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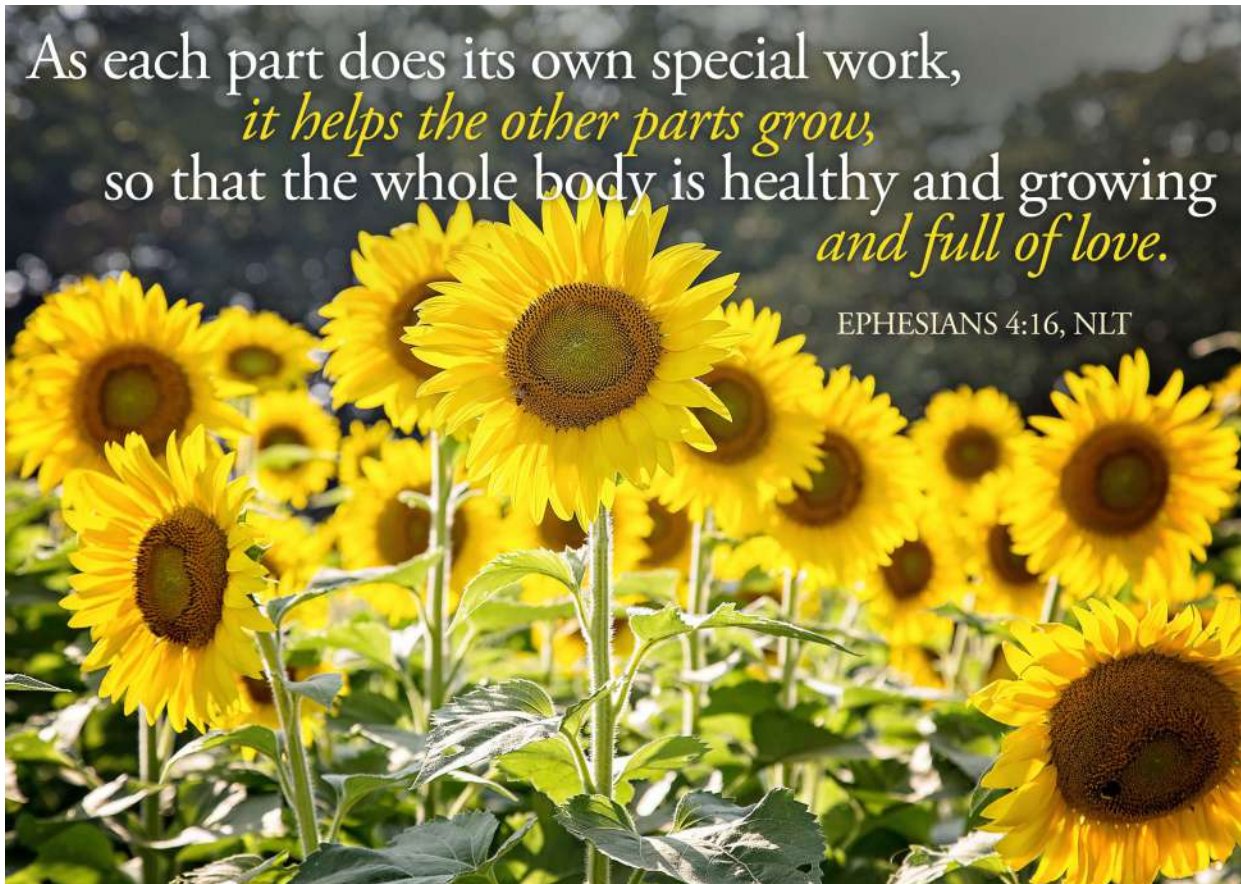


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As each part does its own special work,  
*it helps the other parts grow,*  
so that the whole body is healthy and growing  
*and full of love.*

EPHESIANS 4:16, NLT





# Rector's Corner

*"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves." -Matthew 10:16*

Friends,

I'll admit I hesitated when choosing this scripture as an inspiration for this article. It spoke to me for what I want to say to you but it also is routinely used to objectify and "other" people whom we fear or mistrust. I aim to steer clear of that trap as I write to you about how God sends us into the world as disciples Jesus Christ and apostles of His Good News.

