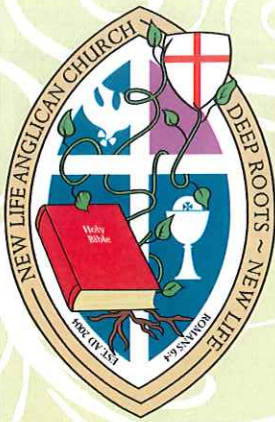


# JOYOUS NEWS

January 2024

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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.*



It's a new year, which brings new hope, new possibilities, and new year's resolutions. Many people will start on a new journey this month- one of weight loss, self-deprivation, or attempting to make some major changes. People will join the gym. By February, people will have stopped going to the gym. People will try to quit smoking, cut back on their eating, drink less, or vow to pick up a new hobby or skill. Many will embark on a new bible reading plan that lasts a week or two. All this because a new year means a fresh start. Nothing says new year and fresh start like radical life changes.

I don't know if you are a new year's resolution type person. I am not. I actually found that my best success with weight loss came when I decided to forego all the holiday goodies, starting a diet before Thanksgiving. Instead of gorging myself for over a month as the holidays linger on, and then trying to undo all of that in one fell swoop, I opted to start trying to get a healthier eating schedule before the holiday struggles began. This was twenty years ago, but it was a very successful time for me.

I don't want to focus on new year's resolutions, though. As I said, I am not a resolution type guy. I have been thinking recently, though, about something worth doing for the new year. Instead of a new year's resolution, how about new year's repentance. This could look very much like a new year's resolution, but I am suggesting that we find things in our lives that we need to repent of, and that we start this new year off by handing those things to God.

What I have found is that the most meaningful changes we will make are ones we make to improve our spiritual lives and draw closer to God. I want to lose weight. I know that many of us do. But my motivation to lose weight is only as strong as my willpower to resist donuts and sour patch kids. I am very successful at not eating those things when they aren't around. But as soon as I go to the store, they somehow find their way into my shopping cart. What if my core issue here isn't weight loss but that I put food ahead of things that are much more important. I asked Mickey the other day if I should buy a bag of peanut butter M&Ms. He said no. When I asked why, he said, "Because I love my dad and I want him to be alive for a while."

Boom! Right between the eyes.

My issue isn't that I look a little chubby. My issue is that I need to take my health seriously. My issue isn't that I have a double chin. My issue is that my kids want to double the time they have with me. They don't want me to die. I have to ask myself, every time I go to eat junk food, "Do I really believe that this bag of sour patch kids is going to kill me?" The answer is always no, so I eat them. But the cumulative effect of my eating habits may just kill me. My dad's killed him.

So, am I advocating some sort of spiritual diet where I just call it repentance and do the same thing as a new year's resolution? No. I am talking about something different. Something wholly spiritual.

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# January 2024

## at New Life



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Stumps	1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024</b>	2 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	3 Men's Ministry Group 10:00am in the annex study	4 Morning Prayer 8:00am	5	6
7 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Greenwells	8	9 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods January Vestry Meeting 6:00pm	10 Men's Ministry Group 10:00am in the annex study 6:00pm Pizza 6:30pm Bible Study	11 Morning Prayer 8:00am	12	13
14 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour April Honeycutt	15	16 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	17 Men's Ministry Group 10:00am in the annex study 6:00pm Pizza 6:30pm Bible Study	18 Morning Prayer 8:00am Men's Ministry Group 5:30pm @ The Ostrander's	19	20
21 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour Fellowship Committee Annual Meeting	22	23 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	24 Men's Ministry Group 10:00am in the annex study 6:00pm Pizza 6:30pm Bible Study	25 Morning Prayer 8:00am	26	27
28 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Bates	29	30 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods <b>Joyous News February Issue Deadline</b>	31 Men's Ministry Group 10:00am in the annex study 6:00pm Pizza 6:30pm Bible Study	1 Morning Prayer 8:00am	2 <b>Groundhog Day</b> 	3



# New Life's Christmas Outreach Projects



Thank You to all who donated  
to our  
Angel Tree & Food Box

This year we sponsored 3 Families from  
Lincoln Elementary School.



