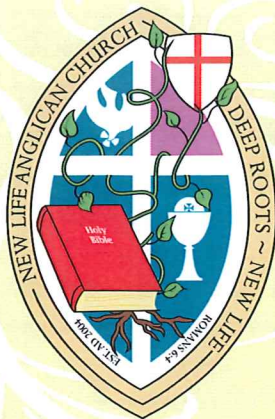


JOYOUS NEWS

August 2025

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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.*



Recently I preached about prayer and one of the things I talked about was how some people have the spiritual gift of prayer. They have an ability to pray for long periods of time, really engage with God, and their prayers get answered in a way that many of ours don't seem to. That level of prayer is a gift and not everyone has the gift. We all can pray, and we all should, but we don't all have the spiritual gift for prayer that makes us prayer warriors.

Today I want to talk about another spiritual gift. I want to talk about hospitality. Like prayer, hospitality is something that everyone should take part in, even if they don't have the specific gift for it. The author of Hebrews tells us, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." (Hebrews 13:2) Hospitality is something we all can and should be doing, even if we don't have a specific disposition toward it.

Bonnie and I have a gift for hospitality, and it is something that I came by honestly. My mother has a real spiritual gift for hospitality, and she passed it on to me. Some examples of her hospitality include having various people live with us when they had no place to go, having my grandmother (her mother-in-law) live with us after my grandfather died, and always having the door open to anyone in need. Probably the example that stands out most in my own mind of my mother's hospitality involved Thanksgiving, her favorite holiday. My brother Nick played college baseball in Pittsburgh and most of his teammates were from either out west or from the Dominican Republic. Thanksgiving break wasn't long enough for them to go home, and the dining hall in the dorms would close over Thanksgiving break. My mom would invite Nick's entire baseball team to the house for Thanksgiving dinner. She would make three turkeys, feed the entire team dinner, and then send them each home with a loaf of bread and a container of turkey so they could eat all weekend while the dining hall was closed.

Hospitality was, and still is, a gift for my mother. And she passed that gift on to me. Our house is always open to anyone in need. My brother lived with us for three years. Bonnie's brother lived with us for nine months. My friend Mike Clark lived with us for six months. We have housed sojourners and missionaries, people from the church, and friends or friends of friends who were just passing through town.

Another way we have shown hospitality is opening our house to Japanese exchange students. We are now on our fourth exchange student. We work with 4-H and their exchange program. The students come for three and a half weeks, and they live with us just like they were one of our kids. They even call us Mom and Dad. Housing an exchange student is a bit of a challenge because they come with varying degrees of English speaking. Two of the four students we have had have really struggled with English. Luckily, Bonnie is a very calming presence and works extra hard to talk with them, both in English, and by using the Google Translate app. What we have found is that, despite the challenges, it is worth having the students come stay with us, as it broadens our own kids' horizons, it teaches them about other cultures, and Bonnie is very good at making guests feel welcome.

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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 Susan S. & Ron D.	28	29 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	30	31 Morning Prayer 8:00am	1 Church Office Closed	2 Women's Fellowship Gathering 9am -11am @ TBD
3 Summer Book Study 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Dielmans	4	5 August Vestry Meeting 6:00pm Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	6	7 Morning Prayer 8:00am	8 Men's Bible Study 9:00am	9
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24/31 Summer Book Study 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour 24th- The Zakos / 31st April H.	25	26 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	27 Joyous News September Issue Deadline	28 Men's Ministry Group 5:30pm @ Blanz Hall Morning Prayer 8:00am	29 Men's Bible Study 9:00am	30



THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN

We are taking a brief break for the month of August.

Join us here at New Life, the first and third Thursdays of each month.

We will resume meeting - September 4th & 18th at 6:30pm until 8:00pm.

Come read the Bible and share testimonies of what Jesus has done for you and others with D. W. Lucky III and Fr. Mike Bridge. We working through Matthew and take our time with an open question and answer event.

Adults 18+ are welcome to join us.

