

JOYOUS NEWS

March 2022

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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.*



If there is something that every Christian should believe, it is that prayer is powerful. Jesus set an example of being prayerful, and we are commanded to do it. More than that, it is a powerful tool for the believer in fighting temptation and building one another up in the Lord. In short, prayer isn't an option; it is a necessity to the Christian life.

As a church, we are very active in praying for one another. We have a prayer chain that can be activated when one has a prayer need. Simply contact Ron Davis at (517) 617-5015 and he will pass the prayer needs down along the chain and several people will be intentional and fervent in prayer for your needs. The women also have a Facebook group where they pray for one another.

Praying for one another has the benefit of getting us involved in each other's lives. I can remain indifferent about people that I see occasionally and have little in common with. I can't remain indifferent toward people for whom I pray regularly. The very nature of prayer is that it draws us deeper into compassion and concern for our brothers and sisters. If there was no other benefit than this, prayer would be essential. But that isn't all the prayer does. Prayer is powerful and it accomplishes great things.

God, for reasons he hasn't shared with us, has decided that many things he plans to do, he will do when we pray for them. This is a complex issue because he knows what we will pray for and what we won't, but we know that he desires us to pray and ask for his provision. As James 4:2-3 says, "You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions." There is an expectation that we ask God for what we need, and we often don't receive because we don't ask.

James also says that we ask, but ask wrongly, so that we can spend on our passions. So, when we pray, we should ask, what is the motivation of the prayer? Is it for a need or for a greed? Am I praying that God will provide money for me to pay my heating bill, or am I praying that he will give me money so I can waste it? Maybe I need to pay my heating bill, but if I stop spending hundreds a month at the casino (for example), then I would have what I need.

Ok, so we got praying wrongly out of the way. What about when we pray, and God doesn't seem to answer? That is a challenging question. Maybe we are asking wrongly. I think we often have an idea that we aren't asking wrongly. Maybe we are praying for what is outside of God's will. But maybe he is working and answering the prayer, he is just doing it at a speed that doesn't satisfy.

Let me give an example. Finally, DW is able to go get his wife, Kalkidan, from Ethiopia. He has been married for a year and it has been the longest year of his life trying to get her through the process of getting a visa to come to America. Our prayer, every Sunday, and for many of us, every day, was that Kal would get here. We prayed for God to open doors, make things happen, and unite this family so they can begin their life together. From our perspective, a year is forever. From an international paperwork perspective, it is amazing that this happened this fast. DW had to put a ton of work into it.




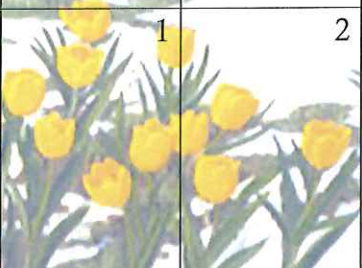
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at New Life

Ash
Wednesday

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PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour Brenda Flynn & Ginny Poquette	28	Shrove Tuesday 1  6:00pm	2 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's  Ash Wednesday 6:30pm	3 Morning Prayer 8:00am Women's Birthday Lunch Noon in Blanz Hall Women's Bible Study 6pm	4	5
6 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Dielmans	7	8 March Vestry Meeting 6:00pm	9 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's Men's Bible Study 10:30am Fr. Mike's Office 6pm Lenten Meal & Evening Prayer	10 Morning Prayer 8:00am Women's Bible Study 6pm	11	12 
13 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Ostrandars	14 <i>Joyous News Deadline April Issue</i>	15	16 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's Men's Bible Study 10:30am Fr. Mike's Office 6pm Lenten Meal & Study	17 Morning Prayer 8:00am Women's Bible Study 6pm	18	19
20 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Greenwells	21	22	23 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's Men's Bible Study 10:30am Fr. Mike's Office 6pm Lenten Meal & Study	24 Morning Prayer 8:00am Men's Ministry Group 5:30pm @ NLAC Women's Bible Study 6pm	25	26
27 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Stumps	28	29	30 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's Men's Bible Study 10:30am Fr. Mike's Office 6pm Lenten Meal & Study	31 Morning Prayer 8:00am Women's Bible Study 6pm	1 	2

WALLY'S GALLERY —

Last month I wrote about Jesus' impact on culture; particularly on literature. As J. Warner Wallace pointed out in his book "Person of Interest" Jesus has been the subject of more books than any other person without exception. This month I will again refer to Mr. Wallace's book in which he tells of Jesus' impact on education. (Quotes are from his book)

Early on in this chapter of his book, Mr. Wallace makes the following points to illustrate the importance Jesus had on education.