As the new Delta variant infects hundreds of thousands of our citizens, I want to urge caution when in public places and suggest wearing your mask in crowded places even if you're vaccinated. We have had St. Paul's parishioners infected by the Delta variant even after having Covid and being vaccinated. As a reminder, the vaccines work but are not a guarantee against infection by mutations or against passing the mutation along to someone else. In order to be "wise" and "innocent" as we are commended to be please get vaccinated and be careful when out in public. We are being asked to not only protect ourselves but the most vulnerable among us who cannot be vaccinated because of poor health or youth. Please ask your friends and family if they are vaccinated as well and let them know of your experience with the vaccine to reassure them. It is critical that we do our part to love our neighbors by keeping them safe as best we can. Please remember that it will always be acceptable for you to wear a mask when inside St. Paul's for whatever reason you feel necessary.

You may have noticed more folks in Jackson's downtown area panhandling for money in front of shops and on the street corners. Now that churches are back in person, folks are being approached in our parking lot as well. I have had good conversations with friends Steve Castle, head of the Interfaith Shelter and Shante Patterson, head of Love INC about these folks. Both of these organizations who help the homeless and needy in our area have sent teams to speak to these new folks and offer them shelter, food and assistance. In the case of the folks downtown they have been turned down for a variety of reasons. In many cases, struggles related to addiction and mental illness keep folks from using the resources available to them. Their needs are real and not easily met. To answer the questions I've received about the "Christian" response to these needs I recommend the following: **If you feel led to give money to folks in the community please do so with a grateful heart and do so safely! If you don't feel safe in any way follow your gut! I don't want anyone to put themselves in a dangerous position feeling that giving money is the only "Christian" response in any situation. There is no one size fits all answer.**

## Rector's Corner continued...

If you want to work on the issues surrounding homelessness in our community please contact me and I'll help you find the organizations doing the most good in our community. You'll see an advertisement in this newsletter for the Interfaith Shelter Block Party this Saturday from 11-3. I invite you to stop by and meet the staff, residents and community around the Shelter. We are so grateful for their work and proud to be partners with them.

Finally, let us remember that when Jesus speaks about lambs and wolves the language He uses is parabolic in nature, meaning, sometimes we're the lambs and sometimes we're the wolves. Let us remember that erring on the side of generosity and love are always good impulses and never hesitate to call on me or Alice, our parish administrator, for questions regarding folks in need. We interact with lots of folks each week and, because of your generosity, get to help many neighbors.

Faithfully,

Sarah+

## Building & Grounds



The schedule for planned maintenance was interrupted by contractor vacations. Thank you, Alice, Terry, Julie and others I did not mention, for responding to urgent issues not directly involving your normal schedule. The planned removal and replacement of lighting in Holy Sprit Hall should be completed next week.

There was an emergency repair to the natural gas main in Wesley Street. It involved our church as a safety precaution, our natural gas was shut off until repairs were completed.

The new floor cleaning equipment is a welcome investment for Terry to provide professional floor maintenance. We will not have to contact outside vendor in the future.

We are looking for a company to remove snow this next season. Anyone you know that is interested to help with this important ministry please contact myself, at 517-745 7469.

Kyle King  
Chairperson,  
Building & Grounds



# Curate's Report



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*He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." - Exodus 33.14*

God sends Moses out and Moses true to form gives it back to God with a question or an excuse or perceived weakness. And God, like always, boosts him up. Moses is sent out into the world, like us, into a somewhat unknown situation with things not the same since the pandemic started. And we are reminded God is with us. Many of us are going out and doing things we haven't for some time and the world is a bit unknown. And we are reminded, God is with us and God will give us rest.

A combination of things opening and summertime have lent well to times of vacation, respite, and rest. It is my hope that as we all try to recharge and rejuvenate, we know God is with us and that we use this rest time wisely. In that light, we are offering some fun activities this summer in the form of Summer Art Camp which incorporates some learning with our scriptures as well for our children and youth.

Summer fun for July was cardio drumming with Dee Hurlbert. She introduced the kids to this activity, and we talked about why it is important to take care of one's body. August Summer Art Camp will be an art project and both opportunities will be in conjunction with the young families from First Presbyterian Church.

We are also working on planning and curriculum ideas for the rapidly approaching academic year. We are very blessed with gifted parents and guardians who are invested in the children and youth of the church. It is my hope that in the year to come we will have more adults outside of parents invested in helping with our youngest members. The kids are truly a joy to be around and a privilege to help them learn their way in life. It is truly rewarding.

