangs in the parish chapel, whose stained-glass windows depict other scenes in the life of the young Jesus.

Hanging near the Music Building's entrance to the chapel is the "Supper at Emmaus," showing Christ breaking bread with two of His disciples. It is from account in the Book of Luke, (Chapter 24, verse 30). Done last summer at Eagle Harbor, Mich., the Hill's usual vacation spot, it is a gift from Bob and Marian Fisher in memory of their parents, Russell and Carolyn Fisher and Benjamin and Ruth Fraser.

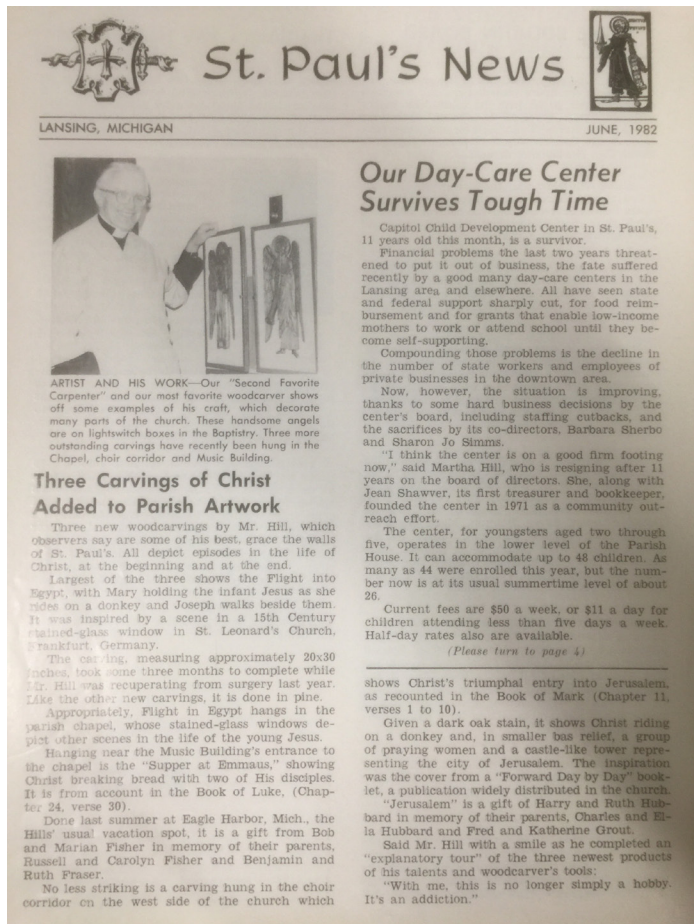
No less striking is a carving hung in the choir corridor on the west side of the church which shows Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem as recounted in the Book of Mark (Chapter 11, verses 1 to 10).

Given a dark oak stain, it shows Christ riding on a donkey and, in a smaller bas relief, a group of praying women and a castle-like tower representing the city of Jerusalem. The inspiration was the cover from a "Forward Day by Day" booklet, a publication widely distributed in the church.

"Jerusalem" is a gift of Harry and Ruth Hubbard in memory of their parents, Charles and Ella Hubbard and Fred and Katherine Grout.

Said Mr. Hill with a smile as he completed an "explanatory tour" of the three newest products of his talents and woodcarver's tools:

"With me, this is no longer simply a hobby. It's an addiction."



Mr. Hill contributed a large number of woodcarvings to St. Paul's during his time with the church, with much of his handiwork still on display. All three carvings mentioned in this 1982 article can be seen today unremoved after nearly forty years.

Flight to Egypt and *Supper at Emmaus* are hanging in the exact same spots as when they were first donated, with the former in the chapel and the latter just off the chapel's rear entrance. *Jerusalem, or The Triumphal Return*, has also retained its place in the choir corridor outside the entrance to the sacristy.



Of Roof and Bricks

By Bob Merriman

Following the March 2017 windstorm, the traditional "Building and Grounds Committee" was suspended in favor of a "Facilities Task Force" focusing on near term facility repair and renovation projects. The early mission was primarily to assist Karen+ in navigating this challenging chapter in our history. As the repairs and renovations were finally completed during 2018, a new appreciation of long-term strategic planning was created.

