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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.*



According to Wikipedia, courage is the choice and willingness to confront agony, pain, danger, uncertainty, or intimidation. Have you ever known anyone who fits that definition? Movies seem to be full of courageous action heroes who aren't afraid to take a bullet to take down the bad guy. But what about real life? Do we have courageous heroes to look to in the real world?

My personal hero is a historical figure known as Ambrose of Milan. Ambrose was a remarkable figure in the fourth century who stood up to two emperors and lived to tell the tale. Even the beginning of his story as bishop is inspiring. During a time in church history known as the Arian Controversy, there was a power struggle between the orthodox believers of Christianity and a heretical group known as Arians. Arians denied that Jesus was the eternal Son of God, instead claiming that he was a human who was like God, but was more of a demigod or sub god. They claimed that Jesus became divine through his perfect life and his death on the cross. The orthodox, or biblical view is that Jesus has always existed and is the eternal Son of God and second person of the Trinity.

During the Arian Controversy, the church was split over which side was right and it was almost the end of the Christian Church. Ambrose was a brilliant man, an Orthodox Christian, and governor of Aemilia-Liguria in northern Italy until 374 when he became the Bishop of Milan. When the previous bishop, an Arian died, Ambrose went into the cathedral for the election to try to keep a riot from breaking out and the people in the crowd started to chant, "Ambrose, bishop! Ambrose, bishop!" Ambrose hadn't even been catechized as a Christian and was elected bishop. He had to be catechized over ten days and then he set out to be a faithful defender of orthodox Christianity against the Arian heretics.

It was his willingness to stand up to emperors that really showed Ambrose's courage. In 385 Ambrose, backed by Milan's populace, refused Emperor Valentinian II's imperial request to hand over the Portian basilica for the use of Arian troops. In 386 Justina and Valentinian received the Arian bishop Auxentius, and Ambrose was again ordered to hand over a church in Milan for Arian usage. Ambrose and his congregation barricaded themselves inside the church, and the imperial order was rescinded.

This was followed, a few years later, by Ambrose threatening Emperor Theodosius I, a Christian, with excommunication, because he had massacred 7,000 people at Thessalonica. Ambrose refused to allow him to even enter the church until he repented publicly. After several months of public penance, Theodosius was readmitted to communion.

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October

# October 2022

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## at New Life



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Worship Service 10:00am CH The Dielmans	3	4 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's	5 6:00pm Pizza & Salad 6:30pm Book of Acts Bible Study	6 Morning Prayer 8:00am  Women's Fellowship Gathering 6:30pm	7	1 8
9 Worship Service 10:00am  Coffee Hour The Williams	10	11 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's  October Vestry Meeting 6:00pm	12 6:00pm Pizza & Salad 6:30pm Book of Acts Bible Study	13 Morning Prayer 8:00am  Women's Fellowship Gathering 6:30pm	14	15
16 Worship Service 10:00am  Coffee Hour The Stumps.	17	18 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's	19 6:00pm Pizza & Salad 6:30pm Book of Acts Bible Study	20 Morning Prayer 8:00am  Women's Fellowship Gathering 6:30pm	21	22
23 Worship Service 10:00am  Coffee Hour The Ostrandars	24	25 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's	26 6:00pm Pizza & Salad 6:30pm Book of Acts Bible Study	27 Morning Prayer 8:00am Men's Ministry Group 5:30pm @ The Bridge's  Women's Fellowship 6:30pm	28	29
30 Worship Service 10:00am  Coffee Hour The Bates	31 <b>Joyous News November Issue Deadline</b>	1 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's	2 6:00pm Pizza & Salad 6:30pm Book of Acts Bible Study	3 Morning Prayer 8:00am  Women's Fellowship Gathering 6:30pm	4  <b>GAME NIGHT 6:30 - 8PM BLANZ HALL</b>	5  <b>Fall Back</b>

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Can you imagine the courage it takes to stand up to two different emperors?

When I think about my own life, I want to have the kind of courage that Ambrose had. I want to be able to stand up to the powerful and defend the truth. I want to be unafraid of the consequences of standing for Jesus. For example, we now live in a day where we have same-sex marriage. Churches may yet find themselves forced to officiate such weddings or face harsh consequences. I want to have the courage to be willing to face prison before I give in on my beliefs. I know I want to be that kind of person. What I don't know is if I am that kind of person because I haven't yet been in that position.

If I am lucky, I will never face the kinds of circumstances Ambrose of Milan faced. I won't have to stand up to authority and risk my life or my freedom. My prayer is that I will be a person of courage that is willing to do the right thing if called upon. Because of that, I will continuously look to the likes of Ambrose and pray that I may receive a portion of his courage to aid me in my own journey.

~ Fr. Mike



## New Life's Local Outreach



TO STOCK THIRTEEN EMMET COUNTY YOUTH PANTRY SHELVES THIS SCHOOL YEAR

WHAT A GREAT OUTREACH PROGRAM THIS WAS! NLAC VERY MUCH EXCEEDED THEIR EXPECTATIONS, AND A LOT OF KIDS WILL HAVE SOME GOOD MEALS THANKS TO YOU!

## NLAC GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

6:30 - 8PM IN BLANZ HALL

This event is for all ages.

Please invite a friend, bring a snack & a game to share.

Several games will be provided.



## HARVEST POTLUCK DINNER & BUILD A SHOEBOX EVENT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

DINNER AT 6:00PM

FOLLOWED BY CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX ASSEMBLY EVENT.