May this summer be a time of respite, rest, and renewal so we can go into the fall with new eyes to see, new ears to hear, new lips to speak, and a new heart to take it all in.

In faith,

Melissa





# *A Year of Thanks*

*-by Curate Melissa*

For the calendar year of 2021 I'd like to emphasize a year of thanks to those ministries which help make St. Paul's all that it is. Each month this year you will see me highlight one or more of the ministries and thus ministers of our parish community. Stay tuned to see if your ministry is one highlighted!

The ministry I am highlighting this month is the ministry of coffee hour hostesses. These women take turns making sure coffee hour goes off without a hitch. In order for this to happen they setup and cleanup and even make a sweet treat for people to indulge after Sunday worship. The lead hostesses often recruit others to help as many hands make light work. I know I've seen a number of different men and women helping out. Below are those who are currently hosting.

- ♦ Jo Alipit
- ♦ Debbie Batchelder
- ♦ Dana Burkey
- ♦ Romelle Frey
- ♦ Rhonda Rudolph



This ministry is of paramount importance as we continue to gather in person as the pandemic parameters allow. Sharing a meal and hospitality are things we see over and over in Scripture so I like to think of it as doing what Jesus would do! Having said that, if you'd like to help with coffee hour please contact Rhonda Rudolph at [rlrudolph61@gmail.com](mailto:rlrudolph61@gmail.com) or 517-474-4368.

**Thank you coffee hour hostesses!**



Friends, we were so delighted to offer space and support for the Get Real program this summer! 55 kids and 15 volunteers worked throughout each week to teach, mentor and support kids in our community. We were delighted to send them to Lake Michigan again with snacks packed by parishioners Laurie and Marcia and towels and pool noodles provided by the parish. They went on rented coaches to Silver Beach in St. Joe and had pizza for lunch and played volleyball on the beach! A great time was had by all thanks to your faithful generosity!



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## From Our Sr. Warden...

August already? Where did the summer go? Before we know it, the children will be returning to school, and we hope they have a more normal year. COVID has been very difficult for students and for parents. Far too many students had to spend the last year plus doing their studies through virtual learning. Many of them will find themselves a year behind. Luckily, the majority of the students in Jackson County were able to attend in person school for the majority of the year. Bless the teachers, administrators, custodians, parents and students for all their hard work. Praying we will have a more normal school year.

Our in-person attendance at Sunday services continues to increase and it is wonderful to see folks who have been unable to attend appear in church. Hopefully we will continue to see more people every week and also hope our viewers at home continue to enjoy the service in the comfort of their home.

I have mentioned before how grateful I am that we are able to offer the service online to so many parishioners. Nathan Randall has been instrumental in getting the system up and running, and he has been running the system almost every week since inception. He needs some help. We would like to have 4 -three person teams trained to run the system so that each team would be in charge just one week a month. Two of the jobs are pretty non techie and most anyone can do them. We will work to have one tech savvy person per team. If you are interested, please contact Nathan or Christie Randall. Nathan's phone number is 517-914-3066.

Stay safe and enjoy the remainder of the summer.

*Debbie*

# HELP WANTED!



Our tech team is stretched thin and could really use more people to help run our livestream services. They are happy to train you, and running the cameras is easy to learn!

If anyone (youth or adult) is interested in helping to join this very important ministry please contact Nathan Randall. (517) 914-3066 or email: [technology@stpauljxmi.org](mailto:technology@stpauljxmi.org)

# The Women of St. Paul's Episcopal Church

## ECW

ECW held its first in-person meeting since the lockdown started in March of 2020. We all had a wonderful time talking and catching up on new and old news. Judging by the conversations it was clear we were all missing these gatherings and were hungry to reconnect with our St. Paul's family of women. It is always so much better to talk to someone in person than to hear things through the grapevine or announcements. While we were thrilled with the turnout, we wish others had been able to join in this joyful gathering. It just did the heart good to be able to see so many familiar faces again.

