

JOYOUS NEWS

November 2020

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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.*



“For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?” Mark 8:36

Truth isn't something that comes naturally to us. We might like to think it does, but from the earliest days of a child they will lie to get out of trouble. I will never forget one such exchange with one of my sons. I will leave them nameless to protect the guilty. He said to me, “Dad, someone pooped my pants.” I asked who he thought did it. His response, “I don't know, maybe [my brother]?”

Yes, its funny. It was also an earnest exchange. That struggle with truth begins in us all at an early age and continues for the rest of our lives. We may bend the truth because we are embarrassed, as my son obviously was. We may do so because we don't want to hurt someone's feelings, we don't want to get in trouble, or lying is just easier. There are all sorts of reasons that we begin toying with the truth. The real question is why do we continue this way as we get older?

I know that there is no simple solution other than sin. We are fallen and therefore acting in righteousness is always a struggle. But that is more of a big picture answer. Why do I struggle with truth as an individual? Why do you? Why do individuals struggle with it? The answer may vary for each of us, but one answer is power. Lying gives us a power that truth often doesn't. Or, at least it seems that way. It feels more powerful to tell people that our church has about one hundred members instead of the seventyish that we really have. Making the church seem bigger makes my own success seem bigger. When my success seems bigger, I seem bigger.

In truth, no one cares. When someone asks how big our church is, they are drawing a line between mega-church and tiny little church that the mega-church will eventually put out of business. They aren't concerned with me adding an additional thirty people. Then who am I making myself bigger to? I guess me. I guess I am trying to impress myself. Apparently, I am easily impressed.

Maybe for you the untruths are different. Maybe they appear on your taxes. Maybe they are reflected in which websites you go to versus what people think you look at. Maybe they are in how much money you spend on things you aren't supposed to or that you are embarrassed of. Regardless, if there was no benefit to lying, we probably wouldn't do it. Though sometimes we sin just for the sake of sinning. Augustine of Hippo once lamented a time when he stole pears from a man's orchard. He felt an extra guilt about it after becoming a Christian because there was no benefit to it. He said he didn't even like pears. The sin was just for the purpose of the sin.

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at New Life

Count Your Blessings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00am in Blanz Hall</p> <p>Worship Service 10:00am</p> <p>Coffee Hour The Luckys</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 3:30pm @ The Fought's</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Men's Breakfast @ JW Filmore's 8:30am</p> <p>Ladies Birthday Lunch Noon @ Gretchen's</p> <p>Pizza 6:00pm</p> <p>Exodus Study 6:30pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Morning Prayer 8:00am</p> <p>Men's Bible Study Noon @ The Davis'</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 6:30pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00am in Blanz Hall</p> <p>Worship Service 10:00am</p> <p>Coffee Hour</p> <p>The Wandries</p> <p>November Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 3:30pm @ The Fought's</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Men's Breakfast @ JW Filmore's 8:30am</p> <p>Pizza 6:00pm</p> <p>Book of Exodus Study 6:30pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Morning Prayer 8:00am</p> <p>Men's Bible Study Noon @ The Davis'</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 6:30pm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00am in Blanz Hall</p> <p>Worship Service 10:00am</p> <p>Coffee Hour</p> <p>The Redmans</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 3:30pm @ The Fought's</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Men's Breakfast @ JW Filmore's 8:30am</p> <p>Pizza 6:00pm</p> <p>Book of Exodus Study 6:30pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Morning Prayer 8:00am</p> <p>Men's Bible Study Noon @ The Davis'</p> <p>Men's Group @ The Davis' 5:30 - 8pm</p> <p>Women's Bible Study @ 6:30pm</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00am in Blanz Hall</p> <p>Worship Service 10:00am</p> <p>Coffee Hour</p> <p>Shelly & Charles</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 3:30pm @ The Fought's</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Men's Breakfast @ JW Filmore's 8:30am</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00am in Blanz Hall</p> <p>Worship Service 10:00am</p> <p>Coffee Hour</p> <p>Toni DuBois</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Joyous News Deadline December Issue</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 3:30pm @ The Fought's</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Men's Breakfast @ JW Filmore's 8:30am</p> <p>Pizza 6:00pm</p> <p>Book of Exodus Study 6:30pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Morning Prayer 8:00am</p> <p>Men's Bible Study Noon @ The Davis'</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 6:30pm</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>

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WALLY'S GALLERY —

On the fourth Thursday of this month most of this country will set aside the day, from all other Thursdays of the year, to enjoy family and hopefully remember to take time to reflect on the unique blessings this country has enjoyed.



