

JOYOUS NEWS

September 2023

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*We will glorify God by deepening the roots of our Anglican faith,
and bringing people to new life in Jesus Christ.*



A few weeks ago, we had the pleasure of having Bishop Mark Engel and his wife Terri join us for Sunday worship. It was an enjoyable time, and the bishop was very well received. During the service, he received Lacy Bates as a member of the Anglican Communion, and we all renewed our baptismal vows. His sermon was about God providing what his people need for ministry. According to the bishop, God provisions us for what he calls us to. He is generous with his Spirit. And he makes sure that we are equipped with what we need to be successful in carrying forth his word and love to the world.

After the service, we had a nice ice cream social followed by a question-and-answer time with the bishop. Bishop Mark was gracious to spend as much time as we needed answering all the questions people asked. One of the questions was about the health of our diocese and where the bishop sees things going in the future. He reported that our diocese is healthy. We have about forty-five churches in the diocese right now. We have some successful church plants, such as a new and thriving one in Grand Rapids. We have also closed some churches, mainly ones that never recovered from COVID.

Among the exciting things happening in our diocese is that we are electing an assisting bishop to help with the workload of the diocese. Currently, our bishop is on the road virtually every weekend, but still can't get to every church in a year because of College of Bishops meetings and other such things. Having an assisting bishop will allow every church to get a bishop visitation every year, which is definitely a good thing. Nominations were received over the summer and the Standing Committee is working through trying to get the list down to two candidates to be selected from at this coming Synod in October. Lord willing, the assisting bishop will be consecrated early next year and firmly in place for 2024. Bishop Mark suggested that the assisting bishop would be someone from our diocese who would maintain their current position at their church part-time and serve as bishop part-time. There has been no word yet as to who our finalists are, but as soon as I know, I will share it with you.

The other big topic the bishop addressed was the stability of the Anglican Communion and our place within it. The Anglican Communion is the third largest church in the world with over 85 million members. The Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) makes up only a fraction of that, with the majority being in Africa and what we call the Global South. Historically, the Anglican Communion has been headquartered in Canterbury with the Archbishop of Canterbury being the figurehead (though technically not the leader). Sadly, liberalism has overtaken the Church of England, much as it did the Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church of Canada, and the Anglican Church of Australia. Because of this, there has been some question about the stability of the

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at New Life



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Summer Book Study 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Williams	28	29 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	30 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am in the annex study	31 Morning Prayer 8:00am Women's Night at the Charlevoix Rod & Gun Club @ 5:00pm	1	2
3 Summer Book Study 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Greenwells	4 HAPPY Labor Day Church Offices Closed	5 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	6 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am in the annex study 6:00pm Pizza 6:30pm Bible Study 1 Timothy	7 Morning Prayer 8:00am	8	9
10 Summer Book Study 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Dielmans	11	12 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods September Vestry Meeting 5:00pm	13 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am in the annex study 6:00pm Pizza 6:30pm Bible Study 1 Timothy	14 Morning Prayer 8:00am	15	16
17 Summer Book Study 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Zakos	18	19 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	20 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am in the annex study 6:00pm Pizza 6:30pm Bible Study 1 Timothy	21 Morning Prayer 8:00am Men's Ministry Group 5:30pm THU Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	22	23
24 Summer Book Study 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Ostranders	25	26 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods Joyous News October Issue Deadline	27 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am in the annex study	28 Morning Prayer 8:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm in Hanz Hall	29	30

WALLY'S GALLERY —

As I think about September a song comes to mind from a musical play that was one of the longest running plays. The play was *The Fantastiks* and the song - *Try to Remember*.

The play was about young love and two fathers that tried to keep them apart. The boy and girl fall in love; eventually grow apart and then come back together again. The song, beautiful in its lyrics (by Tom Jones) and melody (by Harvey Schmidt), carries me back in time when life was different from today. Here are a few of its lines:



Try to remember the kind of September
When life was slow and oh, so mellow.
Try to remember the kind of September
When grass was green and grain was yellow.
and then these -

Try to remember when life was so tender
That no one wept except the willow.
Try to remember when life was so tender
That dreams were kept beside your pillow.
Try to remember when life was so tender
That love was an ember about to billow.
Try to remember, and if you remember,
Then follow.