Besides the familiar faces we were also joined by Rev. Sarah's mother, Sally and her niece, Jada. They are both delightful and we were honored to have them as guests. We met at the home of Cheryl Gumper whose tables were set as if entertaining royalty – just beautifully laid out. Cheryl supplied an array of beverages from tipples hard stuff to softer selections. Our special thanks to her for opening her home and for the wonderful welcome she had for us all. Thanks also to Sandra Kilian, our President, who arranged for the wonderful cupcake selection from the Blue Julip bakery in downtown Jackson.



If you missed it perhaps you can make our September meeting which will be mainly a social event. The date will be September 11 and food will be provided by the board. We ask that you look ahead and see what times you might be able to volunteer to do the food in upcoming months except December which is our holiday luncheon. We will have a sign-up sheet at the September meeting.



## ECW continued...

October's meeting will feature a COVID review. We hope to cover it from the medical perspective – vaccines, mask wearing and the dangers of the Delta variant for example. We are also hoping to approach it from an emotional and psychological angle and are working to secure a speaker who can address these issues. Get your questions ready people! In November we will have a talk on Habitat for Humanity. What they do, how they accomplish their goals, who volunteers, what is expected of new homeowners etc. Lots to digest on this topic for sure. December will be our annual Holiday luncheon at the Country Club. Helen Green has secured a date for us and details on this event will be coming soon.

Believe it or not it's nearly time to think about the annual Nut Sale. Start making a list of all the people in your lives who would love some of these gourmet nuts as a gift or perhaps they want to purchase some themselves for their own entertaining over the holidays. Either way the form should be out in September so be on the lookout for that. Thanks to Romelle Frey and Christy Swanson who have agreed to again spearhead this important annual fundraiser.

Your board is busy working on filling out the agenda for 2022. If you have any ideas or topics you'd like to see covered please feel free to let any board member know and we will see if it can be added for the 2022 session of ECW.

As before we will be taking the month of August off so enjoy the rest of these summer days – they will be gone before you know it. We look forward to seeing everyone again in September. God bless you all, take care and be safe.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Rowley, Vice-President, ECW.



### Wedding Fever!

Cheryl Gumper graciously shared a photo of her wedding held here at St.

Paul's in 1967. Do you have a photo of your wedding held here at St. Paul's to share? We would love to showcase a future edition of the Epistle with a look at some of our St. Paul's weddings. You can mail them (they will be returned of course) or email them to Alice at [church@stpauljxmi.org](mailto:church@stpauljxmi.org) or stop by the office and we will make a copy for you. Thank you!



## “HOLY GLASS”

### A Tour of the Windows of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Jackson, MI Part 3

By 1900, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church was well established within the Jackson community and even more memorial windows were being installed. Interestingly, the installation of the Resurrection window (L-3) required moving the window known as “Christ with his Followers” from the L-3 position to the R-2 position! I have not been able to find any record of why this move occurred. Perhaps the location change was requested by families and the Vestry and Priest agreed to relocate the Mabley window. We have photo documentation of the relocation.



Let’s look more closely at the R-2 Mabley window, “Christ with his Followers” or “Christ Teaching.” It was given by the Mabley family “to the glory of God and in memory of the family of Joseph and Martha B. Mabley.” The inscription reads, “for where 2 or 3 are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” The window is made in a glass style similar to the early Payne Spears and Tiffany Studios. The colors are rich reds, greens, blues and golds with minimal added painting on the glass for hands and faces. Christ’s gesture appears to be one of blessing and he is clothed in red and white robes.

