

JOYOUS NEWS

November 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.*

This past weekend I had the good pleasure of attending the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes Synod and Mission Conference with Dylan, Lou, and Mary Jane. Many exciting things took place at Synod, but I won't bury the lede like they did at Synod. The most exciting thing was that we elected a new Suffragan (assistant) Bishop for the diocese. The winner of that election was Allen Kannapell from His Church Anglican in Livonia, MI.

One of the very first things we did Friday morning at Synod, after morning prayer and the bishop's opening address, was to have an interview time for the two bishop candidates. The other candidate was Brian Wolthuis located down in Holland, MI. During the interview time, while one candidate was answering questions, the other candidate left the room so he couldn't hear the questions or answers given. They were each asked the same five questions, with Allen answering first. The questions ranged from issues of racially and ethnic diversity (or lack thereof) to what the greatest challenges are facing the diocese to what their goals would be in serving as Suffragan Bishop. Allen gave some very insightful answers.

For example, to the question, "What is the biggest problem facing the diocese?" Allen responded, "Sin." He then went on to talk about how we are all sinners saved by God's grace, we have all fallen short of the glory of God, and that even we clergy still struggle with sin in our lives. As such, his great solution to the problem was to remain faithful in preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, calling people to repentance, and do the hard work of discipling people so that they grow deeply in the faith. This was a refreshing answer because too many people would have tried to find some flaw to point out with how we are doing things, and then tried to propose some program or big change we need to make to address it. The truth is, sin is at the root of all the struggles of the Church, and preaching the gospel and discipling others is the tried-and-true solution that the church has used for two thousand years.

In similar fashion, when asked about how we might go about reaching more ethnic and racial diversity in the diocese, he didn't offer some big programmatic answer. He didn't say, "Here are five steps to a more racially inclusive diocese," which I think many people would have been tempted to do. Instead, he was honest that we can only reach those people that the Holy Spirit has set aside for us to reach. And we shouldn't make reaching people of one race a higher priority than people of another race. Instead, he said that we follow where the Spirit leads, and we lean on the Father to see where he is doing his work. If that work is among a racial group, great. If it is among a certain age group, great. But what we want to do is follow where God is going, not try to forge our own path to meet whatever racial or ethnic goals we have preconceived.

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at New Life



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour Brenda Flynn & Ginny Poquette	30	31 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	1 Men's Ministry Group 10:00am in the annex study 6:00pm Pizza 6:30pm Bible Study I Timothy	2 Morning Prayer 8:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	3	4  Fall Back
5 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Davis'	6	7 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	8 Men's Ministry Group 10:00am in the annex study 6:00pm Pizza 6:30pm Bible Study I Timothy	9 Morning Prayer 8:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	10	11
12 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Dielmans	13	14 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods November Vestry Meeting 6:00pm	15 Men's Ministry Group 10:00am in the annex study 6:00pm Pizza 6:30pm Bible Study I Timothy	16 Morning Prayer 8:00am Men's Ministry Group 5:30pm @ Fr Mike's Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	17	18
19 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Bowmans	20	21 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	22	23  HAPPY Thanksgiving	24	25
26 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour TBD	27	28 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods <i>Joyous News December Issue Deadline</i>	29 Men's Ministry Group 10:00am in the annex study 6:00pm Pizza 6:30pm Bible Study I Timothy	30 Morning Prayer 8:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	1	2

WALLY'S GALLERY —

Michael Nedved has written two books on the unique history of this country: God's Hand in America; and "The American Miracle." In these two books he points to numerous extraordinary circumstances in our history which he says can only be attributed to divine providence. In learning of these events it is not



difficult for me to appreciate his view. But this is not the first time books have been published expressing God's providence on this country.

Several books that I read years ago have this same theme: The Light and the Glory; From Sea to Shining Sea; Sounding Forth the Trumpet all written by Peter Marshall and David Manuel. And there are others: One Nation Under God by Dr. David C. Gibbs, Jr.; and America's God and Country by William Federer.