A new "Facility Ministry" was formed to:

- Be versed in the history of the St. Paul's Church, Parish House and Music Building (Facility)
- Develop and maintain an awareness of the current Facility systems.
- Develop and maintain a series of preventative maintenance plans to ensure structural stability and efficient operation including an awareness of recycling and energy conservation opportunities.
- Identify Facility improvement projects and prioritize for Vestry consideration, approval, and execution. This process includes budgetary cost proposals, recommendation of vendors, and coordination of management of approved projects.
- Communicate to Vestry on Facility status and any project updates.
- Be accountable to Vestry and Rector for the appropriate follow through on approved projects.
- Advise Vestry and Rector regarding the use of parish volunteers and outside contractors for projects.
- Coordinate all Facility Ministry activities with appropriate parish staff and clergy.
- Identify skilled parish volunteers capable of overseeing/implementing projects

The Facilities Ministry meets each third Monday at noon and discusses routine maintenance and near/long-term facility projects. Project planner and maintenance schedule spreadsheets have been created. This Ministry is currently brought to you by Jim Clark, Joseph Lehning, Bob Merriman, Mark Rudd, and Hillary Walilko. We are currently working on ways to share this project planning with everyone.

So far this year we had a Saturday Memorial Garden clean up, painting of the first floor Parish House and Hill Room, un-sticking of the sticky Garden door, and a couple walk-through inspections. Soon we will be giving the Garden metal fence and the front doors a fresh coat of paint and some new mulch for the Garden.

We continue to study solutions for the mysterious roof leak above the Cloister entrance to the Sanctuary in collaboration with our roofing company who holds a lot of historical knowledge.

Pristine Glass who was central to the success of our TeDeum window restoration (not to mention the same to the northwest clearstory window) continues to study our stained glass as we work toward a long-term maintenance/restoration program.

A high-tech newcomer to our modest power tool storage closet has arrived! We are proud owners of an electric rechargeable lawn mower. It is quiet and has headlights (for night mowing?).

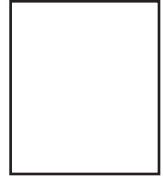
You can see that there is so much to learn; so much to experience. The Facilities Ministry is just getting on its feet and welcomes your participation in this rewarding journey. Stay tuned for future updates and invitations.

Calendar

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Graduation Sunday 8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion - Chapel 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room 10:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion - Sanctuary 2:00 PM St. Cecilia Chorale	27 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	28 Theresa Milne Away 12:00 PM Worship & Healing Service - Chapel 5:30 PM Altar Guild Training	29 Theresa Milne Away 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM St. Paul's Women's Luncheon - Jimmy's Pub 12:00 PM AA Meeting - VanAtta Room	30 Theresa Milne Away 11:00 AM Carol Thomas Setup w/Jeremy - Merrifield 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room	31 Carol Thomas - Merrifield Room OFFICE CLOSED	1 9:00 AM Carol Thomas Family Party - Merrifield Room 9:30 AM Special Convention to Elect a Bishop - Cathedral
2 FOOD BANK SUNDAY 8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion - Chapel 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion - Sanctuary 2:00 PM St. Cecilia Chorale	3	4 12:00 PM Worship & Healing Service - Chapel	5 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting - VanAtta Room	6 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8 9:30 AM Altar Guild Training
9 Baptism Anniversary Celebration PENTECOST SUNDAY 8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion - Chapel 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room 10:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion - Sanctuary 12:00 PM LINC'S Laugh & Play - Merrifield Room 2:00 PM St. Cecilia Chorale	10 6:30 PM Vestry Meeting - No Dinner	11 12:00 PM Worship & Healing Service - Chapel	12 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM AA Meeting - VanAtta Room	13	14 FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST OFFICE CLOSED	15 11:59 PM SPN Deadline!!
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