1. When Jesus was asked what is the greatest commandment he responded "You shall love the Lord your God with all your soul and with all, your mind." (Matthew 22:36-37)
2. In the Book of Deuteronomy we read that Moses, centuries before Christ, told his followers that they should teach the Law "diligently to your children." This tradition was reiterated by Paul in his instructions to Timothy. "All Scripture is God breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16)
3. "Jesus's last words to his disciples were...Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:18-20)
4. Paul wrote to the church in Rome "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2)
5. Christ's disciples followed Jesus command to "go and make disciples." They branched out into the world and their example was carried into the ages that followed. Ulfilas (c. 311-383) became a bishop and missionary to the region now called Ukraine, Moldova, and Romania creating an alphabet that would allow them to translate the Bible. Saint Cyril (826-869) and Saint Methodius (815-885) followed Ulfilas' lead and created an alphabet for the Slavs in Eastern Europe. "More than two hundred million people...still use the the Cyrillic alphabet. The creation of an alphabet such as this (for the purpose of translating the Bible) opened the door for education on a global scale.

Mr. Wallace writes that the disciples and missionaries desire to share the Bible created a "series of events that led directly to the creation of humanity's greatest educational institution: the modern university." Mr. Wallace states: "The creation of formal institutions of learning represented by facilities and colleges and courses of study, examination and commencements and academic degrees sprang out of the Christian community, and it started in antiquity."

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He had to stay on top of the embassy in Addis Ababa. He called our local congressman almost weekly. And he considered pursuing lawyers. Through all of that, God was working at light speed for how these international visas often work.

Consider that Samuel has been married for three years and hasn't been able to get Rebekah here yet. We have been in prayer for Samuel just like we have for DW. I don't know why Samuel's process is taking so much longer, but I suspect that part of it has to do with DW's persistence in the process where Samuel is more laid back. I do believe that God is hearing our prayers for Samuel and Rebekah. For whatever reason, he has deemed that Samuel's process won't happen with the speed of DW's. Of course, DW wouldn't say that his process was speedy. While I don't know why God is dragging out Samuel's process, I trust that God has something in store that he is leading Samuel and Rebekah to. I also believe that the way God answered our prayers for DW and Kal show that we need to continue to be steadfast in prayer for Samuel.

Something that I think made a real difference was when we laid hands on DW two weeks ago. We had prayed many other times, but this particular time, God told me to lay hands on him, so I did. The feeling I had was that God was about to complete this work, and that he wanted to show us the power of prayer in accomplishing it. I was confident going into that day that God was going to do something through those prayers. A week later, Kal had her visa appointment rescheduled and a few days later, she was approved.

My point in all of this is to encourage everyone to continue in prayer. As Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 5:17, "Pray without ceasing." We don't know how or when he will answer our prayers, but we know that he will in his own time. Pray earnestly. Pray powerfully. Pray faithfully. Pray without ceasing. And believe that God is the great provider. As Jesus said, even the flowers are outfitted more beautifully than all the finery of Solomon. How much more will he take care of our needs. Pray in faith and believe that God can and will answer.

~ Fr. Mike

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON – meeting at noon on the first Thursday of the month in Blanz Hall. Bring your own lunch. Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship!!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – we are doing a study of The Book of Elijah, Thursdays at 6pm in the annex classroom. For more information contact Karen Dielman.

MEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S BREAKFAST – meets each Wednesdays at 8:30am for food and fellowship at J.W. Filmore's.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Wednesdays at 10:30am in Fr. Mike's Office and remotely via conference call

MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM – meeting is Thursday, March 24th at NLAC in Blanz Hall. 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.