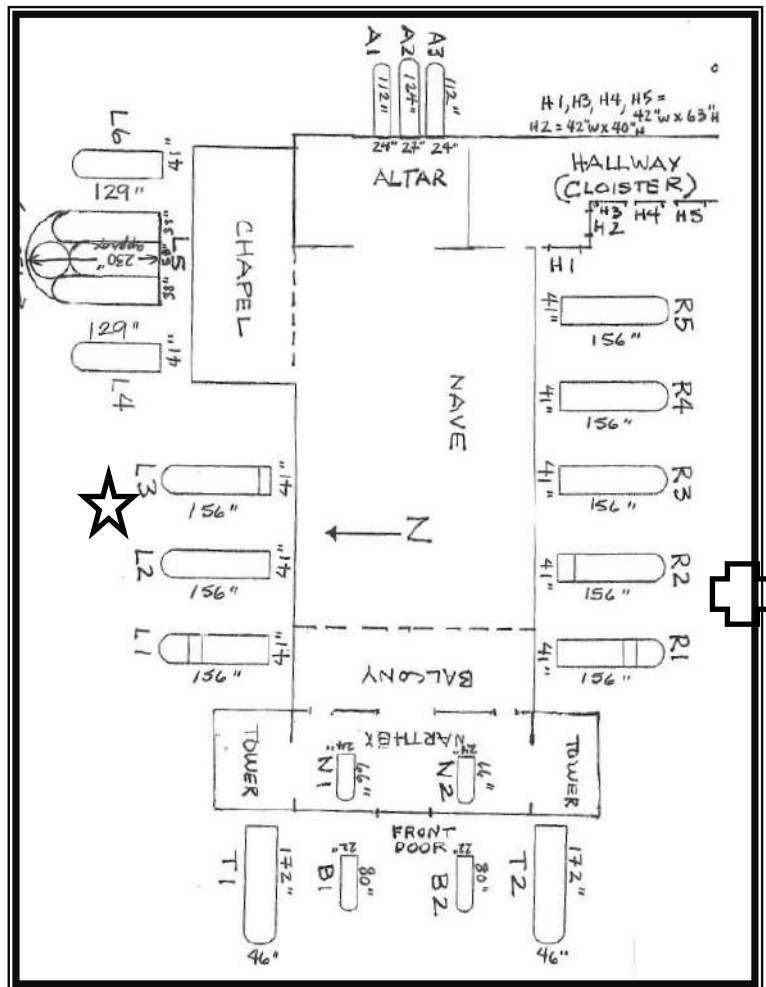
Anytime we see a figure in a Christian church window in red and white we know it is Jesus – white for purity and red for the blood he shed for the sins of us all.



Our next window is the Resurrection Window in the L-3 position. ★

The angel sits before the empty tomb pointing toward heaven. The inscription reads: "I am the resurrection and the life. To the glory of God and in loving memory of Michael Shoemaker 1818-1895 and of Sarah Wisner Shoemaker 1829-1891."

This window was created by extensive painting on glass panels to portray the scene when the three Marys come to the tomb and find that Christ has risen. They are Mary, Christ's mother, Mary Magdalene and Mary, wife of Clopas. There is a lighted lamp burning in the opening of the tomb symbolizing the risen Christ. The angel points heavenward. The panel above the resurrection scene shows the risen Christ (center) on a throne with St. Paul (left) with his sword and scriptures, young children around Christ (center) and on the right side we see a seated woman with an anchor. She appears to be an anchoress – a woman who devotes here life to prayer and service to the poor and sick.



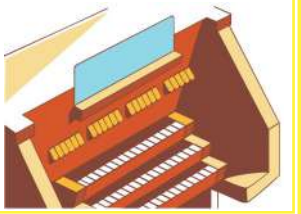
This window would benefit from an extensive cleaning by a professional studio. It was made by the Heaton, Butler and Bayne Studio in London, England. Always let me know if you have further questions since there is more information available on our windows than I can include in these articles.

Please enjoy our windows!  
Joyce Grace, August 2021





## Organist's Corner



### **Innovations of E. M. Skinner,** **Organ Builder**

A perforated paper roll (like those used in player pianos) for the pipe organ? That was one of E. M. Skinner's many experiments and inventions in the early days of pipe organs that could now use electricity. Although Skinner's research did get him a patent on a refinement in the player piano mechanism, the player piano roll was not an invention that proved to be successful with the pipe organ.

Prior to this time in the late 1800's/early 1900's, most American builders were building "tracker action" organs using traditional European methods. Organs used a series of slender wooden rods (trackers) for each key that mechanically opened a little valve allowing air to flow into each pipe. The more sets of pipes an organist used (to make a piece louder or more musically colorful), the more finger strength it took to push down the key on the keyboard. This is because the organist was physically moving so many levers connected to the key and overcoming the wind pressure against the valves. With the use of batteries and/or electricity, the wind chambers no longer had to be pumped full of air by hand and the key action could be electronically assisted so that no matter how many ranks of pipes an organist used, the keys were all equally to play. Skinner was very involved in new designs and innovations that incorporated the changes that electricity allowed.