As you read over the words if the melody did not capture your thoughts, then listen to the song on YouTube. I doubt you would be disappointed that you took the time to listen to words that have a message for us today in the broken culture we are experiencing.

The Apostle Paul wrote the following advise to the church in Philippi: "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Philippians 4:8)

Anger and anxiety are prevalent in our culture today so that at times we (myself included) fall prey to its grip. Earlier Paul told his disciples not to be anxious but to let their "requests be known to God" (verse 6) and then the "peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (verse 7).

We can not turn back time to the September's of years ago but we can capture an even far greater peace and tranquility in our lives by turning our focus where it should always be; on Jesus.

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There is a beautiful hymn that captures that very thought - "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus."

"O soul are you weary and troubled
No light in the darkness you see
There's light for a look at the Savior
And life more abundant and free."

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in his wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace."

Amen

~ Wally's Gallery

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVE A KID A CHANCE FOOD DRIVE – New Life's current outreach project is to help to stock Inland Lakes School Youth Pantry Shelves is wrapping up Labor Day Weekend. To help or for more information please contact Lacy Bates.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – begins Thursday, September 21st at 6:30pm in Blanz Hall. We hope you will join us as we work through the book of Hebrews. This is a 10-week study using the Jen Wilkin's "Better" study. The Bible study book plus streaming access is \$24.99. Please see Suzanne Schulte or Bonnie Bridge to reserve a copy. There are a number of free books available if you need a complimentary copy.

MEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S BREAKFAST – meets each Tuesdays at 8:30am for food and fellowship at Southwood's Restaurant

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Wednesdays at 10:30am at the Davis Home

MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM – meeting is Thursday, August 24th location to be determined. Our meetings will include fellowship 5:30 – 6:30p.m., dinner 6:30 – 7:30p.m. and a short teaching 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. Bring your beverage of choice. I hope you will join us.

FR. MIKE'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 1:00 – 5:00pm, Thursdays 9:00am – 1:00pm



IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR AN ARTICLE OR EVENT YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE IN A FUTURE JOYOUS NEWS PLEASE CONTACT TRACEY AT OFFICE@NEWLIFEANGLICAN.NET OR 231.347.3448



LITURGICAL SEASON — *by Karen Dielman*

ORDINARY TIME

We are now in the season of ordinary time, celebrated with the color green. It is the liturgical period that does not fall within the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter, and runs for 34 weeks, it is celebrated two times a year throughout the year. The first period runs from the feast of baptism of the Lord until the Tuesday evening before Ash Wednesday and the second from the second Sunday of Pentecost to the 26th Sunday of Pentecost. It is a time of growth and renewal in each Christians spiritual life.

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Anglican Communion and whether there would be any more church splitting, or even if we would abandon the name Anglican altogether.

Bishop Mark shared with us that we are Anglicans, and we are not leaving the Anglican Communion, nor are we dropping the Anglican name. We are not splitting from the Church of England, but, instead, GAFCON (the Global Anglian Futures Conference) has taken the position that the Church of England has left us and that they need to repent if they are to be restored. Because of this, GAFCON no longer views Canterbury as the headquarters of the Anglican Communion. This was made clear when the GAFCON bishops (the majority of Anglican bishops) skipped the Lambeth Conference, which is the traditional gathering of the Anglican Communion every ten years in Canterbury.

Overall, the Anglican Communion is very strong, very faithful to the scriptures and the historic faith, and rejects the liberalism of the modern (post-modern and post-post-modern) Western Church. ACNA is strongly situated and well represented in GAFCON and our home in the Anglican Communion is secure. While it can be hard to see the Church going through such troubles, what we know is that we aren't alone. The Western Church as a whole is collapsing under theological liberalism and a rejection of the historic faith. The Methodist Church is currently experiencing what we went through with the Episcopal Church, and the Anglican Church is prioritizing reaching out to Methodists (churches and individuals) who want a safe haven back in the Anglican Communion under GAFCON. But as for ACNA and the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes, we are healthy, growing, and in a strong position of faithfulness and protection with our home in the Anglican Communion.

