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From our Sr. Warden...

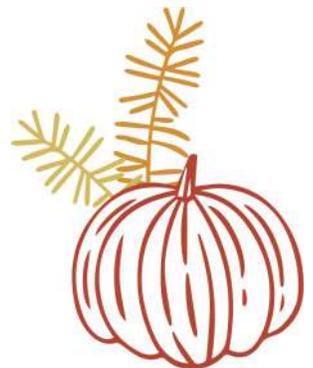
This is the report I have been looking forward to writing for three months. Since Pastor Sarah announced she was moving on it has been the Vestry's top priority to continue with the work of the church. I'm happy to say that life at St. Paul's has continued unimpeded and the people in charge of everything have continued as usual. God has blessed us with enthusiastic parishioners that haven't missed a beat. I want to thank all involved for their dedication and organization to keep things moving during these times. I'm afraid to start thanking individuals, as I know I would miss somebody.

I am happy to announce to those unaware, that we have signed an agreement with the Reverend Jadon Hartsuff as our Interim Minister. He will officially start on November 1. Many of the older members will remember Rev. Jadon as the grandson of Ray Hartsuff, and a frequent attendee at St. Paul's. He is a well-traveled individual with a great resume, and warm personality whom I am sure can guide us through the process of calling a new priest. This an exciting and sometimes frustrating process that we have gone through successfully before.

Which brings me to the other great news for those not at Church on September 25. As part of that process, we have Commissioned a Search Committee. The committee will be Chaired by Michelle Gibson, who is excited and ready to roll. The committee itself is made up of a great cross section of the church. I am confident they will find a Priest that is in tune with the St. Paul's of today. This will be a church wide project that will require input from all. It's also a great way for new members to get involved and acquainted. I'm sure there will be announcements and requests for people to serve on various committees.

Our search for a Choir Director continues. I have faith that the right person will surface soon. The hard part of the search process for the vestry is done. The beginning was full of uncertainty about who will do the service, how do we find an interim, who will serve on the search committee, how do we keep the energy flowing? God has provided the answers to all those questions and given more than we asked. It's good to see not only new faces most weeks but old faces returning. There is a buzz here that will continue to attract new people with new ideas and new energy. That is why I have been looking forward to this report.

God's Peace,
Barney Rudolph





Your search committee had their first meeting with The Rev. Ellen Ekevag, Sunday, October 2nd. We reviewed the “Introduction to the Search Process” again and spent time learning about our first official duties as your search committee. Over the next few weeks, this team will be working with Holy Cow Consulting to sign the congregation up for the Church Assessment Tool (CAT), organizing opportunities to take the CAT, and organizing communication to you.

What is the CAT? It is an anonymous assessment instrument that will help us to:

- Pinpoint the strengths of our congregation’s culture
- Discover where members would like to go in the future
- Uncover potential resources we may be missing, and
- Prepare us for the search for our next Rector.

The Rev. Ellen Ekevag and The Rev. Susie Shaefer will help us interpret the results and provide us with important insight into what is most important to St. Paul’s.

Please know that it is very important that you share your thoughts about our church in this survey. And because of how important it is, we will be working to make sure that this is available through various avenues such as digital/online, paper format, and even provide one to one opportunities for members to work with a member of the search committee to complete and have your voice heard. This assessment is for those who attend church physically often or not, those who attend church online, those who live in Jackson and those who join us from other parts of the country. We want to hear from young and those who are young at heart. We want to hear everyone’s voice so please look for more information to come.

We also have an email that you can use to ask questions or share your thoughts.

If you would like to contact one of the members on the Search Committee, you can email: searchcommittee@stpauljxmi.org

Your Search Committee looks forward to this hopeful and exciting time. Please continue to pray for us and for our congregation as we begin moving toward a new future.

Respectfully,

Michelle Gibson – Chair

Eric Magnusson

Tom Holsinger-Friesen

Sandra Kilian

Pat Reynolds

Deb Batchelder

Christie Swanson

*Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

The Women of St. Paul's Episcopal Church

ECW

Happy fall, friends. While we will get more warm days, the cool temperatures have arrived, and most people are pleased to see the beastly hot summer come to an end.