Many of Skinner's most innovative improvements to the organ came with his invention of new stops. Skinner wanted smoothness and subtlety in his organs. He wanted them to imitate the beauty of orchestral sounds. He invented a stop called the *erzähler* (storyteller) with quiet solo tones. Skinner said that this stop had a "talkative" quality. After hearing an oboe in concert, Skinner went to his workshop and designed a pipe to sound like that oboe. He invented a "tuba mirabilis" with some 32-foot pipes as large as small elevator shafts. Some invented stops became his trademark, like the flute celeste, which has two ranks of flute pipes slightly out of tune with each other to produce a shimmering beat. Another was the English horn, a modified oboe stop. On the St. Paul's Skinner organ, we have some lush flutes, lovely strings, and a beautiful Clarinet stop, which is one of my favorites to use as a solo stop. We also have some great trumpet stops, including the fabulous Trumpet en Chamade, the powerful, horizontally mounted trumpet on the back wall. If you are ever interested in seeing a list of all of the ranks (sets of pipes) on the St, Paul organ, come up to the organ and I'll have a copy for you.

*-Julie J. Baglien, Organist*

Some great organ stops NOT invented by E. M. Skinner. 😂  
Hee, Hee!



<http://episcopalchurchmemes.blogspot.com/2016/03/the-essential-church-organ-stops.html>



Loren &  
Christie  
Swanson  
August 22



Rhys Grant	August 4
Eric Hughes	August 6
Melissa Congleton	August 7
Donna Thomas	August 11
Cheryl Gumper	August 14
Helen Greene	August 22
Bob Fowler	August 22
Lindy Perlos	August 26
Henry Themm	August 27
Carol Scheerbaum	August 30
Heather Youell	August 30
Heidi Lathrop	August 31



**You can still worship at home:**

**Watch the Facebook Livestream of our 10 :30 am Sunday service from inside our sanctuary:**

<https://www.facebook.com/stpauljxmi>

**Sunday Worship Bulletins are on our website at**

<https://stpauljxmi.org/>

**You can also view the service later on Facebook.**

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT TO VIEW OUR VIDEOS!**

## Bible Study



Bible Study is in person at **10:30 am** in the Small Dining Room. (It will continue to be on Zoom also for those who would like to still attend online.)

Follow this link to Zoom in: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83005898502>

No Password required



**Wednesdays @ 12:15 pm - Holy Eucharist in the chapel**



**Join Pastor Sarah each Wednesday at 8pm on Facebook live**

<https://www.facebook.com/stpauljxmi> for the service of Compline from the Book of Common Prayer with the commemoration of saints that day.

## Adult Forum

**9:00 am-10:00 am** on Sundays in the small dining room.

Adult Forum began a new series in July studying Barbara Brown Taylor's book Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others. We have a few copies of the book available, if you need help getting one.

Email Eric Magnusson ([emagnusson75@gmail.com](mailto:emagnusson75@gmail.com)) with any questions.



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# August

## Faith

Day 1 – Matthew 21:21-22	Day 20 – Matthew 17:14-21
Day 2 – Hebrews 11:1-3	Day 21 – Psalm 37:5-6
Day 3 – Hebrews 11:4-7	Day 22 – 1 Timothy 4:10-12
Day 4 – Hebrews 11:8-12	Day 23 – Galatians 3:23-29
Day 5 – Hebrews 11:23-31	Day 24 – John 3:14-17
Day 6 – Hebrews 11:32-12:2	Day 25 – Romans 1:16-17
Day 7 – James 2:14-17	Day 26 – John 11:23-27
Day 8 – James 2:18-26	Day 27 – 1 Corinthians 15:16-22
Day 9 – Proverbs 3:5-6	Day 28 – Ephesians 3:16-19
Day 10 – 1 Corinthians 2:1-5	Day 29 – Mark 10:46-52
Day 11 – 2 Corinthians 5:6-7	Day 30 – 1 Peter 1:6-9
Day 12 – James 1:5-8	Day 31 – Galatians 2:20
Day 13 – Galatians 2:15-16	
Day 14 – 2 Timothy 4:7-8	
Day 15 – Romans 4:13-14	
Day 16 – Romans 4:15-17	
Day 17 – Romans 4:18-25	
Day 18 – Romans 5:1-5	
Day 19 – Romans 10:9-11	

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# Party at Brown's Lake

**6:00 PM**

**August 20, 2021**

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**Jackson, Michigan 49201**



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**Pontoon tours of Browns Lake**

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