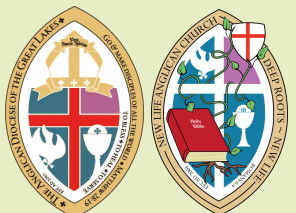


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*We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*  
*Romans 6:4*



# JOYOUS NEWS

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*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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*We will glorify God by deepening the roots of our Anglican faith,  
and bringing people to new life in Jesus Christ.*



We live in a culture that has so thoroughly embraced the post-modern view that there is no objective good and evil that the only evil people seem to believe in is holding to traditional values. The media and others engaged in public discourse regularly paint those who hold traditional values or views as "literally Hitler." In the meantime, the same group of people advocate for the genocide of a specific group of people based on arbitrary criteria- age and location- in much the same way that Hitler advocated genocide using the arbitrary criteria of whether someone was Jewish or whether they had any physical or mental infirmities.

Not only are there over 3000 abortions a day in America, but there are roughly 10,000 late term abortions a year; abortions where if the baby were born, they would need no help or extra life saving measures to survive. This same media that decries gun violence as being out of hand in this country and that we need to take guns away from law abiding citizens because of roughly 10,000 gun deaths per year, says that 10,000 late term abortions is exceedingly rare, and that the right to have them needs to be defended at all costs.

I am less interested in the political debate that we could have on this than I am in the absurdity of the view. We live in a culture of death that celebrates the killing of children as a human right while denying that there is truly any good or evil in the first place. The truth is, people know that there is objective good and evil, even if they spend their lives trying to deny it. Even the atheist locks his door at night because he knows that there are people out there who would potentially do evil to him. He doesn't see being murdered as simply less preferable than living, the way we might see chocolate ice cream as less preferable than vanilla. He sees murder as evil, and he wants to protect himself and his family from such evil.

I believe that this is one of the reasons why superhero movies are so popular, because they depict good versus evil in an objective way that we all know exists. It is really hard to have a superhero movie without there being a clear battle between good and evil. Captain America is a hero who is clearly on the side of an objective good and he fights against what he sees as objective evil. *Avengers Infinity War* and *Avengers Endgame* are movies that have a strong pro-life message as the heroes gather to stop Thanos, a madman who wants to destroy half of all life in the universe in order to bring about peace. The heroes believe that life needs to be protected, even if that life is responsible for potential and great evil. Tony Stark values life to the point that he insists that in trying to restore the lives of the people that Thanos destroyed, Tony's own daughter's life must be preserved. He wouldn't sacrifice one life in order to save the many.

No matter how much we may want to believe otherwise, we simply know that good and evil exist. We see it everywhere we turn. We see over a million abortions per year in our country. Evil. We see millions of forced abortions in China. Evil. We see rape and murder. Evil. Sex trafficking. Evil. Slavery. Evil. Genocide. Evil. The list goes on and on.

We also know what good looks like. Love, compassion, mercy, caring for the poor and needy, lifting up the downtrodden, caring for the widow and orphan, giving with no thought of return, and this list goes on and on. We know of the greatest good as well. "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13) Jesus came with a self-sacrificing love, laying down his life for us so that we could be reconciled back to his Father in heaven.

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# Lent

## March 2020 at New Life



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour Sally Stump & Mia Kennedy	2 Ladies Birthday Lunch Noon @ JR's	3	4 Men's Breakfast @ JW Filmore's 8:30am Lenten Soup Salad and Evening Prayer 6:00pm	5 Morning Prayer 8:00am Men's Bible Study @ Noon Women's Bible Study @ 3:00pm & 6:30pm	6 NLAC Volunteering @ Manna 9:00am	7  Remember to turn your clocks forward tonight
8 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Wandries	9	10 March Vestry Meeting 5:15pm	11 Men's Breakfast @ JW Filmore's 8:30am Lenten Soup Salad and Evening Prayer 6:00pm	12 Morning Prayer 8:00am Men's Bible Study @ Noon Women's Bible Study @ 3:00pm & 6:30pm	13	14
15 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Luckys	16	17 	18 Men's Breakfast @ JW Filmore's 8:30am Lenten Soup Salad and Evening Prayer 6:00pm	19 Morning Prayer 8:00am Men's Bible Study @ Noon Women's Bible Study @ 3:00pm & 6:30pm	20 	21
22 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Redmans	23	24	25 Men's Breakfast @ JW Filmore's 8:30am Lenten Soup Salad and Evening Prayer 6:00pm	26 Morning Prayer 8:00am Men's Bible Study @ Noon Women's Bible Study @ 3:00pm & 6:30pm Men's Group @ The Bridge's 5:30 - 8pm	27	28
29 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Greenwells	30	31 	1 Men's Breakfast @ JW Filmore's 8:30am Lenten Soup Salad and Evening Prayer 6:00pm	2 Morning Prayer 8:00am Men's Bible Study @ Noon Women's Bible Study @ 3:00pm & 6:30pm	3	4