The title of the last book cited suggests a special relationship that this country has or had with the Creator. James Kennedy and Jerry Newcome wrote a book on a broader subject (What if the Bible had Never been Written?) that, in one chapter, speaks to the same idea of relationship. Kennedy writes that the Puritans who migrated to this country in the 1620's sought to create a "covenant in their colonies with God and with each other in order to live in obedience to God's Word." This idea of covenant is important to understand as it has implications in the formation of our country's government; its blessings and possible tragic unraveling. John Winthrop, the earliest major leader of the Puritans wrote: "...if we shall neglect the observations of (the articles of this covenant) the Lord will surely break out in wrath against us...and make us know the price of such a covenant."

The historian Clarence Carson tied the covenantal intent of the Puritans to our US Constitution. He wrote: "Understanding the doctrine of the covenant is necessary both to a grasp of the Puritan mission and to meaning of a constitution in America. The doctrine of the covenant is that people make an agreement with God and with one another. For by a covenant men bind themselves to God to do His will, and God himself binds Himself to them. These are overtones of such great documents as the Mayflower Compact" (first governing document signed by the Pilgrims before leaving the Mayflower)"...and the United States Constitution."

The National Center for Constitutional Studies web page provides further clarification:

"Our Constitution embodied a UNIQUE IDEA. Nothing like it had ever been done before. The power of the idea was in the recognition that people's rights are granted directly by the Creator -

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not by the state - and that the people, then, and only then, grant rights to government. The concept is so simple, yet so very fundamental and far-reaching.

CREATOR - People - Government

America's founders embraced a previously unheard-of political philosophy which held that people are "...endowed BY THEIR CREATOR with certain unalienable rights.." This was the statement of guiding principle for the new nation, and, as such, had to be translated into a concrete charter for government. The Constitution of The United States of America became that charter. Other forms of government, past and present, rely on the state as the grantor of human rights. America's founders, however, believed that a government made up of imperfect people exercising power over other people should possess limited powers. Through their Constitution, they wished to "secure the blessings of liberty" for themselves and for posterity by limiting the powers of government. Through it, they delegated to government only those rights they wanted it to have, holding to themselves all powers not delegated by the Constitution. They even provided the means for controlling those powers they had granted to government. This was the unique American idea. Many problems we face today result from a departure from this basic concept. Gradually, other "ideas" have influenced legislation which has reversed the roles and given government greater and greater power over individuals. Early generations of Americans pledged their lives to the cause of individual freedom and limited government and warned, over and over again, that eternal vigilance would be required to preserve that freedom for posterity."

In Chapter 28 of Deuteronomy God told the Israelites the blessings that would follow if they kept God's statutes and of the curses if they failed. The Puritans understood the same applied to them. The question before us as a nation and a people - do we understand as they did?

This Thanksgiving pray that we will.

~ Wally's Gallery

Bishop Mark's 2023 Visit to New Life



Bishop Mark Engel, Lacy Bates, Rev. Michael Bridge

Parish Notice:
New Life
Anglican Church
~ 2024 ~
Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 21st
following
the service at
NLAC
219 State St.
Petoskey, MI

While the interview was one of the first orders of business, the election was the very last order of business on Saturday. Our business meeting is usually on Friday, but it was moved to Saturday this time. And the election was the very last item on the agenda for the business portion. Thus, on Saturday, we had to sit through budget reports, ministry reports, and recognition of various people in the diocese. Then we held elections for standing committee, provincial council, and ecclesiastical court. And then we sang songs for half an hour while we waited to get the results of those elections. Only then did we get to cast our votes for Suffragan Bishop. And then we sang for fifteen more minutes and listened to more talking and presenting while we waited for the ballots to be counted twice. Finally, around 11:30, we got the announcement that Allen Kannapell had been elected as our new Suffragan Bishop.

