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# Rector's Corner

Friends,

*Ecclesiastes 3:1* says “*For everything there is a season,*”

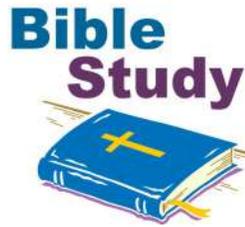
As the summer winds down our parents, teachers and students begin their arduous task of navigating schooling during Covid. Our prayers are with each of them as they step into the unknown but with the love of Christ surrounding

them. We are beginning our program year very differently this year. In person Christian education is not yet permitted by Covid restrictions and so I urge you to join the Adult Forum, Bible Study or the many offerings by our diocesan staff. Education on a range of topics for a large range of ages is offered currently by the Diocese of Michigan ([www.edomi.org](http://www.edomi.org)). Please look for these things online. If you don't go online I ask you to pull out your Book of Common Prayer (I can deliver one if you don't have one!) and a devotional aid of some sort. We subscribe to Forward Day by Day at St. Paul's and can help you get a subscription mailed to your home if you'd like one. We also get Our Daily Bread which is published out of Grand Rapids and is a lovely daily devotional. I can also recommend a host of books for you to read on various topics. This might be a good time to come to St. Paul's library and check something out for reading this month. Remember, your Christian education and daily prayer life is your responsibility and I'm here to help you fulfill that baptismal promise to “Continue in the apostles' teaching...and prayers.”

We are currently working out a contract to hire our previous seminarian, Melissa Congleton, as curate for at least the next three years. Melissa is still an officer with Michigan State University Campus Police and will work part time with us. We are entering into a partnership with the Diocese to pay her salary/benefits. Through the McElroy fund (set up by a member of the Ford family decades ago) the Diocese will pay at least half her salary/benefits while she works with us and gets her feet wet as a priest. She is not ordained yet but is set to become a deacon of the Church on Saturday Dec. 12th. God willing, six months from then, she'll become a priest and be able to fully celebrate the Eucharist with us. Until then she will have the leading role in directing youth confirmation and children's Christian education at St. Paul's Church. Last month, Zoe Baldwin retired from heading up our Sunday School and so the time has come to change and grow the way we care for our kids. Thanks be to God for Zoe Baldwin and her decades of care for our children!

“To everything there is a season” ...change is our regular diet these days because of Covid and our national strife and it can be a fearful thing to look at our future. But we who know the Lord Jesus Christ stand on His promises to us and the generations who have known hard times before us. He is faithful! Even when the world is spinning in chaos, we find quiet strength through faith in Him and the love of neighbor. Set your feet on that rock each day and you will not be moved from it. God bless and keep you and please call on me and your Vestry for whatever you need.

Faithfully,  
Sarah+



## Pastor Sarah's Weekly Zoom Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10am

Please join us as we read through the book of Judges, focusing on the life of Deborah.

Follow this link to Zoom in: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83005898502>  
No Password required



Koinonia Groups are forming again for this program year. One group will be a "Pod" whose members adhere to strict guidelines related to Covid to provide the safest possible environment for immunocompromised people. These groups are vital to our mutual support as Christian disciples and help through the loneliness and isolation of these times. Each group will need to make sure best practices around the wearing of masks, sanitization and distancing are adhered to. More details on the groups and how to sign up will come in our weekly email as well as a paper mailing for folks on our mailing list.



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.  
This is a lovely way to end your day!



## Adult Forum

Currently still meeting at our normal time 9:15-10:15 am on Sundays via Zoom-

All adults are welcome to join!  
For the Zoom meeting link and more info contact:

Eric R. Magnusson,  
Email: [emagnusson75@gmail.com](mailto:emagnusson75@gmail.com)  
Cell: 248-842-1859

Meeting ID: 992 3997 8197  
Passcode: Adult Forum

# From our Sr. Warden...



“Rivers know this: there is no hurry. We shall get there some day.” — *Winnie-the-Pooh*

Sometimes, I need the wisdom of a silly ol' bear. As soon as I feel there is some momentum, we get pulled back to safety preventing what I know to be a risk to so many of our parishioners...damn this Covid-19. It seems impossible for the heart and the mind to find middle ground. I feel the frustration that so many of you feel. I'm ready to worship in our space. I'm ready to ring the handbells, I'm ready to drum in our own Holy Spirit Hall.

But even though we can't quite yet...we shall get there someday.

Meanwhile, many of our dedicated parishioners prepare for that day. Kyle hosted a group (including Harry Strait, Marcia Hudson, Dana Burkey and Joe Lathrop) who helped organize pews so that social distancing will be possible when we return.