We certainly enjoyed Bishop Mark and Terri coming to visit us and we look forward to more frequent interactions than every two years once we have an assisting bishop in place in the diocese.

~ Fr. Mike

Christian Movie & TV Reviews...

Worth it or Woke?
IF IT AIN'T WOKE DON'T MISS IT

<https://worthitorwoke.com>

The growing disparity between what audiences think about a program and that of the "professionals" has finally increased to the point that it can no longer be ignored. So, we have decided that our religious conservative voice needs to be heard, and so we bring you *Worth it or Woke*. Everyone is biased but we

wear ours out in the open for all to see, so much so that we've built it right into our critique model. Right alongside with what we think about the story, performances, and visuals, we let you know if the woke quotient (wokedient) is distractingly high, tolerable, or not there at all.

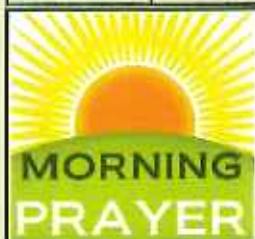
What we mean by "woke?"

Woke [wōk]: adj.— 1. the quality of ultra/radical-progressivism, characterized by the active eschewing of objective truth as well as traditions and societal mores that have been tried and tested for generations in lieu of nonsensical beliefs that defy logic and substantive supportive objective data.

September 2023 Service Calendar

If you are unable to fulfill your service duties on the dates listed, please try to rearrange and find your own replacement.

	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24	October 1	October 8
ALTAR GUILD	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Gretchen Lucky	Karen Dielman
SOUND/MUSIC	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan
USHER/COUNTER/GREETERS	Don L./ Dylan W./ The Flynns	Dylan W./ Don L./ The Bowmans	Dan W./ Mark D./ Randy F./ Sally Stump	Randy F./ Mark D./ Dan W./ Taylor DuBois	Don L./ Dylan W./ The Flynns	Dylan W./ Don L./ Sally Stump
LECTOR	Gretchen Lucky	Dan Wandrie	Wally Stansbury	Mary Jane Zako	Dylan Williams	Karen Dielman
LAY MINISTER	Erika Dielman	Wally Stansbury	Karen Dielman	Howard Bates	Mickey Bridge	Mary Jane Zako
PRAYER TEAM	Sally & Leah	Sharalon & Betty	Sally & Leah	Sharalen & Betty	Sally & Leah	Sharalon & Betty
CHILDREN'S NURSERY	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	The Greenwells	The Dielmans	The Zakos	The Ostranders	The Bates	The Wandries



Thursday
Morning Prayer
8:00am in
Fr. Mike's Office



ALTAR GUILD

Sept.....Karen Dielman
Oct.....Gretchen Lucky
NovLiz Ostrander
Dec.....Karen Dielman

Birthdays

Flaine Hameister 9/02
Erik Wandrie 9/03
Sarah Bridge 9/09
Don Lucky 9/11
George Bowman 9/17
Fiona Bridge 9/20
Don Greenwell 9/21



September



D.W. & Kalkidan
Lucky
Sept. 10th

Wedding Anniversaries



Dan & Darlene
Wandrie
Sept. 15th

Ferd & Karen
Dielman
Sept. 22nd

May the Lord richly bless you on your special day and all year!
Please let us know if we have missed your Birthday or Wedding Anniversary
so that we may celebrate with you and remember you in prayer.

Congregation — We Need You!

To volunteer to serve, please contact the Team Leaders listed below.