New Life Anglican Church will be volunteering at Manna the first Friday of each month, from 9am to 11am. If you have any questions please contact Karen Dielman at 347-3532



**THE PRAYER COURSE** – <https://prayercourse.org/> Is an online eight week journey that will help you and your community to grow and deepen your prayer life. *This is the site recommended by the Bishop.*

**Altar Flower Sponsorship**

The flowers that adorn our altar each Sunday are sponsored by contributions? Many sign-up to remember anniversaries, birthdays, or loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord.

**The suggested donation is \$25**

Drop Altar Flower Sponsorship form & your donation, marked Altar Flowers, in the offering plate.



Thursday  
Morning Prayer  
In the large conference room @ 8:00am

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.

### PRAYER CHAIN

To activate the chain call:  
Ron Davis at 517.617.5015 or  
e-mail at [rsdavismgr@gmail.com](mailto:rsdavismgr@gmail.com)



### FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP



Treasurer – Wes Ostrander – 330-4930  
Stewardship – Dan Wandrie – 347-5871

### MOSSY FOOT PROJECT

Donations	Y-E 2019	YTD 2020	Donated	Balance
MF Project	\$0	\$3,600.00	\$400.00	\$3,200.00
MF Mission Trip	\$750.00	\$0	\$0	\$750.00

Treasurer's Report ~ February 29, 2020

	February			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offering	\$11,176.00	\$13,100.00	(\$1,924.00)	\$23,382.97	\$26,200.00	(\$2,817.03)
Other	\$3,389.84	\$2,207.00	\$1,182.84	\$5,424.78	\$4,410.00	\$1,014.78
Income	\$14,565.84	\$15,307.00	(\$741.16)	\$28,807.75	\$30,610.00	(\$1,802.25)
Expenses	(\$17,157.18)	(\$15,183.00)	(\$1,974.18)	(\$32,601.22)	(\$32,526.00)	\$75.22
Difference	(\$2,591.34)	\$124.00	(\$2,715.34)	(\$3,793.47)	(\$1,916.00)	(\$1,877.47)
Assets				\$556,341.94		



### ALTAR GUILD

Mar..... Liz Ostrander  
April..... Karen Dielman  
May ..... Ginny Poquette  
June ..... Gretchen Lucky

## Congregation — We Need You!

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

<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Karen Dielman..... 231/838-5376
<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	Ellie Nicol ..... 231/347-0227
<b>Music/Sound:</b>	Ferd Dielman ..... 231/838-4882
<b>Ushers:</b>	Scott Redman ..... 616/439-9454
<b>Greeters:</b>	Carol Bowman ..... 231/459-4566
<b>Lectors:</b>	Tracey Jepsen ..... 231/347-3448
<b>Lay Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Mike Bridge..... 231/330-0689
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Mike Bridge..... 231/330-0689
<b>Prayer Team:</b>	Betty Stansbury..... 231/439-0773
<b>Children's Sunday School:</b>	Darlene Wandrie .. 231/347-5871
<b>Youth Sunday School:</b> (middle & high school)	Don Lucky ..... 231/622-2058
<b>Adult Sunday School:</b>	Mike Bridge..... 231/330-0689
	Wally Stansbury ... 231/439-0773
<b>Nursery:</b> employee(s):	Bonnie Bridge ..... 231/445-1810
<b>Fellowship/Hospitality:</b>	Ellie Nicol ..... 231/347-0227
<b>Prayer Chain:</b>	Ron Davis ..... 517/617-5015
<b>Women's Ministry:</b>	Karen Dielman..... 231/838-5376
Study Leader	Wendy Fought ..... 231/881-3994
Study Leader	Karen Dielman..... 231/838-5376
Study Leader	Bonnie Bridge..... 231/445-1810
Study Leader	Kim Redman ..... 616/648-8911
Study Leader	Catherine Carey .... 231/348-3775
<b>Men's Ministry:</b>	Mike Bridge..... 231/330-0689
<b>Inreach:</b>	Gretchen Lucky .... 231/622-2057
<b>Outreach:</b>	<b>~ LEADER NEEDED ~</b>
<b>Evangelism:</b>	Betty Stansbury..... 231/439-0773
<b>Missions:</b>	Kim Redman ..... 616/648-8911
<b>Building and Grounds:</b>	Don Greenwell..... 231/347-1808
<b>Art and Architecture:</b>	Susan Davis..... 231/881-3106
<b>Church Historian:</b>	Liz Ostrander ..... 231/348-2802
<b>Communications:</b> (newspaper articles, etc.)	Bonnie Bridge..... 231/445-1810
<b>Student Visitor's:</b> (Recreational Liaison)	Lou Zako ..... 231/526-5095
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Scott Redman ..... 616/439-9454
<b>Assistant Treasurer:</b>	Wes Ostrander ..... 231/330-4930
<b>Assistant Treasurer:</b>	Susan Davis..... 231/881-3106
<b>Stewardship:</b>	Sally Stump ..... 231/881-2818
	Dan Wandrie..... 231/347-5871