LITURGICAL SEASONS — *by Karen Dielman*

THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is the observance of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It lasts a total of 40 days beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending Saturday, Easter Eve, at 6:00 P.M. It is, at this time, our church community is reminded of the pardon and absolution of our sins through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior and how we need to renew our repentance and faith. In so doing, we examine ourselves and repent by prayer, fasting, and self denial; by reading and meditating God's holy Word, the Bible. To make right the sins we have committed.

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The foundation of education had been laid. New believers were taught with a question and answer approach known as the catechetical method. This method of learning was used to establish schools in Ephesus, Rome, and Alexandria, Egypt. By the time Origen (c. 184-c. 252 CE) the catechetical school in Alexandria had expanded its education to include mathematics and medicine, and "Christianity had become for the first time a definite factor in the culture of the world."

In 406 AD Northern Germanic tribes crossed the Rhine River and thus began, in full, the barbarian invasion of the Western Roman Empire. Much of the wisdom and literature of antiquity would have been lost had it not been for the previous founding of Christian monasteries. These monasteries held vast collections of manuscripts in their libraries which survived the barbarian onslaught.

With the deterioration of Roman education due to the invasion, local Bishops established cathedral schools. For example, Augustine of Canterbury (c. 520-c. 804 CE) helped establish the cathedral and school in Canterbury (597 CE). In addition, "... Charlemagne...issued several decrees requiring cathedrals and monasteries to establish schools so that children could learn..." As the centuries passed, "the first modern universities were established Bologna, Oxford, and Paris." "So influential were these three universities that they gave birth to"...as many as 16 other universities throughout Europe. "... from these universities the scientific revolution of the sixteenth and seventeenth century emerged..."

What becomes apparent to me as I read this chapter is that the education that arose from the followers of Jesus was not for just the privileged but for everyone, including the disadvantaged. For instance, we can thank Louis Braille for schools for the blind and Thomas Hopkins Gallaud and Louis Laurent Marie Clerc for schools for the deaf. When missionaries traveled to destitute areas of the world they devised alphabets so that they could learn of God's Special Revelation given in the Bible and His Natural Revelation given in nature. Why did they go to such lengths? Because they knew that all people are created in the image of God and deserve to be treated as such.

If you think that institutions of higher learning such as Princeton, Harvard, M.I.T, or the University of Michigan were started for the purpose of secular learning you would be surprised to learn differently. All of them, and many others like them, were founded by Christians for the purpose of teaching Christian principles. In fact Mr. Wallace writes that if you "could examine the buildings and read the charters of the best universities on earth..."you learn just some of the following about Jesus: His birth, His teachings, His followers, His miracles, His crucifixion and death; and His resurrection.

In ending, as Mr. Wallace points out, if you were ever asked to read a book as part of your formal education or attended organized education as a child or adult (disadvantaged or not), and were allowed to advance in grade as you progressed, regardless of your sex or status, then you have those who believed in Jesus to thank. No, actually you have Jesus to thank!

~ Wally's Gallery

NEW LIFE HAS A NEW WEBSITE

Take a minute and check it out at newlifeanglicanchurch.org

NEW LIFE'S CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESSES ARE:

Office@newlifeanglican.net and Tracey@newlifeanglican.net

March 2022 Service Calendar

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

	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27	April 3
ALTAR GUILD	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Karen Dielman
SOUND/ MUSIC	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes
USHER/ COUNTER/ GREETERS	Don L./ Dan W./ Taylor DuBois	Randy F./ Don L./ Volunteer Needed	Dan W./ Randy F./ The Flynns	Don L./ Dan W./ Sally Stump	Randy F./ Don L./ Taylor DuBois
LECTOR	Gretchen Lucky	Wally Stansbury	Karen Dielman	Dan Wandrie	Erika Dielman
LAY MINISTER	Wally Stansbury	Mickey Bridge	Erika Dielman	Howard Bates	Karen Dielman
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL	Darlene Wandrie	Darlene Wandrie	Darlene Wandrie	Darlene Wandrie	Darlene Wandrie
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Brenda Flynn & Ginny Poquette	The Dielmans	The Ostrandrs	The Greenwells	The Stumps



Thursday
Morning Prayer
8:00am in
Fr. Mike's Office



ALTAR GUILD

Mar..... Liz Ostrander
April..... Karen Dielman
May Karen Dielman



Birthdays

Mike Bridge 3/3
Eowyn Bates 3/3
Karen Dielman 3/25
Ron Davis 3/28



March



Wedding Anniversaries



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.