Altar Guild:	Karen Dielman	231/347-3532
Altar Flowers:	Karen Dielman	231/347-3532
Music/Sound:	Ferd Dielman	231/347-3532
Ushers:	Dan Wandrie	231/347-5871
Greeters:	Carol Bowman	231/459-4566
Lectors:	Tracey Jepsen	231/347-3448
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Mike Bridge	231/330-0689
Acolytes:	Mike Bridge	231/330-0689
Children's Sunday School:	Darlene Wandrie	231/347-5871
Youth Sunday School:	Don Lucky (middle & high school)	231/622-2058
Adult Sunday School:	Mike Bridge	231/330-0689
Nursery:	Bonnie Bridge	231/445-1810
Fellowship/Hospitality:	Liz Ostrander	231/348-2802
Prayer Chain:	Ron Davis	231/330-6355
Women's Ministry:	Suzanne Schulte	517/899-1946
Men's Ministry:	Mike Bridge	231/330-0689
InReach:	Gretchen Lucky	231/622-2057
OutReach:	Lacy Bates	231/373-7997
Christian Ed. Scholarship:	Susan Davis	231/330-4821
	Toni DuBois	231/330-8626
Missions:	D. W. Lucky	231/330-6559
Building and Grounds:	Dan Wandrie	231/347-5871
	Ron Davis	231/330-6355
Art and Architecture:	Susan Davis	231/330-4821
Church Historian:	Liz Ostrander	231/348-2802
Communications:	Bonnie Bridge	231/445-1810
	(newspaper articles, etc.)	
Student Visitor's Liaison:	Lacy Bates	231/373-7997
Treasurer:	Wes Ostrander	231/330-4930
Assistant Treasurer:	Susan Davis	231/330-4821
Assistant Treasurer:	Sally Stump	231/881-2818
Assistant Treasurer:	Dan Wandrie	231/347-5871
Stewardship:	Dan Wandrie	231/347-5871

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2023 Vestry

<i>Sr. Warden.</i>	Erika Dielman
<i>Jr. Warden.</i>	Dylan Williams
.....	Carol Bowman
.....	Susan Davis
.....	Toni DuBois
.....	April Honeycutt
.....	Don Lucky

Our Joyous News Needs You!

Please consider submitting an article or item of interest for the next issue of the Joyous News.

Submission deadline
is September 26th.



SAVE YOUR OLESON'S RECEIPTS

We appreciate grocery receipts from Oleson's Food Stores. You may leave your receipts in the coffee hour donation basket, in the Outreach shopping cart or on Tracey's desk.

PRAYER CHAIN



To activate the chain call:
Ron Davis at 231.330.6355 or
e-mail at rsdavismgr@gmail.com

To Help Keep You Informed

You may contact Tracey Jepsen our Administrative Assistant at 231.347.3448 for copies of Vestry Approved Financial Statements and Vestry Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report - August 31, 2023						
	August			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offering	12,936.00	13,562.00	(626.00)	109,909.24	108,496.00	1,413.24
Other	3,295.00	1,636.00	1,659.00	13,497.13	13,082.00	415.13
Income	16,231.00	15,198.00	1,033.00	123,406.37	121,578.00	1,828.37
Expense	(17,895.46)	(15,906.00)	(1,989.46)	(133,785.23)	(130,594.00)	(3,191.23)
Difference	(1,664.46)	(708.00)	(956.46)	(10,378.86)	(9,016.00)	(1,362.86)
Assets				\$611,290.25		
		Jan. 1, 2023	Donations	Expenses	Difference	Aug. 31, 2023
211 Fund		130,814.89	-	1,345.21	1,345.21	129,469.68
211 Fund In/Out Reach		22,546.65	-	446.71	446.71	22,099.94
		Operating	211 Fund	211 In/Out	Deposit	Interest
Interest Bearing Accts.		-70,000.00	-120,000.00	-10,000.00	700,000.00	
St. Francis 3-month CD			Deposit		200,000.00	

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*We were therefore
buried with Him
through baptism into
death in order that,
just as Christ was
raised from the dead
through the glory of
the Father, we too
may live a new life.*

Romans 6:4



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Oh, the joy in the day
new opened,
tied in a colorful bow,
all light, all bright,
and free given by God
who does bestow
this shiny new day
for our living,

making us one
with the earth
we are in,
as newborn the day
in its package,
blessed by the love
that is Him.

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