Kathi Kan Christian Education Scholarship Report

Samuel Bridge was a recipient of New Life's Kathi Kan Memorial Christian Education Scholarship last year. He used it to attend the Classical Conversations homeschool group. In CC, he learned about major events of ancient history, great artists of the Renaissance period, geography, science, Latin, English grammar, and writing. In the end of the year program, Sam dressed up and read the biographical essay he wrote about Joseph from the Bible. Sam is a kind and friendly boy who loves God and wants to do what is right. He brings a lot of fun and laughter wherever he goes!



If you would like to help support our youth in attaining a Christian Education please consider donating to the Kathi Kan Christian Education Scholarship Fund.

Have you heard?

We're going back to Ethiopia!



A team from New Life is planning a mission trip to Ethiopia in the next year to assist The MossyFoot Project – a Christian organization dedicated to helping those suffering from a debilitating foot disease. This disease takes a toll on people physically, economically, socially, and spiritually. Contact D.W. Lucky or Dan Wandrie if you're interested in joining the team. Watch for more information in the coming months.

NLAC SIGN GARDEN FLOWER INDEX

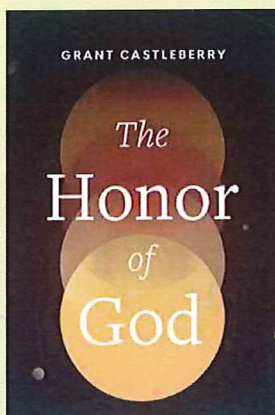
Thanks to the requests from so many parishioners and neighbors, we've added index cards to share the names of most the flowers in our new sign garden. You can find them on the back of the sign!"



SUMMER BOOK STUDY

What do you live for? The world's answer is to live for yourself. But the Bible directs us to a higher pursuit: the honor of God. Apart from this central priority, even many Christians are left aimless and unmotivated. But as we realize who God is in all His holy majesty, we delight in our ultimate purpose of bringing glory to His name. In this book, Rev. Grant Castleberry presents a God-centered vision for life. After surveying Scripture's teaching on the honor of God, he hones in on the shame of sin and the grace of Jesus Christ in delivering us from dishonor. Finally, we see how the gospel motivates us to a fulfilling life of joyful reverence in our worship, our service, and the honor we give in our relationships with others.

We meet Sundays at 9:00am.



HELP WANTED

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER (LEM)

PRAYER TEAM MEMBER

PRAYER CHAIN LEADER OR MEMBER

WOMEN'S MINISTRY LEADER

SIGN-UP SHEET IN BLANZ HALL

FR. MIKE'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Wednesday 1 – 5pm
Thursdays & Fridays 9am – 1pm

WALLY'S GALLERY —

Several months ago I read the book, 2084; Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Humanity. I was written by John Lennox who is a professor of mathematics (emeritus) at the University of Oxford and a scholar in the philosophy of science and a pastoral advisor at Green Templeton College, Oxford. In other words he is someone worth reading and listening too.



The book was very interesting but as it was published in 2008 it left me wondering what more could be said since AI had significantly advanced since then. Much to my surprise, I learned shortly after finishing the book that Dr. Lennox had an updated and expanded version of published in 2020 titled: 2084 and The AI Revolution; How Artificial Intelligence Informs Our Future.

The year 2084 is significant in that it projects the theme of George Orwell's novel 1984 one hundred years into the future. In 2005 Time magazine chose George Orwell's novel "as one of the one hundred best English language novels from 1923 to 2005." I hope a similar recognition will one day be given to Dr. Lennox's book by those who "Believe."

The subject of AI now circulates through the news media and into the stories of movies and TV shows. What is presently hidden below the surface, however, is where the world powers hope to expand its capabilities. At present AI is one dimensional. While it has amazing applications in medicine, scientific research and mathematical computations, it can not multi-task. For example in 1997 IBM's Deep Blue computer became the world chess champion when it beat the reigning champion Garry Kasparov. However, as amazing as this was, Deep Blue can not even play checkers.