This year we sponsored the wife and 2 young children of a Veteran, with 15 years of service who lost his battle with esophageal cancer just before Christmas.

Thank you to all who's donations helped to support this family  
in the hour of their greatest need.



## WALLY'S GALLERY —

January initiates the start of another year in which the yearly cycle begins again. In a few months we will be in the depths of winter and then several months later spring; to be followed by summer and so on. The author of Ecclesiastes wrote that this seemingly endless cycle is nothing but “vanity.” “What has been is what will



be...and there is nothing new under the sun.” That has the sound of total futility. At times we may look to what’s ahead and at other times what lay in the past and it may seem like just a repeating pattern. Events may have different names but it is only a disguise of similar things that have happened before. But that is a deception caused by our fallen nature and the work of satan. Whether we believe it or not, history is unfolding under the providence of God.

Throughout my years of schooling, history was never one of my favorite subjects. But in listening to the Truth Project dvd on history, I have come to realize how vital it is. Hosted by Del Tackett, he demonstrates that everything we know today is the result of history; whether that learning was years, days or just moments ago. Everything we believe or think is determined by the past. That is vital to realize because the truth of history can be distorted to shape what we believe in the present and that deception has been going on from the beginning. “Did God actually say...?” said the serpent to the woman to make her believe what God did not say. There were attempts to even distort the truth of Jesus’ resurrection (Matthew 28: 11-15).

There is reason why historical revisionism has been going on throughout recorded time. George Orwell wrote of its power; “ He who controls the past, controls the future.” Karl Marx said “A people without a heritage are easily persuaded.” That is the reason God has given us a mandate to remember.

After crossing the Joran River God told the Israelites to take twelve memorial stones so that when the children ask, they may tell them what God had done for them. (Joshua 4:6-7) God told Moses to have the people put tassels on the corners of their garments so that when they look at them they would remember all the commandments the LORD had given them. (Numbers 15:38-39)

Chapter 8 of the book of Deuteronomy is God’s instructions to the Israelites to remember how He had sustained them during their forty years of wanderings. He warns them that when their stomachs are full, their herds and flocks multiply they will forget their God and believe that these blessings are of their own making. The LORD promises that should this happen they will perish as the LORD had done to other nations before them. (verse 20). This last verse is sobering in that God does not turn a blind eye to nations that forget HIM and that heap praise on themselves for their blessings. Del Tackett said that from this, we should not think that history is a minor thing. It is major, for when we forget our past we lose our identity in the present.

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Betty and I over the years collected photos of our families, friends and places we had been. They form our memories of events in our past and help identify who we are today. If that is all, however, Del Tackett says that is an indication of our own myopia. Our minds eye is only on the near term and we are failing to see the larger story; God's story and our place in it. He says all of history is God's plan and while we are free agents we are subject to the providence of God. (Proverbs 16:9; Isaiah 46:8-11; Acts: 17: 24-26; Ephesians 1:11) God's plan is written in the pages of the Bible starting with creation. For those caught up in the larger story of God, life takes on new priorities.

Dr. Tackett ends by telling the story of the Mayflower. That first winter after the pilgrims landed many died. Before returning to England the captain of the Mayflower begged the pilgrims to return with him before they all died. None left; the ship sailed with out them. Why? They were caught up in the Larger Story of God. William Bradford, the governor of the Plymouth colony, wrote that they came for the "propagating and advancing of the gospel of the kingdom of Christ"...even though they may be but "stepping stones" for those that followed. History was not about them but what they came to do for the glory of God.

~ Wally's Gallery

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I am talking about coming before the Lord in repentance that I haven't taken my health seriously, and that when I do, it is usually for vain, outward reasons as opposed to reasons such as physical health and protecting the only body God gave me. I am advocating a falling on our knees before the Lord in sorrow and true repentance, handing our sin over to him, asking for forgiveness, and seeking his help to walk in a new way. This may be with food, with scripture reading, or with how much we drink. But the point isn't to make superficial changes. The point is to truly repent of where we have sinned and then pray earnestly that God will empower us, by his Holy Spirit, to live new, better lives.

