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A spiritual gift
is **given** to each
of us so **we** can
help each other.



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Rectors Corner

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-BCP p.825

Friends,

Summer is nearly here, school is ending, and I hope you have some time for fun and refreshment planned with family and friends. Dee and I got a lovely break on Beaver Island where I was the supply clergy for little St. James Mission in town. Their vicarage is a lovely little cottage on the lake and we enjoyed the peace and quiet and exploring God's creation! I'm so grateful for Bob Fowler's leadership and Natalie Magnusson's preaching while we were gone. God has gifted us with many talented leaders at St. Paul's!

We are undertaking an important project at St. Paul's right now...a new photo directory! I beg you to sign up to get your picture taken even if you don't plan to purchase any copies! You can only receive a photo directory if you get photographed and you'll help this growing parish get to know you better by being in it. If you need a ride to your appointment let us know and we'll arrange one for you. This new directory will come with a phone app as well, so you can have the whole parish in the palm of your hand! Folks will be available to sign you up after services or you can sign up online as well. Details about online signups are in this edition of the Epistle.

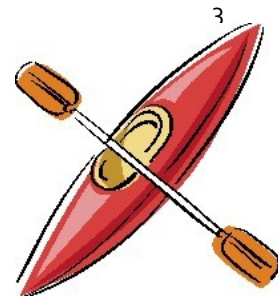
Very soon we'll be welcoming our Get Real kids and their mentors back to Holy Spirit Hall, so our mid-day hours will be bustling! We are so humbled to provide this space for them and will again host a trip for them to Lake Michigan for the end of summer. Your vestry wardens and I will be meeting with a prospective caterer and will be keeping you posted as we decide if they are the ones we want to contract with.

Finally, Sunday, June 30th will be our second annual patronal feast celebration. We'll have one service at 10:30 am in Holy Spirit Hall with lunch following. Sign up sheets will appear as we grow closer to the date. St. Paul is celebrated in our liturgical calendar on the 29th so we'll celebrate being St. Paul's on the 30th! Put it on your calendar and bring your friends.

Faithfully,

Sarah+

From Our Sr. Warden



School is wrapping up, church school is out for summer break, the choir is taking a break, Pentecost is quickly approaching. All signs that warmer weather is sure to visit soon...one can hope. I'm ready to put in the kayak! Meanwhile, until summer finds its way to Michigan, we have been busy with all things church.

Barb Markowski and her incredible team put on a lovely luncheon and raised over \$12K for the SOAR program. Kyle and the B&G team have been working diligently around the facility. Roof repairs are ongoing, floors are being stripped, boilers are being serviced (thankful that the brutal cold is about done for the year). The security team continues to meet, though a bit less frequently. We are still looking for people to help Kyle out on Sundays. We would love to give him a break and let him just be a parishioner enjoying the service occasionally. Sam came back for a couple of days but is again working to heal from his health challenges. We have a new Treasurer...can I get a "hallelujah"! We will work to get him up to speed as quickly as possible (without trying to scare him off). ;-)

Koinonia groups are finishing up for the year and will soon be choosing new groups for fellowship, food and fun.

At the top of my mind is the upcoming election of the bishop. The voting committee (Eric M., Valerie R., Michelle and Sarah) went to East Lansing on Saturday, 5/18 to listen to the four candidates answer questions submitted by various people within the diocese. I walked out of the impressed and excited by the slate of women before us however no closer to a pick than when I went in. So, you know I always have an ask of you...here it is for this month. Please go to <https://www.edomi.org/bishoptransition/> and read about the candidates. There are essay responses and a resume for each. Take some time and read the diocesan profile and look for the recordings of the walkabouts to be posted soon. Listen to at least one of the three sessions. Hearing them answer the questions can give you so much more insight than just words on paper. The level of enthusiasm, experience and humility were impactful to me and I anticipate it will be the same for you. Let me know your thoughts. I am one vote, but it is my responsibility to do the best I can to represent you and St. Paul's.

Respectfully submitted,
—Michelle

We can always use help with Sunday morning coffee hour cleanup !

This guy says,
"Bet you won't look as good as this in an apron though!" 😊



From Our Jr. Warden

*“Shine on, O moon of summer
Shine to the leaves of grass, catalpa and oak.
All silver under your rain to-night.”*

Back Yard

by Carl Sandberg.



After enduring a chilly April and early May, hopefully we can start opening our windows a bit.

The choir members are resting their vocal chords. The summer months offer opportunities for anyone willing to share their musical gifts during the offertory on Sundays.

School's out...No more pencils, no more books, well maybe not. There has been talk of doing a book study this summer of Richard Rohr's latest book, *The Universal Christ*, please see me if interested. Also, I will pass along any suggestions that you may have, large or small. concerning our life here at St. Paul's to the Vestry.