October 4 is the day we celebrate St. Francis of Assisi. Known as the patron saint of animals St. Francis also had a great affinity for the poor and devoted his life to one of poverty and helping the poor. He is also known to have founded a convent called the Poor Clares or as they were later known, the little sisters of the poor. It was said that St. Francis lived a life closer to that of Jesus than anyone else in history.

October 1 is the feast of St. Teresa of Lisieux or St. Teresa the little flower. From a young age she was sure she would become a saint. Her path to sainthood was to "do small things with great love." It was her great belief that love was the way to God. Ironically, she, like her namesake, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, was plagued by great doubts of the existence of God and sometimes could not feel his presence in her life. She died from TB at the age of 24.

Now to business. The advanced sale for the nuts ended on September 24. However, if you talk sweetly to Romelle she might be inclined to continue to take orders through this coming Sunday, October 2. Get with her before it's too late and you miss out on this great opportunity.

October 1 is our talk on Priest vs Cop from Rev. Melissa Congleton. It is a week early to facilitate her police schedule. If you read this in time, please be sure to join us in the small dining room at 10:30 this coming Saturday. We are looking forward to it.

Sheryl Sablo-Grieve from the Interfaith shelter will be talking to us on November 12. Sheryl oversees the warming centers and will expand on our knowledge of that. It will be timely with the cooler weather already here and the much colder weather not too far away. It's time to prepare and be informed. Please join us for this interesting talk about the less privileged people who have huge housing insecurities in our community.

We continue to collect voluntary dues of \$10. Please see Cheryl if you have not paid dues yet for this upcoming year.

Don't forget our next meeting. **November 12th at 10:30.** We look forward to seeing you there. Always remember, **all** women are welcome at ECW regardless of church membership. If you have a friend who might be interested, please feel free to bring them along. Have a happy and safe Halloween.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Rowley, Vice-President, ECW.



Organist's Corner



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Anglican Hymns at the Queen's Funeral

As we witnessed the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Defender of the Faith, I have been thinking about the connection between the Anglican and Episcopal churches. While celebrating her life, what particularly interested me were her funeral services at Westminster Abbey and at St. George's Chapel in Windsor. I so appreciated the music at the services and was pleased to recognize the hymns as ones that have become more familiar to me since studying the Hymnal 1982 while working at St. Paul's. The two hymns from the Windsor service were especially touching.

"All my hope on God is founded" has a text that was translated from a 1600's German hymn. The poetry of the text is beautiful, but could be difficult to sing if not read in advance.

The first verse has this text:

*All my hope on God is founded; He doth still my trust renew,
Me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true.
God unknown, He alone calls my heart to be His own.*

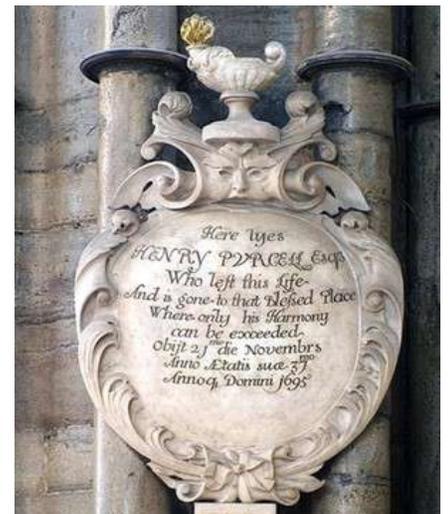
I would invite you to read the other verses of this hymn, #665 in the Hymnal 1982. The music is one of Herbert Howells's most engaging tunes. He recalls writing the entire melody at the breakfast table after receiving the request for it. It is noted for its "profound lyric beauty and harmonic richness" and was named *Michael* after Dr. Howells's son who died in childhood.

The second hymn from the Windsor service was "Christ is made the sure foundation" #518 in the Hymnal 1982. This text, translated from a Latin hymn text that dates back to as early as the sixth century, has become a favorite since being matched with a tune by Henry Purcell. Many Americans first heard this hymn at the broadcast wedding ceremony of Princess Margaret and Lord Snowden in 1960. The first verse of this hymn is:

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever and her confidence alone.*

The poetry of all the verses is worth reading and meditating on, but does show the age of John Mason Neale's 19th century translation. The tune name, *Westminster Abbey*, reflects Purcell's long association with the Abbey. He was a copyist and organ tuner from 1674-1678, and organist from 1679-1695, when he died and was buried in the Abbey. He was buried in the north aisle of the choir, where the organ stood at the time, so he is often said to be buried "under the organ."