So what's the plan for the future of AI? As AI by itself is simulated intelligence used to accomplish specific tasks, there is considerable interest "in the ambitious quest - the holy grail of computer science - to build systems that can replicate all that human intelligence can do and more. This is called artificial general intelligence (AGI)...Some think that we will be able to create general AI that will surpass human intelligence within a relatively short time, certainly by 2084...Beyond AGI lies artificial super intelligence (ASI) which some think will function as a benevolent god; others, as a totalitarian despot..." depending who is in control.

"But Stuart Russell, one of the world's most technically experienced AI researchers, cautioned in his 2021 Reith Lectures that we are still a long way from achieving general-purpose AI...Nevertheless, his view is that it is prudent to prepare for the eventuality of AGI/ASI in light of the many things once thought scientifically impossible that have since been realized, such as nuclear energy,"

While AI offers hope in so many ways, it also comes with the prospect of a dire warning. Vladimir

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Putin wrote: “Artificial Intelligence is the future not only for Russia but for all humankind. It comes with colossal opportunities, but also threats that are difficult to predict. Whoever becomes the leader in this sphere will become the ruler of the world.”

Putin is not alone in being concerned for the future of AI and where it might lead. “In April 2018 at a TED Talk in Vancouver, physicist and cosmologist Max Tegmark, president of the Future of Life Institute at MIT, made a rather grandiose statement: In creating AI, we’re birthing a new form of life with unlimited potential for good or ill.”

However the future of AI unfolds we do not have to wait for the development of AGI or ASI to see the potential for good and evil of this technology. We have already realized many of its benefits and certainly more will become evident. But what is little known is how the application of the present technology is being used today to control whole populations such as in China with AI intrusive and surveillance technology. China’s AI based Social Credit System monitors facial expressions and mannerisms to establish a grade for loyalty which will determine benefits or restrictions on a person’s activities; a technology that China is exporting to other dictatorships.

Futuristic scenarios of world domination by AGI technology have been the subject of numerous books and movies (The Matrix; Avengers: Age of Ultron; Star Trek: The Motion Picture; The Terminator; 2001: A Space Odyssey). Regardless of our own feelings on the subject, billions are being poured into making AGI/ASI a reality. No one wants to lose this race for they all realize that whoever gains control of AI’s future it will be that person’s (or culture’s) worldview that will employ it for good or evil.

The first two thirds of Dr. Lennox’s book is devoted to the present state of AI research and its future possibilities. The last third of the book addresses God’s Creation: what He intended, what went wrong, and how He intends to end it all. Dr. Lennox points out that mankind blinded by his devotion to create an artificial super-intelligence fails to realize that super-intelligence came to Earth some 2,000 years ago and that mankind’s future has already been revealed in the pages of the Bible. To this end Dr. Lennox refers to Matthew 24:30-31; Daniel 7:13-14; Hebrews 2:14-15; 1 Corinthians 15:49-53; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; and 2 Thessalonians 2:1-10. Chapter 16 of Dr. Lennox’s book is on the real Homo Deus (the Man God) revealed in the Book of Revelation, in contrast to the speculative homo deus dream of mankind’s ASI creation.

A closing thought - The Bible tells us that twice in biblical history, mankind attempted to elevate himself at God’s expense. Once in Genesis 3 when man trusted Satan rather than God and the other in Genesis 11 when mankind attempted to build a temple to the heavens for his own glory. In both instances God intervened. In regard to these events, John Lennox quotes Joanna Ng, (AI pioneer and computer scientist): “Today scientists seek to build ASI, a monolithic decision-making agency as a super-intelligent singleton...Both (the Tower of Babel and ASI) are a quest for supremacy of mankind...Both are a quest for self-glory: making a name for themselves, seeking the glory in themselves instead of seeking the glory of God. Both are a quest for independence from God: People would rather trust the creations of their own hands than their Creator.”

“The God who made the world and everything in it, being LORD of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is HE served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He, himself, gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.” (Acts 17:24-25)

(This article has been one of the hardest I’ve attempted to write. There is so much of value in Dr. Lennox’s book and trying to summarize its contents is seemingly impossible. While the book’s subject may not be of interest to grandparents, I would consider it essential reading to younger generations who will live and grow with this technology.)