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**NLAC**  
**2020 Vestry**

*Sr. Warden* .. Howard Bates  
*Jr. Warden* ... Dan Wandrie  
*Treasurer* .... Wes Ostrander  
..... Cliff Carey  
..... Toni DuBois  
..... Wendy Fought  
..... Nicki Morris

**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.

**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 31st.

All submissions will be subject to editing by Fr. Mike.

**March 8 @ 2am**

**SPRING AHEAD**  
Don't forget to set you clocks ahead an hour

## WALLY'S GALLERY —

Like the divide between the Upper and Lower peninsulas of Michigan, there is a divide between beliefs about the world and the universe as we experience it. Unfortunately, the common misconception, voiced to advance the propaganda of the secularist, is that the divide is between science and religion. The secularists proclaim that science is about truth while religion is all about faith; the former is trustworthy; the latter is not. But this is a false comparison.



Science and religion are about how we deal with what we ultimately believe. They are the means we use to understand what we see and experience in life. Science is used to explore the what's and how's of life through observation and experimentation. It addresses questions like what is it made of? How did it get the way it is? Religion is the practice used by those of us who believe in a supernatural Being. It is the manner in which we worship and live our lives in accordance with our belief about the Creator.

The true divide is not between science and religion but between naturalism and theism. Naturalism is the belief that the cosmos is all there is and all there will ever be - to use the words of the late Carl Sagan. It is the belief that the cosmos in a closed reality; there is nothing outside of the natural. Theism, however, is the belief that there is more than just the natural; that there is a supernatural reality beyond the natural.

Like the Mackinaw Bridge, which in this photo stands off in the distance, so is another bridge that is common both to naturalism and theism yet stands in the distanced and is not readily apparent. It is faith. The naturalist will never admit that faith also applies to them; but it does.

Scientist (naturalist) base their predictions, computations, conclusions, etc on the understanding that the order in which things are today will be the same tomorrow. As an example, science reveals the precise orbit of the earth around the sun and so without questions predicts that as the sun rose this morning, so it will do the same tomorrow; and the days that follow. This, however, is solely based on faith; faith that the order experienced today is unchanging. If, however, the precise order of all the orbiting stars and planets in the universe is just an accident without a Creator to hold it together (which the naturalist believes), then it is only faith that underlies the assumption that all will continue as is."

But there is another fallacy in the naturalist's (atheist's) position; with far more serious consequences. The naturalist comes to conclusions about what is true based on the reasoning of his or her mind; but can these reasonings be trusted? It is their belief that their own minds are the product of unguided, random evolutionary development from lower animals. This should cause them concern. Darwin thought so and expressed such concern when he wrote: "with me, the horrid doubt always arises whether the convictions of man's mind, which has been developed from the mind of lower animals, are of any value or at all trustworthy." (God's Undertaker: Has Science Buried God; John Lennox.)

After all the naturalist's position is that his/her own thoughts are just the result of the random evolutionary firing of the synapses in their brains. So how can they be relied on to arrive at conclusions about the truth? They are random happenings, and truth has nothing to do with it." Or to put it another way, it is by faith that they have to trust in their own reasoning!