Julie J. Baglien
Organist/Director of Music



From Mission & Outreach

September recap

Jackson Interfaith Shelter; "Helping People Move Forward"

Heidi Lathrop, Dana Burkey, Joe Lathrop and Barney Rudolph had the pleasure of meeting with Steve Castle, CEO, Jackson Interfaith Shelter. We toured the facility as Steve highlighted the impressive list of recent renovations! The welcome enhancements included (but not limited to!) new air conditioning, an updated dining facility, a "resource room" with computers and Internet access, a new playground, and the complete renovation of both the exterior and interior entrances. The renovations made a significant difference in the "look and feel" of the facility. Steve's goal was to create a warm, safe and inviting environment that enhanced the dignity for any individual in need. He was certainly successful!

We discussed many of the facility statistics and areas in which St. Paul's could continue our support towards the shelter needs. There are approximately 35 volunteers currently supporting the shelter. The facility serves an average of 700 people, with over 15,000 nights of lodging and 59,000 meals a year. The facility population includes children. Transportation is provided to-and-from local schools. A local employer, Martinrea Industries, located in Manchester, actively interviews, hires, and provides transportation for working individuals! The coordination and wholesome care of every shelter resident was impressive! Throughout the month of September, St. Paul's provided much needed sustenance, to include: 12 large containers of Quaker Oatmeal, 15 large boxes of cereal, six large containers of coffee grounds and 4 5lb bags of sugar.

Thank you to everyone who generously participated in supporting such a critical need!

St. Paul's Mission and Outreach: Momma Tutu

Our September "Noisy Offering" provided much needed help for Momma Tutu and her neighborhood constituents!! What a pleasure it was to meet her! She is such a warm, thoughtful and spirit-filled individual! We arrived at her home and were promptly welcomed with outreached arms and a hearty "Amen"! Per our request, Momma outlined her current needs. As a result, through the generous donations of our "noisy offering", we provided the following: Clothing: 30 pair girls underwear, 31 pair boys underwear, 25 pair girls socks, 40 pair boys socks. In addition, we provided multiple items for female hygiene, children's school supplies, and cleaning products.

Momma's appreciation for our support was evident as she wrapped us in a heart-felt hug.

Thank you again, to everyone who so generously made those "noisy offerings"! Our ability to help our neighbors certainly demonstrated one of my favorite biblical translations of Mathew 25:40: *"And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of my brothers, you did it to me'.*

Mission & Outreach cont...

October

"Jackson High School Community Closet"

Every year, there is a population of students that struggle to secure some of the most basic necessities that make life tolerable. These students make it a priority to get to school, in spite of the fact that they may have not eaten, showered, or slept in their own bed. Living conditions are often a struggle, as several students can only find a safe place to rest by "couch surfing" with friends. Many students act as care-givers for their younger siblings. Casey Cretsinger, coordinator of the "Community Closet", shared the following:

"I am continuously amazed at the amount of students that have to fend for themselves every day...whether that's asking for a place to sleep every night or cooking for themselves and all of their siblings or trying to eat without any appliances."

With that in mind, we would like to dedicate our October Mission & Outreach activities towards supporting the needs of these students and their families. In addition to the gift of the October "Noisy Offering", we kindly ask for the following donations:

Microwaveable Meals
Ramen Noodles
Small boxes/bags of cereal, Pop-Tarts
Canned pasta, Ravioli
Fruit cups, apple sauce cups
Microwaveable popcorn
Deodorant, shampoo and conditioner
Female sanitary items
Toothpaste and toothbrushes
Laundry soap pods, dish soap

Please place your generous donations in the plastic containers located in the glass narthex. As always, cash and/or check donations are also accepted. Please note "J-High Community Closet" in the memo line.

In celebration of our faith and love towards others, thank you for supporting the Mission and Outreach in our own community!

God's blessings,

Heidi Lathrop
Dana Burkey





Join us for in-person services at 8 am or
10:30 am.

Or Join us online Sundays at 10:30 am:

For the Facebook Livestream of our service
follow the link:

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

Sunday Worship Bulletins are on our website
at <https://stpauljxmi.org/>

You can also view our services later on
Facebook.