Respectfully,

Clark Hutchens,

Congratulations to Cassie Meyer, Heather Youell, Garry Trammell, Jan Osborn, Dana Burkey, & Heidi and Joe Lathrop on their confirmation held Thursday, May 23rd at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lansing.



Building & Grounds/ Emergency & Safety Committee

Several roof leaks have revealed the need of repairs. The flat roofs above the office and the education building have been in need of maintenance. The best information of last repairs was around the 1980's. Before and after pictures were taken for our review. The water stained ceiling tiles can be repainted instead of replacement. The floors of the Holy Spirit Hall, the bathrooms, and the hallways around the hall were stripped and refinished this past week. The finish on the floors was not as expected and will be redone at no additional expense. The timing will depend on our ability to schedule around summer events.

It's been several years since the pavement of our 14 parking spaces have been maintained. The parking spaces will be seal coated and lines will be repainted before fall.

Safety and Security Team:

Monitoring of the premises with radio and security cameras continues for 8 am and 10:30 services. We need volunteers to be eyes and ears to enhance the teams ability to be effective. Contact Kyle King for more information.

-Kyle King

Chair Building & Grounds

Safety & Security Team



Mission & Outreach

On behalf of Mission and Outreach and ECW, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who worked so devotedly on the SOAR “Handbags of Love” fundraiser event. Together we raised \$12,169.44 for SOAR Cafe and Farms. SOAR is working toward purchasing a home for women survivors of human trafficking, abuse, addiction and incarceration in Jackson. Our goal is to break the cycle of addiction and abuse among women in our community and to help them know they are children of God, deserving of His love, forgiveness and acceptance.

I thank the fundraising team of Brandi Bruckler, Sandra Kilian, Donna Thomas, Jo Alipit, Heidi Hosler-Lathrop and Deanna Leicht. You ladies ROCK!!!!

Thank you also to all our handsome men of St. Paul’s who sold tickets, served the meals and provided security for the event. You did an outstanding job for SOAR!!

Mission and Outreach and The Women of St. Paul’s ECW underwrote the meal costs, we sold all the seats: 192 in attendance!! We sold over 4200 auction tickets! We collected many sponsorship and Ambassador checks from the community and auctioned off 60 donated handbags and gift items!! The Moveable Feast provided an amazing meal and we have already booked them for next year!

We give thanks to God who led us every step of the way and opened the hearts and wallets of so many generous people in our community! We are blessed to live in such a beautiful, loving community!



Mission & Outreach *continued...*

We now turn our attention to summer and our SECOND annual Lake Michigan trip for the at risk children in our community. We were so privileged last year to take 55 “Get Real” youth, ages 10-15, to Lake Michigan last July. Well, guess what?? This year we will be taking ONE HUNDRED children to see the beauty of this earth created by God! Most of these kids have never left their neighborhoods, let alone ventured to one of the most spectacular places in the world. We want them to see that there is a big, beautiful world out there that belongs to THEM!! We will be working with not only Get Real, but with Save Our Youth as we treat them to a spectacular day in Michigan.

Soooo, we need you to begin shopping for beach towels because we are gonna need a LOT of them!! 100 to be exact!! There will be a collection basket in the glass narthex where you can drop off your new beach towels, toys, goggles, boogie boards, pails and shovels!!!

I will never forget the comment from one of the kids from last year’s trip who asked, “Why would this church do all this for us? They don’t even know us?” His counselor simply replied, “That is God’s love.” The boy paused momentarily and said, “What would this world be like if everyone treated each other like that?” Yes, my friends in Christ, we changed the world that day! Those kids will never forget the love bestowed upon them from the people of St. Paul’s. And we are privileged beyond measure to get to do it again this year! Thank you in advance for contributing!

-The Mission and Outreach Team





**CHURCH
SCHOOL**

Church School News

IT'S ALMOST HERE!

Vacation Bible School is being held here at St. Paul's this summer, and will be presented by us, First Pres. and Immanuel Lutheran. The dates are **June 18th, 19th, and 20th** (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) and the theme is RAIN FOREST ADVENTURE. Family dinner will be served from 5:15 till 5:45 then the program begins at 6:00 and ends at 8:15. Our rotation sites include art, music, and rhythm. There will be a skit each evening to explore our bible points, which are "We Share, We Grow, and We Give". If you haven't already registered, please get a form from us and return to the Church office or Kim or Zoe. It's going to be a TREE TOP BIBLE BLAST! *** We still need leaders to guide our groups to rotations****



Teachers and students will be hosting Father's Day coffee hour, so please let us know if you'd like to help the children honor the Dad's by supplying coffee hour goodies.