Allen will serve as Suffragan Bishop until Bishop Mark retires. At that point, Allen could run for Diocesan Bishop, he could end his time serving in the diocese as Suffragan, or he could be kept on by the new bishop and continue to serve as Suffragan. Allen will serve His Church Anglican in Livonia two-thirds time, and spend one-third time traveling the diocese to make bishop visits and do whatever other work Bishop Mark assigns him. Because Allen is based in Michigan, it is likely that our next bishop visit will be by him, but first he must be approved by the College of Bishops in January, which I don't think will be an issue. God willing, sometime next summer everyone will get to meet Allen and greet him as the new assisting bishop of the diocese.

~ Fr. Mike

COMING SOON: SAINTS & MARTYRS OF UNSHAKABLE HOPE & FAITH

NLAC has given our members a lovely gift - our annual calendar - Church Year Guide. It includes the names of saints and martyrs - men and women of unshakable hope and faith who were God's instruments for Church reformation and keeping it alive and true to God's Word. I have started to look up a few of these precious saints. Talked to Fr. Mike who told me who his favorite is! Explore with me as we are encouraged by the life of Christ in them. May we be strengthened for the days ahead as we see God's faithfulness with us, and our Lord Jesus living in us through His Holy Spirit's guidance. We too, are His saints!

In the love of Christ, Linda Knapp

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Thursdays at 6:30pm in Blanz Hall. We hope you will join us as we work through the book of Hebrews using the Jen Wilkin's "Better" study.

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 10am the annex study

MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM – our next meeting is Thursday, November 16th at 1435 Townsend Rd. Petoskey. Lead by Fr. Mike. 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

November 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.

	November 5	November 12	November 19	November 26	December 3	December 10
ALTAR GUILD	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Karen Dielman	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./ Randy F. / The Flynns	Dan W./ Dylan W./ The Bowmans	Dylan W./ Dan W./ Sally Stump	Mark D./ Don L./ Taylor DuBois	Don L./ Mark D./ The Flynns	Randy F. / Dan W./ Sally Stump
LECTOR	Dan Wandrie	Karen Dielman	Wally Stansbury	Mary Jane Zako	Ferd Dielman	Gretchen Lucky
LAY MINISTER	Mary Jane Zako	Howard Bates	Mickey Bridge	Wally Stansbury	Erika Dielman	Karen Dielman
PRAYER TEAM	Sharalen & Betty	TBA & Leah	Sharalen & Betty	Sally & Leah	Sharalen & Betty	Sally & TBA
CHILDREN'S NURSERY	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	The Davis'	The Stumps	The Bowmans	TBA	The Ostranders	The Zakos



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



ALTAR GUILD

Nov.....Liz Ostrander
DecKaren Dielman
JanKaren Dielman
Feb.....Gretchen Lucky

Birthdays

November



Wedding Anniversaries



April Honeycutt 11/1

Andy Wandrie 11/1

Hayden Flynn 11/11

Mickey Bridge 11/15

Lou Zako 11/25



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	231/622-2058
	(middle & high school)	
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

New Life Anglican Church 2023 Vestry

Sr. Warden. Erika Dielman
 Jr. Warden. 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 November 28th.



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 ~ October 31, 2023

	October			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offering	17,253.67	13,562.00	3,691.67	140,426.33	135,620.00	4,806.33
Other	954.68	1,636.00	(681.32)	16,060.82	16,354.00	(293.18)
Income	18,208.35	15,198.00	3,010.35	156,487.15	151,974.00	4,513.15
Expense	(15,608.07)	(15,953.00)	(344.93)	(165,070.40)	(162,418.00)	(2,652.40)
Difference	2,600.28	(755.00)	3,355.28	(8,583.25)	(10,444.00)	(1,860.75)
Assets				\$614,203.53		
		Jan. 1, 2023	Donations	Expenses	Difference	Oct. 31, 2023
211 Fund		130,814.89	-	3,645.21	3,945.21	126,869.68
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	200,000.00	
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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*Thanksgiving Day,
a time of favors;
a time of life
richly savored.
The food be thanked,
the family too,
as we abide in God's
most holy rule.*

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