(You do NOT have to have a Facebook
account to view our videos.)

Donate Used Toys to the Priceless Gift Toy Store!

Together We Can Make A Difference, a local charity serving needy families in downtown Jackson and throughout the community, is seeking donations for its annual free toy "store." Gently used (or new!) toys, games, puzzles, books, stuffed animals, sports equipment for children and teens of all ages (but no clothing please) can be dropped off at Tomlinson School on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10am-3pm from now until December 12. Use the back driveway at 730 Tomlinson St, Jackson, MI

49203. www.togetherdifference.org

Adult Forum

9:15 am-10:15 am on Sundays in
the small dining room.

Email Eric Magnusson



Garry Trammell	October 3	Laura Orr	October 10
Cynthia Rider	October 4	Dominic Themm	October 11
Teri Utz	October 4	Autumn Boody	October 20
Evan Lagow	October 5	Jadon Hartsuff	October 20
Sue Smar	October 7	Michelle Gibson	October 26
Sue Hammett	October 10		

The Promises of God

October Bible Reading Plan



Day 1 - I John 2:24-25	Day 17 - James 4:7-10
Day 2 - Ezekiel 36:24-27	Day 18 - Hebrews 2:16-18
Day 3 - I John 1:7-10	Day 19 - Psalm 91:8-11
Day 4 - Psalm 103:8-12	Day 20 - Psalm 138:7-8
Day 5 - Micah 7:18-20	Day 21 - I John 4:17-21
Day 6 - Acts 2:16-19	Day 22 - Revelation 21:2-5
Day 7 - Luke 11:9-13	Day 23 - Isaiah 61:1-3
Day 8 - John 16:13-15	Day 24 - John 8:31-36
Day 9 - Psalm 34:7-10	Day 25 - II Corinthians 5:17-18
Day 10 - Matthew 6:31-34	Day 26 - Psalm 61:1-4
Day 11 - Malachi 3:10-12	Day 27 - Matthew 17:18-21
Day 12 - Romans 8:31-35	Day 28 - Luke 4:17-18
Day 13 - Psalm 84:10-12	Day 29 - Psalm 9:9-12
Day 14 - Jeremiah 30:16-17a	Day 30 - Lamentations 3:22-26
Day 15 - Exodus 15:24-26	Day 31 - II Corinthians 1:2-5
Day 16 - I Corinthians 10:12-13	

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. - Psalm 119:105

Bible Study



Bible Study will continue to be in person on Wednesdays at **10:30 am** led by Natalie Magnusson in the Small Dining Room.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

A sign up sheet will be placed in the narthex for names of our deceased loved ones who have died in the past year. Their names will be read at the Eucharist on All Saints Sunday **November 6th**.

We will set up a table of remembrance in Holy Spirit Hall for parishioners to put pictures and mementos of their deceased loved ones that day so we can cherish their memories during coffee hour or after the service.

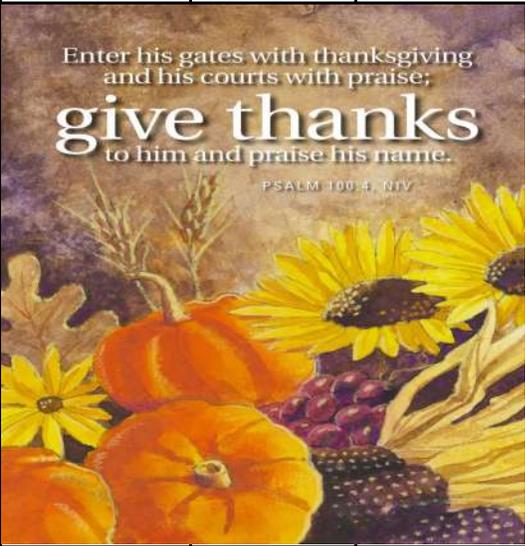


Altar Flowers

Altar flowers needed: We have several Sundays available for altar flower dedications in the months of November and December. The cost is approx. \$45. Please call Cheryl Gumper at 517-789-7982, or contact the church office if you would like to help.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Birthdays & Anniv	3	4	5	6	7	8
8 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Holy Eucharist/ Coffee Hour		6 pm Toastmasters	10 :30 am Bible Study			
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