Nathan helped get the technology project over the finish line with much support from Alice and Sarah. India and James are helping to man the controls so that we will have a deep bench to help with streaming the Sunday services.

I was so happy to see and hear Julie playing our amazing organ. What a glorious sound and to Loren, Joyce and Barney for reminding us just how magnificent a black and white wardrobe can be.

I look forward to seeing more precious faces and listening to the readings and prayers read from our amazing space.

Also worth mentioning this month, we were called to help feed 500 of our HERO workers at Henry Ford Hospital. Jeremiah and Ella asked us to help box 250 salads and 250 sandwich meals for the workers. Barb Duke, Sue Hammett, Dana Burkey and Jan Osborn came to the rescue joining Big Guy Catering at 6:30 in the morning and working diligently for the food to be delivered by 10:30. It felt so wonderful being able to come together to help feed our community heroes. And we were able to do so safely observing social distancing and utilizing all appropriate precautions.

My deepest gratitude for all who continue to support the mission of our church and support our parish needs during this time.

I do ask you to continue to pray for all our church family...especially for those who feel they have lost their way, for those who are sick, and for those who feel the anxious, isolated and alone.

Shalom,  
Michelle



# From our Jr. Warden...

Progress!! We are making progress toward returning to our beloved church for in person services. We are now able to enjoy Sunday services through Facebook Live technology from our beautiful sanctuary. It is wonderful to see the church and our beautiful altar area. We have also been able to provide space in our memorial garden for those parishioners without internet capability the opportunity to participate in watching the service while outside and social distancing. These are steps toward our goal of being able to provide in person services to everyone. Social distancing and appropriate precautions will need to be in place, but we are getting closer. Please join us on Facebook Live and be patient for the time when we can all join in together.

- *Debbie Batchelder*  
Jr Warden



*True friends are always together in spirit.*

L.M. Montgomery

## Building & Grounds

Other than some routine electrical repairs and upgrades to our alarm system, the month of August has been uneventful pertaining to repair or replacing items.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kyle King  
Chairperson Buildings & Grounds.





**Join us each Sunday at 10:30 am for the Facebook Livestream of our service from inside our sanctuary!**

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

Sunday Worship Bulletins are on our website at

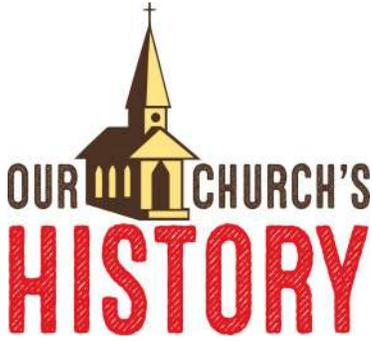
<https://stpauljxmi.org/>

You can also view the service later on Facebook.

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



Diana Sinclair is faithfully collecting names for our prayer list, so please call **(517-250-9729)** or email her [finnikki96@aol.com](mailto:finnikki96@aol.com) to add anyone for whom you'd like the Church to pray. We are so grateful for the prayers of this Church family and join with you in asking God's blessing on those we love and all who are fighting to keep us safe and healthy.



**OUR CHURCH'S  
HISTORY**



**We Need Your Help – Can You Identify Any of These Choir Members?**

We were given this picture by someone in our parish. The date stamped on it is June 1955. Handwritten on the back is the name: Mary Addison, 3<sup>rd</sup> from left, front row. (Mary Marcia was born 1947 - Baptized 1948, the daughter of Carl W. & Margaret (Keyser) Addison).

You will notice there are four boys, no head coverings and six girls, with head coverings, a sign of the times! If you can identify any of the others in this picture or have one like it with names, we would be so grateful to hear from you! Please, contact Alice or myself.

The Choir Director, also pictured, would have been 'Bert' Kressler hired the same year as Frederick Brownell. See below:

St. Paul's Church Records:

Sunday, April 29, 1973 marked 25 years to the day of the Rev. Brownell's first Sunday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Jackson, Michigan. Also celebrating 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of service are Choir Director, Charles B. 'Bert' Kressler, and Organist, John W. 'Jack' Zimmerman. All three men were hired in 1948.

**Another Interesting Archive Fact**

January 1978 – Gene Wandel became the new editor of St. Paul's monthly newsletter.

# The Women of St. Paul's Episcopal Church

## ECW

It's already September! Soon the leaves will be turning and we would move into a new "year" that would normally involve Sunday school, choir practice, and ECW meetings. Unfortunately, not this year. As you know, The Women of St. Paul's ECW is following the Bishop's recommendations and will not be meeting in person. We miss seeing all of our members and hope you are all well.