Thank you to all of you that have already signed up to take a Sunday this summer to teach the children. There is a sheet in the glass narthex to add your name to the list for this wonderful opportunity to get to know the kiddo's a little better and be a part of their spiritual growth. No need to be a "teacher" just a bit of fun imagination! Pick your own topic, watch a movie and discuss the Bible point, do an art project, take the children to the garden and play games, the possibilities are endless. Kim and I will provide what ever you may need to get your lesson put together. Please consider this ministry!!!

-Zoe Baldwin and Kim Perlos

BISHOP TRANSITION UPDATE:

MEET THE 11TH BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF MICHIGAN

The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan has today announced the election of The Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry, Rector of All Saints', Chicago, as its 11th bishop diocesan.

Perry is the first woman and first openly gay priest to be elected bishop since the diocese was formed in 1836. This also marked the first time in the history of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan that the slate of candidates was comprised entirely of women.

Perry was elected on the fifth ballot of the Special Electing Convention held today in Detroit. She received 64 clergy votes and 118 lay votes. A minimum of 55 clergy votes and 94 lay votes were necessary for election on that ballot.

The other nominees were:

- The Rev. Dr. Grace Burton-Edwards, Rector, St. Thomas, Columbus, GA
- The Rev. Canon Paula Clark, Canon to The Ordinary & Canon for Clergy Development, Multicultural Ministries and Justice, Diocese of Washington
- The Rev. Canon Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, Canon to The Ordinary, Diocese of Colorado

"I am in awe of the trust you have placed in me, and I will, with God's help, do all I can to live up to this trust and this honor," Perry said following her election, "I am so excited about the ministry we are going to do together. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you."

Perry holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary and a Master of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in NYC. She was ordained deacon and priest in 1990 in the Diocese of Newark. Perry and her spouse currently reside in Chicago and will relocate to Michigan this year.

Pending the consent of a majority of the bishops with jurisdiction and a majority of the Diocesan Standing Committees, Perry will be ordained and consecrated on February 8, 2020 in the Diocese of Michigan. The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church, will serve as the chief consecrator.

Perry will succeed the Rt. Rev. Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr., who has served as bishop since 2000 and will retire in at the end of 2019. The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan is comprised of 75 congregations and over 16,000 baptized members.

Source: <https://www.edomi.org/bishopupdate/>

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The Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry
Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Michigan

**Pentecost Sunday is Sunday, June 9th,
and all are invited to wear RED for worship.**



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The Mindfulness for the Overwhelmed Workshop on June 5 is \$15 with NO book, or \$25 with book.

Coming in June from Persist:

No Sweat Morning Yoga, Walking Club, Upper Body Strength Training for Women, The Burn 30-Minute Weight-Free Weight-Loss Cross Training

Technology Committee news...

Please note that the A/V training for Holy Spirit Hall scheduled for June 1st has been postponed to accommodate more schedules. Please email technology@stpauljxmi.org or call/text 517-914-3067 if interested in the training so we can set the best date for everyone interested.



Choir notes...



The choir will be in vacation until August. Thank you to all the dedicated members if the choir for making this church year so special!

Anyone wanting to join we welcome all !

Love, *Genette*



The Women of St. Paul's Episcopal Church

ECW

Thank you so much to all of the women of ECW. As you know our joint venture with Mission and Outreach and SOAR was a big success. Jointly, we raised over \$12,000. What an amazing feat. Thanks be to God! If you heard Amiee's story of being sexually abused from the ages of 4 to 14 and how SOAR helped her find love and acceptance and a way home to God, you understand the important work SOAR is doing. The Women of St. Paul's ECW stepped up in so many ways, donating purses, helping with the planning and set-up, donating money, and purchasing tickets to the tables and for the raffle. Be proud of the group of amazing people we are. God is working through us every day.

The Women of St. Paul's ECW continues to be active. We will be meeting Saturday, June 8 in Holy Spirit Hall to begin discussions of where we have been and where we want to go. Social time begins at 10:30 with the meeting starting at 11. Food will be from Panera's and will be a luncheon with sandwiches, salads, fruit and dessert. Cost is \$5.

We will be discussing the questionnaire we filled out earlier in the year – When have you felt the most support of other women here?, What has ECW done that you are most proud of?, What is your vision for ECW's future?. “ We will also discuss plans for next year's agenda, so storm those brains, write down your ideas, and bring them to the June meeting to share with the rest of us. Where do you see ECW going in the future? What form do you see it taking? Would you like more speakers? More spiritual presentations? More field trips? If so where would you like to go? Do you see ECW as a social group? A mission style group? If you had your way what would you do to improve our meetings? What do you like about the meetings so far this year? What would you like to do differently? What would you like to keep the same? Just a few things to consider as you prepare for this important June meeting.” (from Valerie Rowley's write-up in the May epistle. It couldn't have been said better.)