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The world can try to deny good and evil all they want. The fact that the most popular movies we see have clear depictions of good versus evil shows that we know good and evil, and despite our predilection toward evil, we long for good and to see good win out. Jesus came as the ultimate good, giving us his goodness as he takes our evil to the cross with him. Through him we can escape evil and find true righteousness. Let us not be pawns in this world of indiscriminate evil, but let us follow the Good, the Son of God, Jesus Christ the Righteous.

~ Fr. Mike

### WALLY'S GALLERY — Continued from page 3

The real issue is what is the foundation of one's faith? Unfortunately, for the naturalist their arguments are self-defeating, as by their own position, they can not even trust their own minds. Their faith in themselves is a blind faith; a faith without foundation or evidence. For the theist, the opposite is true. We have trust in our reasoning and our faith because it is the creation of the ultimate mind; the mind of our Creator. A Creator whose, "...invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made." (Romans 1:20)

### NEW LIFE MEN'S MINISTRY —

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**— 8:30am every Wed. at JW Filmore's. All are welcome.

**MEN'S LUNCH BIBLE STUDY** — The Men will be studying the book of Matthew at Noon each Thursday in the in lower level of the annex building. The study will be led by Fr. Mike. Remember to bring your lunch.

**MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM** — next meeting is Thursday, March 26th at the The Bridge Home at 1435 Townsend Rd., Petoskey and Fr. Mike will lead the study. Our meetings will include fellowship and a short teaching. The schedule will be as follows: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Fellowship; 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Dinner; 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. Teaching. Bring your own beverage of choice. Please feel free to invite others as this will be an informal, casual event.

### NEW LIFE WOMEN'S MINISTRY — Karen Dielman;

**BIRTHDAY LUNCHES** — The ladies of New Life get together the first Monday of each month at JR's to celebrate birthdays for the month. We meet a little before noon to enjoy a meal and fellowship. We will meet next on March 2nd, April 6th & May 4th. It is such a blessing to be able to gather for this special time. Please join us!!!

**WOMENS BIBLE STUDY** — Please join us Thursdays for the Beth Moore study "Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent" facilitated by Wendy Fought at 3:00pm and by Karen Dielman at 6:30pm. Please join us at either time for teaching, prayer and discussion.

**PRISCILLA SHIRER SIMULCAST** — NLAC Ladies mark your calendars New Hope Petoskey will be hosting this Simulcast on Saturday, April 25. This will be a time to pause and shift our focus on the Lord and meeting Him in the middle of our busy lives. Using the Word of God as the guide, Priscilla Shirer will walk you through engaging with the Lord and how you are called to respond to Him. Anthony Evans will be leading the worship. This will be a powerful time of praise, worship, and fellowship. The tickets will be \$10, which includes your lunch. Sign up on the sheet in Blanz Hall and please get your \$10 to Tracey by March 30th.

# March 2020 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 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander
<b>SOUND/MUSIC</b>	Wes Ostrander	Ferd Dielman	Scott Redman	Ferd Dielman	Wes Ostrander
<b>USHER/COUNTER/GREETERS</b>	Don L. / D.W. Lucky / The Careys	D.W. Lucky / Scott Redman / Sally Stump	Scott Redman / Dan Wandrie / Kim Redman	Dan Wandrie / Tyler G. / The Flynns	Tyler G. / Scott Redman / The Careys
<b>LECTOR</b>	Gretchen Lucky	Cliff Carey	Wally Stansbury	Karen Dielman	Ferd Dielman
<b>LAY MINISTER</b>	Kim Redman	Wally Stansbury	Ferd Dielman	Erika Dielman	Karen Dielman
<b>PRAYER TEAM</b>	Sharalen & Betty	Betty & Sally	Sally & Catherine	Sharalen & Catherine	Sharalen & Sally
<b>NURSERY CARE</b>	Bonnie Bridge	Bonnie Bridge	Bonnie Bridge	Bonnie Bridge	Bonnie Bridge
<b>CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>	Darlene Wandrie	Toni DuBois	Darlene Wandrie	Toni DuBois	Erika Dielman
<b>COFFEE HOUR HOSTS</b>	Sally Stump & Mia Kennedy	The Wandries	The Luckys	The Redmans	The Greenwells
<b>PASTORAL CARE</b>	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	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.