Normally in September we would have elections for new officers and Board members. Since there will be little business this year I have asked our current board members to stay on the board for this year. However, we did want to give anyone who might be interested in serving on the board the opportunity to do so. Please remember that all women of St. Paul's are welcome. If you are interested please contact Sandra Kilian by email ([sekilian@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sekilian@sbcglobal.net)) or text or phone, 517-262-0365. Janet Hughes, our secretary, will not be able to continue this year so we do need someone to be secretary. I want to thank Janet for a job well done over the years. She has been a great asset to me.

As mentioned in last month's Epistle, we will be having our annual nut sale. Please see Romelle Frey's article in this Epistle for details.

Peace be with you and may God's love enfold you.

Sandra Kilian  
President, ECW



## Altar Guild



### WE NEED YOU!

Altar Guild is looking for additional members to set up Holy Communion and clean up afterward now that services are being held in our church building again.

Please call Cheryl Gumper, 789-7982,  
Co-Altar Guild Director, to find out more.

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church ECW  
Nut and Candy Sale  
2020**

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES DUE TO COVID 19!

We will ONLY order those nuts and candies that are PREORDERED and also PREPAID. Please return your forms and checks to Romelle Frey, 2022 Forest Park Drive, Jackson, MI 49201 by October 4, 2020.

Checks must be written to The Women of St. Paul's Episcopal Church with "nut sale" on the memo line.

As we have sold the same nuts for multiple years, most of you know what is in each selection. I can give you details if you have any questions – call 517-414-3768. Romelle Frey. (r & s) = roasted and salted

I am sorry, they are not offering Wasabi Almonds & Chipotle Mixed Nuts!

<u>All sold in one pound bags</u>	<u>\$Price/item</u>	<u>#Ordered</u>	<u>\$Total</u>
<u>Fancy Mammoth Pecan Halves</u>	<u>11.00</u>		
<u>Smoked Pecans</u>	<u>11.00</u>		
<u>Light Walnut Halves and Pieces</u>	<u>11.00</u>		
<u>Deluxe Mixed Nuts (no peanuts)</u>	<u>11.00</u>		
<u>Giant Whole Cashews (r &amp; s)</u>	<u>11.00</u>		
<u>Colossal Natural Pistachios (r &amp; s)</u>	<u>10.50</u>		
<u>Whole Almonds (r &amp; s)</u>	<u>9.50</u>		
<u>Spicy Party Mix</u>	<u>7.50</u>		
<u>Turkish Apricot Halves</u>	<u>7.25</u>		
<u>Praline Pecans</u>	<u>11.00</u>		
<u>Heart Healthy Nut Mix (raw)</u>	<u>10.00</u>		
<u>Tropical Blend</u>	<u>9.50</u>		
<u>Harvest Medley Mix</u>	<u>11.00</u>		
<u>Sweet &amp; Salty Trail Mix</u>	<u>9.00</u>		
<u>Milk Chocolate Coated Pecans</u>	<u>11.00</u>		
<u>Milk Chocolate Giant Cashews</u>	<u>11.00</u>		
<u>Milk Chocolate Bridge Mix</u>	<u>8.75</u>		
<u>Mixed Yogurt Raisins</u>	<u>7.25</u>		
<u>Giant Malted Milk Balls</u>	<u>8.25</u>		
<u>Dark Chocolate Almonds</u>	<u>10.25</u>		
<u>Dark Chocolate Cranberries</u>	<u>8.50</u>		
<u>Mixed Chocolate Cranberries</u>	<u>8.50</u>		

Total # Bags Ordered      Grand Total \$

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_



Lane Perlos	September 3
Bill Boody	September 6
Janet Hughes	September 6
Omar Themm	September 9
Marcia Hudson	September 11
Macrae Randall	September 11
John Billingsley	September 13
Joe Lathrop	September 13
Elizabeth Rogers	September 18
Bob Lock	September 20
Melaina Magnusson	September 22
Samuel Holsinger-Friesen	September 29
Evelyn Magnusson	September 29
Maliyah Radabaugh	September 30



John & Donna Kurcz	September 3
Edward & Helen Greene	September 10
Doug & Janet Hughes	September 12
Tom & Sarah Holsinger-Friesen	September 29
Dr. John & Josephine Alipit	September 30



### *In Memorium*

*The funeral for Ray Hartsuff will be held at Hillcrest Memorial Park on Friday, September 11th at 2pm. Please bring and wear a mask.*

*A reception will follow the service at the cemetery.*

*Feel free to call or email the office for more info.*

*In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to St. Paul's Episcopal Church for a new icon in his memory, and in honor of Jackson Area Firefighters.*