~ Wally

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I have talked a lot about my mother's gift and mine and Bonnie's gift, but my purpose isn't to puff myself up. It is to encourage each of you to pursue hospitality as a spiritual gift. I believe that it is something that most of us can do, at least to some degree. We may not all be able to feed entire baseball teams, but we can all open our homes to a sojourner or person in need. We can all offer a bed to someone who is passing through. We can all invite a visitor at church out to lunch to get to know them better and to encourage them to come back to New Life.

The thing about spiritual gifts is that we aren't masters at the gifts just because we have a certain gift. It takes practice. We have to develop the gift. No one started out praying eight hours a day. No one started out by feeding entire baseball teams Thanksgiving dinner. We work up to those things by starting small and developing the gifts. So, start small. Pray for opportunities to show hospitality to someone in need. Open your heart and your home to someone. And remember, that in showing hospitality, some have entertained angels unawares.

~ Fr. Mike

CHURCH DIRECTORY NOTICE:

We're refreshing our church directory and would love your help! If you're already listed, we encourage you to look over your listing and send any updates or corrections to your contact info. And if you're not yet included, we'd be so glad to add you! Just reach out to our administrative assistant, Tracey at Tracey@newlifeanglican.net. Thanks for helping us stay connected!

We also enjoy honoring birthdays and anniversaries in our monthly news letter, so please contact Tracey with those dates, too.

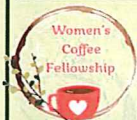
MEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – meets Fridays at 9:00am the annex study.

MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM – Our next meeting is August 28th at NLAC in Blanz Hall and will be led by Don Lucky. 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. I hope you will join us. Bring your own beverage of choice and a friend. Sign up sheet in Blanz Hall.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS



WOMEN'S COFFEE FELLOWSHIP – meets at 9-11am, Saturday, August 5th & 19th, host and location TBD. Join us on the first and third Saturdays of the month. **Sign-up sheet to host in Blanz Hall.** All women are encouraged to come and bring a friend.

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.

August 2025 Service Calendar

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

	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31	September 7
ALTAR GUILD	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman
SOUND/ MUSIC	Dylan, Wes & Ferd	Dylan, Wes & Ferd	Dylan, Wes & Ferd	Ferd , Wes & Dylan	Dylan, Wes & Ferd	Dylan, Wes & Ferd
USHER/ COUNTER/ GREETERS	Randy F. / Don L. / The Bowmans	Don L. / Dan W. / The Flynn's	Dan W. / Randy F. / Sally Stump	Randy F. / Don L. / Taylor DuBois	Don L. / Dan W. / Leah Williams	Dan W. / Randy F. / The Bowmans
LECTOR	Karen Dielman	Bonnie Bridge	Leah Williams	Taylor DuBois	Gretchen Lucky	Dan Wandrie
LAY MINISTER	Erika Dielman	Mickey Bridge	Howard Bates	Wally Stansbury	Erika Dielman	Toni DuBois
PRAYER TEAM	Betty & Bonnie	Sally & Toni	Leah & Bonnie	Betty & Taylor	Leah & Toni	Sally & Bonnie
CHILDREN'S NURSERY	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	The Dielmans	The Williams	The Bowmans	The Zakos	April Honeycutt	The Ostranders



Thursday
Morning Prayer
8:30am in
Fr. Mike's Office



ALTAR GUILD

Aug..... Karen Dielman
Sept Karen Dielman
Oct Gretchen Lucky
Nov Liz Ostrander

Birthdays

Joe Ostrander 8/07
David Ostrander 8/09
Toni DuBois 8/10
Erika Jo Dielman 8/10
Stacie Sarasin 8/17
Daniel Bridge 8/18
Amos Williams 8/16
Leah Williams 8/26
Wesley Williams 8/26
Ellie Nicol 8/27

August



Dave & Connie
Woods
Aug. 18th

Don & Sharalen
Greenwell
Aug. 29

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.