Recently, however, the idea that there is something unique to our form of governance has been disputed; that we really are no different than

other countries. I believe, however, that history reveals a different truth; we have been blessed because the founders of this nation embedded three unique features into our Constitution:

The Rule of Law - in which the laws established are applied to everyone, not by the arbitrary decision of one or a select group of leaders.

Federalism - that both the Federal government and State governments remain sovereign with rights balanced between the two. Federalism is defined in the Tenth Amendment of the Constitution and states that: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

The Separation of Powers - that our liberties are protected by dividing the powers of government into three equal bodies: the Executive, the Judicial, and the Legislative.

The wisdom of our founders that brought about our blessings in these ideas was not by happenstance; but rather evolved from the experiences and intentions of those who first landed on our shores some 200 years before.

Both the Jamestown Colony in Virginia (1607) and the Plymouth Plantation in Massachusetts (1620) established charters that emphasized a Christian purpose in their expedition. From the First Charter of Virginia, "We, greatly commending, and graciously accepting, their desires for the furtherance of so noble a work, which may, by the providence of Almighty God, hereafter tend to the glory of HIS Divine Majesty, in propagating of the Christian religion to such people as yet live in darkness..." And these words from the preamble of the Mayflower Compact signed by the Pilgrims; "Having undertaken for the Glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith..." to which William Bradford, Governor of the Plymouth Colony wrote that they should be but "stepping stones" in the propagation of the Christian faith. (American Christian History; The Untold Story)

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Most of our struggles with truth are probably deeper than the desire to steal pears just for the sake of it. Usually I do think it is because we perceive that we gain something: a nod of validation from a peer, a sense of superiority, a relief from consequences, or the ability to maintain our hidden selves which we don't want people to see. Lies have power.

Lies have power. There is a reason why our media trades in lies. They are powerful. They help accomplish one's goals. And when there is no presumed authority over you- like in the case of the media- then there is no one to fact-check the lies and point people to the truth. We know that the wider world has a very tenuous relationship with truth, and even with being interested in what is true. There is power to be had and that power is far more interesting and intriguing than something as quaint as truth. One day God will ask each person if it was worth it. "What good did your lies do you? Was it worth gaining political control, power, wealth, influence in the world even though it has cost your soul?"

We must be above that. I don't want to hear that question asked of me. I know that you don't either. Thus, we must commit ourselves to truth. The first step in doing this is to repent of our untruths and hand them to God. Don't be embarrassed, he already knows all about them. Then we turn away from our natural inclination to lies and ask the Holy Spirit to fill us with all truth. We must dig into his word and ask him to replace our opinions with his truth as he has revealed it. And then we commit ourselves to living with integrity, telling the truth, living the truth, reflecting the truth, even when it is hard or costly. In this way we guard our souls, even if it costs us the world.

~ Fr. Mike



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It is no coincidence then that the Christian faith and the ideas embedded in our nations governing documents go hand in hand. Ideas have consequences. They shape the lives of a people, a culture and a nation.

"John Adams...in a letter to Thomas Jefferson, calls on us to remember the "general principals" that made this nation great: The general principals, on which the Fathers achieved Independence, were the only Principals in which that beautiful Assembly of young Gentlemen {representing the numerous denominations...} could unite. And what were those these general Principals? I answer, the general Principals of Christianity..." (American Christian History, The Untold Story)

As we reflect back on our blessings this Thanksgiving may we remember that these blessings were not of our doing but rather an inheritance. An inheritance given to us by those who ventured to a new land not for their benefit or reward but for the advancement of the glory of God.

NEW LIFE WOMEN'S MINISTRY — *Karen Dielman; Chair*

BIRTHDAY LUNCHES – The ladies of New Life get together the each month at a time and location TBD to celebrate birthdays for the month. We meet a little before noon to enjoy a meal and fellowship. We will meet next on Nov 4th at Gretchen Lucky's, 931 E. Gruler Rd., Petoskey. It is such a blessing to be able to gather for this special time. Please join us!!!

WOMEN'S TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY GROUP– are doing a study on the A Gentle Answer by Scott Sauls on Tuesdays at 3:00pm. at the Fought's Home, 518 Grove St, Petoskey.

WOMEN'S THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY GROUP– are doing a study of the book of Romans on Thursdays at 6:30pm. For more information please contact Karen Dielman.