We will also begin discussion about executive members for the Board next year. We will need a new Vice-President.

We will meet in July on the 13th with a planned speaker from Doctors Without Borders to speak on her experiences in South Sudan. If she can't make it, we will have a social hour. Please plan on coming either way. No meeting in August.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Kilian, President
St. Paul's ECW



Church Women United 2019

"Our Purpose: To encourage women to come together in visible fellowship, to witness to their faith to Jesus Christ, and enabled by the Holy Spirit to go out together into every neighborhood and nation as instruments of His reconciling love."

A Friendship Day Celebration Luncheon was held on Friday, May 3rd, 2019 at Second Missionary Baptist Church located at 304 E. Prospect Street. Sixty-eight women were in attendance from Jackson city and county.

The topics were: "The Time Is Now!" and "Agree to Differ"

The Bible texts were: 1) I Cor. 12:12-18 "The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.

Josephine Thornton, our speaker, gave us food for thought using this scripture. She challenged us that every church and every woman present has a job to do, we need to ask the Lord to show us what we are to do, and stressed that the time is now! This was especially interesting after recently hearing Pastor Sarah's sermon on this same passage!

2) Ephesian 4:3 "Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the spirit, binding yourselves together with peace." Presented in the form of a responsive reading led by Yonnie Fowler.

During the call to worship Peggy Wilds offered a prayer followed by the Lord's prayer. Another highlight of the afternoon for us was being with a group of women who can break into song with no music!!! Wanda Holmes led us with that delightful time!

We enjoyed a delicious lunch of cheese broccoli soup and chicken salad with a croissant, with chocolate or carrot cake for dessert.

We are one of many churches that pay dues to support this group's service projects through our St. Paul's Episcopal Church Women. Monies collected at this May gathering are sent to the treasury of the common world fund, for programs benefiting women, in the eight regions of the world. Also, a donation of money and/or items are donated to local charities and today we brought laundry detergent as part of our donation locally.

The first Friday in September will be the third of four celebration luncheons to be held at a Jackson area church. We would all love to have you join us for this Mission Day event. We will give thanks for local and foreign missions - we will have information in August about time and place.

Questions - please call one of us, and join us!!

-Article submitted by Janet Wesch - along with Cheryl Gumper, Beth Reynolds, and Peggy Wilds



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Thursday, June 6, 2019

7:00pm

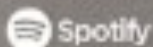
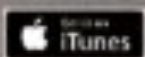
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A free will offering will be received





Christie Swanson	June 4
Diane Lawrence	June 6
James Grace	June 8
Kayla Randall	June 11
Dennis Marsh	June 15
Catherine Rowley	June 16
Carrie Heider Grant	June 18
Lavinia Rogers	June 18
Robert Muller	June 24
Rick McKinnon	June 27
Bob Reynolds	June 27
Cassandra Coburn	June 30

Jim & Susie Freer	June 8
John & Diane Billingsley	June 9
David & Marion VanLoo	June 13
Jon & Suzanne Gould	June 26



Have a blessed Father's Day—June 16th

*Dear Church family,
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When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
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*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



ONLINE SCHEDULING DIRECTIONS: DATES ARE JUNE 17TH & 18TH

To schedule your photography appointment online, go to www.ucdir.com, click on schedule your photography session on the right side, enter **mi1326** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 Birthdays & Anniv</p> <p>8am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Adult Forum 9:15 am Church School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist/ Coffee</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30 pm Safety Committee</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:30 am Bereavement Group 5:30 pm M & O 6 pm Toastmasters</p>	<p>5</p> <p>11 am Bible Study 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist 4 pm Workshop/ "Mindfulness for the Overwhelmed"</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7 pm Angelus Choral Concert</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:30 ECW</p>
<p>9 Pentecost Sunday</p> <p>8am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Adult Forum 9:15 am Church School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist/ Coffee /Episcopal 101 4:00 pm Get Real</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:30 pm Safety Committee</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:30 am Bereavement Group 5:15 pm Cardio Drum 6 pm Toastmasters</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11 am Bible Study 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5 pm Judson Ctr 5:15 pm Cardio Drumming Class 5:30 pm B & G</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 Trinity Sunday</p> <p>8am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Adult Forum 9:15 am Church School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist/ Coffee Hour</p>	<p>17</p> <p>12:00 pm "Get Real" Program 5:30 pm Safety Committee</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:30 am Bereavement Program 12:00 pm "Get Real" Program 5:15 pm Cardio Drumming Class 6 pm Toastmasters 6:30pm Vestry Mtg</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11 am Bible Study 12:00 pm "Get Real" Program 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist 1 pm Brownell Lunch</p>	<p>20</p> <p>12:00 pm "Get Real" Program 5:15 pm Cardio Drumming Class</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
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