Congregation — We Need You!

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

- Altar Guild:** Karen Dielman..... 231/347-3532
- Altar Flowers:** Karen Dielman..... 231/347-3532
- Music/Sound:** Ferd Dielman 231/347-3532
- Ushers:**
- 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:** Don Lucky 231/622-2058
(middle & high school)
- Adult Sunday School:** Mike Bridge..... 231/330-0689
- Nursery:** Bonnie Bridge 231/445-1810
- Fellowship/Hospitality:** Liz Ostrander 231/348-2802
- Prayer Chain:** Ron Davis 517/617-5015
- Women's Ministry:** Karen Dielman..... 231/347-3532
Study Leader Bonnie Bridge..... 231/445-1810
- Men's Ministry:** Mike Bridge..... 231/330-0689
- Inreach:** Gretchen Lucky 231/622-2057
- Outreach:** Lacy Bates231/373-7997
- Evangelism:**
- Missions:**
- Building and Grounds:** Don Greenwell..... 231/347-1808
- Art and Architecture:** Susan Davis 231/881-3106
- Church Historian:** Liz Ostrander 231/348-2802
- Communications:** Bonnie Bridge..... 231/445-1810
(newspaper articles, etc.)
- Student Visitor's Liaison:**
- Treasurer:** Wes Ostrander 231/330-4930
- Assistant Treasurer:** Susan Davis 231/881-3106
- Assistant Treasurer:** Sally Stump 231/881-2818
- Stewardship:** Dan Wandrie..... 231/347-5871

New Life Anglican Church 2022 Vestry

- Sr. Warden ...* Howard Bates
- Jr. Warden ...* Dan Wandrie
- Treasurer* Wes Ostrander
- Susan Davis
- Erika Dielman
- Toni DuBois
- Don Lucky

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 March 14th.



SAVE YOUR

OLESON'S RECEIPTS

We appreciate grocery receipts from Oleson's Food Stores. You may leave your receipts in the coffee hour donation basket, in the Outreach shopping cart or on Tracey's desk.

PRAYER CHAIN

To activate the chain call:
Ron Davis at 517.617.5015 or
e-mail at rsdavismgr@gmail.com



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 ~ January 31, 2022

	January			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offering	17,373.98	12,500.00	4,873.98	109,638.58	112,500.00	(2,861.42)
Other	1,299.21	1,669.00	(369.79)	12,988.75	15,023.00	(2,034.25)
Income	18,673.19	14,169.00	4,504.19	122,627.33	127,523.00	(4,895.67)
General Exp	(15,737.43)	(13,901.00)	1,836.43	(122,095.55)	(127,516.00)	5,420.45
Build Exp.						
Difference	2,935.76	268.00	2,667.76	531.78	7.00	524.78
Assets				551,574.78		

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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

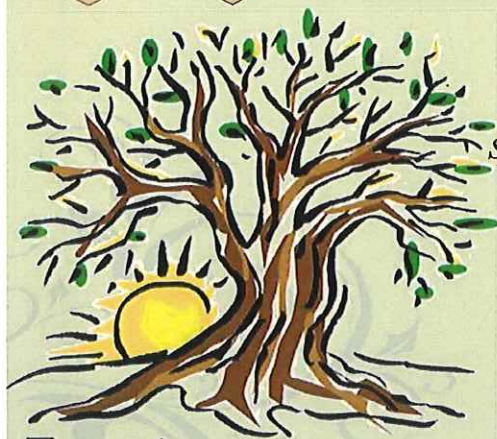


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Lent

*There's a place for Lent
in our hearts,
space for drawing into ourselves,
growing in understanding,
and waiting
for the bursting forth
at Easter.*



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