NEW LIFE MEN'S MINISTRY —

MEN'S BREAKFAST – 8:30am every Wednesday at JW Filmore's. All are welcome.

MEN'S LUNCH BIBLE STUDY – The Men will be studying the book of I Timothy at Noon each Thursday at the Davis' Home. The study will be led by Fr. Mike. Remember to bring your lunch.

MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM – next meeting is Thursday, November 19th at the Davis' Home at 902 Howard St., Petoskey and Ron 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.

LITURGICAL SEASON —

ORDINARY TIME

We are now in the season of ordinary time, celebrated with the color green. It is the liturgical period that does not fall within the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter, and runs for up to 34 weeks. It is celebrated at two times each year. The first period runs from The Feast of The Baptism of Our Lord until the Tuesday evening before Ash Wednesday and the second from The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost until the day prior to the 1st Sunday in Advent. It is a time of growth and renewal in each Christians spiritual life.




ADVENT

We have now entered the season of Advent. Awaiting the coming of the Messiah, Jesus, our Lord and Savior. The color has been changed to purple and will change to white Christmas Eve, His coming. The Advent wreath is standing in the nave. Four candles, three purple and one pink, in the center the Christ candle, all surrounded by evergreens. Each Sunday a candle is lit representing Peace, Love, Joy, and Hope. As we reflect, let us not forget....Jesus is the reason for the season. Our most treasured gift from a Father who loves us. Merry Christmas

November 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.


	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
ALTAR GUILD	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander
SOUND/ MUSIC	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Scott	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes
USHER/ COUNTER/ GREETERS	Randy F./ Scott R / The Bowmans	Dan W / Randy F. / Sally Stump	Howard B. / Ron D. / The Bowmans	Ron D. / Howard B. / The Flynns	Dan W / Scott R / The Bowmans
LECTOR	Ferd Dielman	Dan Wandrie	Gretchen Lucky	Wally Stansbury	Dan Wandrie
LAY MINISTER	Wally Stansbury	Karen Dielman	Kim Redman	Karen Dielman	Kim Redman
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	The Luckys	The Wandries	The Redmans	Shelly Kumfer & Charles Arnold	Toni DuBois



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

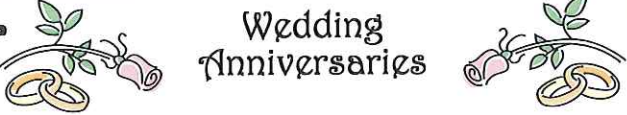


ALTAR GUILD
Nov..... Liz Ostrander
Dec..... Karen Dielman
Jan..... Ginny Poquette
Feb..... Gretchen Lucky





Birthdays

November



**Wedding
Anniversaries**

April Honeycutt	11/1		
Andy Wandrie	11/1		
Wendy Fought	11/8		
Hayden Flynn	11/11		
Betty Smith	11/15		
Mickey Bridge	11/15		
Lou Zako	11/25	<p>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.</p>	

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:	Scott Redman 616/439-9454
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
Prayer Team:	Betty Stansbury..... 231/439-0773
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
	Wally Stansbury ... 231/439-0773
	Bonnie Bridge 231/445-1810
Nursery:	
employee(s):	
Fellowship/Hospitality:	Shelly Kumfer 231/348-2878
Prayer Chain:	Ron Davis 517/617-5015
Women's Ministry:	Karen Dielman..... 231/838-5376
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
Men's Ministry:	Mike Bridge..... 231/330-0689
Inreach:	Gretchen Lucky 231/622-2057
Outreach:	~ LEADER NEEDED ~
Evangelism:	Betty Stansbury..... 231/439-0773
Missions:	Kim Redman 616/648-8911
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.)	Lou Zako 231/526-5095
Student Visitor's:	
(Recreational Liaison)	Scott Redman 616/439-9454
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 2020 Vestry

Sr. Warden.....	Howard Bates
Jr. Warden.....	Dan Wandrie
Treasurer.....	Wes Ostrander
.....	Cliff Carey
.....	Toni DuBois
.....	Don Lucky
.....	Scott Redman

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 November 30th.



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.



Stop by read, leave comments, engage in our discussions.

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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



ANGLICAN CHURCH
IN NORTH AMERICA

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*Thanksgiving Day,
a time of favors;
a time of life
richly savored.
The food be thanked,
the family too,
as we abide
in God's
most holy rule.*

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