Wedding Anniversaries



Don & Gretchen
Lucky
Aug. 22nd



Congregation — We Need You!

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

Altar Guild:	Karen Dielman	231/838-5376
Altar Flowers:	Karen Dielman	231/838-5376
Music/Sound:	Dylan Williams	206/295-9816
	Wes Ostrander	231/330-4930
	Ferd Dielman	231/838-5326
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:	Taylor DuBois	231/340-1748
Adult Sunday School:	Mike Bridge	231/330-0689
Nursery:	Bonnie Bridge	231/445-1810
Prayer Team/ Prayer Chain	Betty Stansbury	231/220-5550
Fellowship/Hospitality:	Liz Ostrander	231/348-2802
Women's Ministry:	~ Leader Needed ~	
Men's Ministry:	Mike Bridge	231/330-0689
InReach:	Gretchen Lucky	231/622-2057
OutReach:	Lacy Bates	231/373-7997
Christian Ed. Scholarship:	Susan Stout	231/330-4821
	Toni DuBois	231/330-8626
	D. W. Lucky	231/330-6559
Missions:	Dan Wandrie	231/347-5871
Building and Grounds:	Susan Stout	231/330-4821
Art and Architecture:	Liz Ostrander	231/348-2802
Church Historian:	Bonnie Bridge	231/445-1810
Communications:	(newspaper articles, etc.)	
Treasurer:	Wes Ostrander	231/330-4930
Assistant Treasurer:	Susan Stout	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 2025 Vestry

Sr. Warden. Erika Dielman
 Jr. Warden. Dylan Williams
 Carol Bowman
 Taylor DuBois
 Randy Flynn
 April Honeycutt
 Liz Ostrander

Our Joyous News Needs You!

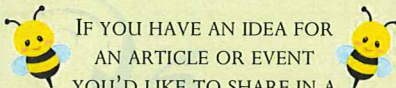
Please consider submitting
 an article or item of interest
 for the next issue of the
 Joyous News.

Submission deadline

is August 30th.
September

SAVE YOUR OLESON'S RECEIPTS

Help make a difference—one receipt
 at a time! We're grateful for your
 grocery receipts from Oleson's Food
 Stores. Every receipt helps support
 our Outreach efforts! You can drop
 them off in the coffee hour donation
 basket, the Outreach shopping cart,
 or leave them on Tracey's desk.



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 AN ARTICLE OR EVENT
 YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE IN A
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 OR 231.347.3448

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 ~ June 30, 2025

	June			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offering	13,847.00	13,508.00	(339.00)	79,129.50	81,048.00	(1,918.50)
Other	18.81	2,987.00	(2,968.19)	733.21	17,922.00	(17,188.79)
Income	13,865.81	16,495.00	(2,629.19)	79,862.71	98,970.00	(19,107.29)
Expense	(14,692.49)	(16,668.00)	(1,975.51)	(92,974.20)	(102,308.00)	(9,333.80)
Difference	(826.68)	(173.00)	(653.68)	(13,111.49)	(3,338.00)	(9,773.49)
Assets				\$562,466.30		
Feb. 1, 2024		Dec. 31, 2024	Donations	Expenses	Difference	June 30, 2025
211 Fund		113,054.94	-	-	-	113,054.94
211 Fund In/Out Reach		20,291.94	-	-	-	20,291.94
Kathi Kan Scholarship Fund		15,299.47	-	-	-	15,299.47
		Operating	211 Fund	211 In/Out	Deposit	Total Interest
Interest Bearing Accts.		50,000.00	110,000.00	15,000.00	175,000.00	15,671.30
St. Francis CD			Deposit		175,000.00	190,671.30

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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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Metaphor catches the beauty
Of being something
That is something else
Yet still itself.
Magnified
In the comparison
Of likeness.

Thus, the Word is God
And God is the Word

In the beginning
And from that Word
Was creation
Of all things
Come forth
In the Word
That was God
As spoken

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