~ Fr. Mike

### **FR. MIKE'S OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday & Wednesday 1:00 – 5:00pm and Thursdays & Fridays 9:00am – 1:00pm

### **THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY**

Epiphany, celebrated January 6th, also known as "Three Kings Day", is a Christian holiday, marking the twelfth day of the Christmas season and the revelation of Christ as the son of God. It is also often the focus on the three magi (or "wise men") and their visit to baby Jesus in Bethlehem. The story goes that the three kings found baby Jesus by following the guidance of a mysterious star. This ends the season of Christmas and then begins a new season of ordinary time, growth and new life, color green, leading up to lent.

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ NEW STUDY BEGINNING SOON**

#### **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, January 18th at 1172 Woodland Dr. Petoskey. Lead by Wes Ostrander. 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.



# January 2024 Service Calendar

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

	January 7	January 14	Annual Meeting January 21	January 28	February 4	February 11
ALTAR GUILD	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Gretchen Lucky	Gretchen Lucky
SOUND/ MUSIC	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan
USHER/ COUNTER/ GREETERS	Randy F. / Dan W./ The Flynns	Dan W./ Don L./ Sally Stump	Don L./ Mark D./ The Bowmans	Mark D./ Randy F. / Taylor DuBois	Randy F. / Dylan W./ The Flynns	Dylan W./ Dan W./ Sally Stump
LECTOR	Dan Wandrie	Karen Dielman	Ferd Dielman	Gretchen Lucky	Erika Dielman	Dylan Williams
LAY MINISTER	Wally Stansbury	Erika Dielman	Karen Dielman	Howard Bates	Mickey Bridge	Wally Stansbury
PRAYER TEAM	Sharalen & Betty	Sally & Leah	Sharalen & Betty	Sally & Leah	Sharalen & Betty	Sally & Leah
CHILDREN'S NURSERY	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	The Greenwells	April Honeycutt	Fellowship Committee	The Bates	The Wandries	The Greenwells



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



## ALTAR GUILD

Jan .....Karen Dielman  
Feb.....Gretchen Lucky  
Mar.....Liz Ostrander  
April.....Karen Dielman

## Birthdays

Brenda Flynn 1/4  
Linda Knapp 1/14  
Bob Hameister 1/18  
Mark DuBois 1/19  
Connie Woods 1/21



## January



## Wedding Anniversaries



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
	D. W. Lucky	231/330-6559
Missions:	Dan Wandrie	231/347-5871
Building and Grounds:	Ron Davis	231/330-6355
	Susan Davis	231/330-4821
Art and Architecture:	Liz Ostrander	231/348-2802
Church Historian:	Bonnie Bridge	231/445-1810
Communications:		(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 January 30th.



### 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 ~ December 31, 2023

	December			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offering	20,799.64	13,558.00	7,241.64	175,985.97	162,740.00	13,245.97
Other	1,385.78	1,635.00	(249.22)	17,526.60	19,625.00	(2,098.40)
Income	22,185.42	15,193.00	6,992.42	193,512.57	182,365.00	11,147.57
Expense	(24,662.78)	(16,292.00)	(8,370.78)	(203,408.46)	(194,800.00)	(8,608.46)
Difference	(2,477.36)	(1,099.00)	(1,378.36)	(9,895.89)	(12,435.00)	2,539.11
Assets				\$611,094.78		
		Jan. 1, 2023	Donations	Expenses	Difference	Dec. 31, 2023
211 Fund		130,814.89	-	4,028.55	4,028.55	126,786.34
211 Fund In/Out Reach		22,546.65	-	3,059.21	3,059.21	19,487.44
		Operating	211 Fund	211 In/Out	Deposit	Interest
Interest Bearing Accts.		-70,000.00	-120,000.00	-10,000.00	200,000.00	3,600.35
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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Parish Notice:

New Life  
Anglican Church

~ 2023 ~

Annual Meeting  
Sunday, January 21st

11:45am ~ following  
the service at

NLAC

219 State St.

Petoskey, MI

Between the night                      for the blessing of the sun  
and its darkness                         in its travel  
and the passing of the day            from dawn to falling night,  
comes the vesper time                 asking God  
of twilight,                                 in all His goodness  
the time in which we pray             to keep us in His sight.

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