SEE SIGN-UP SHEETS IN BLANZ HALL



## WALLY'S GALLERY –

Some 3,000 years ago the Psalmist David wrote: “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the heavens above proclaims his handiwork.” (Psalm 19:1) More than 1,000 years prior to that, Moses wrote the opening words to the book of Genesis in the Old Testament (OT): “In the beginning God...”

And so began the world's oldest widely practiced monotheistic religion.

Even the New Testament

does not waive from OT monotheism while affirming the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This belief in an eternal, transcendent God whose “eternal power and divine nature have been clearly perceived ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made” has carried for thousands of years.

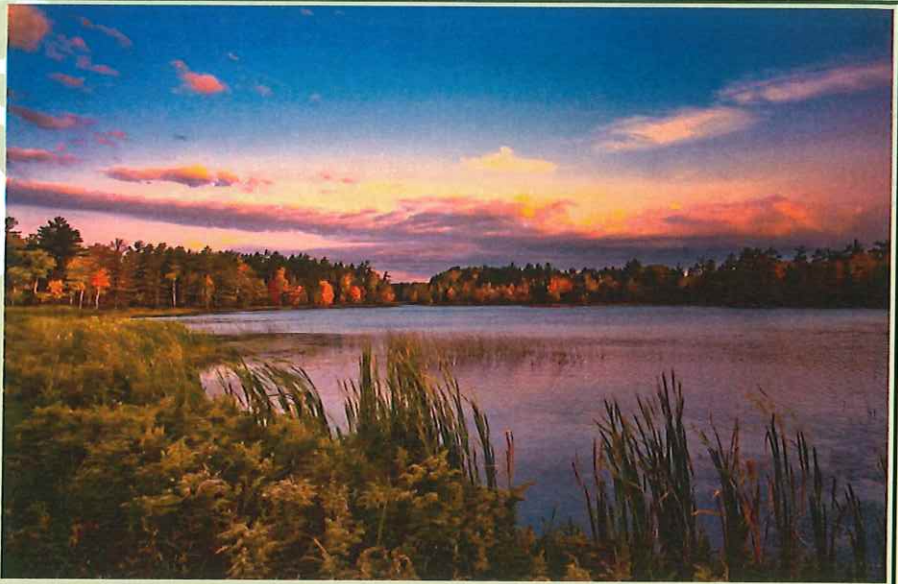
Steven Meyer writing in “The Return of the God Hypothesis” says that early in the Christian era theologians began to see God's glory revealed in nature just as the Psalmist had expressed above. Through the beauty of nature and creatures, God spoke to them as if they were reading His words in a book. It was Thomas Aquinas who saw God's revelation expressed as in two books; the Bible and nature.

According to Steven Meyer's book, by the 17th century leading natural philosophers also likened the workings of nature to that of a clock. Both nature and a clock reflected the intelligence of a designer that would be necessary for its creation. Robert Boyle, the famous chemist, drew a comparison of nature to the astronomical clock in Strasbourg, France. Both required clockmaker; one of which was divine.

In addition Dr. Meyer writes that during this time many of the natural philosophers saw in the workings of God in laws that governed nature and the cosmos. But it was not just any god. He writes that these “laws of nature” reflected the Judeo-Christian understanding of the relationship of nature to God. It was this God who was the divine legislator and who sustained the natural world and all its orderly workings.

It was this belief that was the foundation for the Scientific Revolution in the 16th and 17th centuries which marked a period when developments in mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, and chemistry emerged. They reasoned that if men were created in God's image then they were endowed with the ability to perceive and understand the order and laws of nature that God had written in His creation.

With centuries of foundational beliefs in a Creator God you would think that these beliefs would be prevalent in our country today; especially our youth. But something has changed.



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According to a report by Barna (barna.com), America's relationship to the church is changing. This is from a report in which 96,171 surveys were conducted over a 20 year period. The most significant change is that the share of practicing Christians has consistently declined over the last 19 years. Now it is nearly half of what it was in 2000. What happened?

According to Steven Meyer in the late 19th century an entirely different philosophy of science arose. He writes that historians point to three developments: (1) the idea that human reason could replace and function apart from religious belief; (2) an increasing skepticism about the existence of God; and (3) the rise of scientific materialism; a belief that science points to matter and energy as the source from which everything comes; rather than God.

Although philosophers such as David Hume, Immanuel Kant and others challenged the beliefs of the previous centuries, it was Charles Darwin who had the greatest impact. In 1859 he published "On the Origin of Species" which advanced the theory that all living things evolved through the very slow process of natural selection. In this belief random variations in living things, that contributed to the survival of the species, would eventually bring about even more advanced life. In this random manner, life had advanced from the simplest organism to all the complexity and diversity we see today. God was now removed as an option to be considered.

Dr. Meyer adds that In addition to Darwin two other 19th century and early 20th century figures contributed to the worldview that God was obsolete; Karl Marx and Sigmund Freud. Both in their own way contributed to the idea that mankind's actions were predetermined and that belief in God was just wishful thinking to carry us through difficult times.

Dr. Meyer concludes this first section of his book with these words: By the beginning of the 20th century, science—despite its theistic beginnings—seemed to have no need of the God hypothesis.

At this point Steven Meyer begins Part II of his book. It is entitled; "Return of the God Hypotheses." It is here that Dr. Meyer begins to address the primary attacks that have been leveled in an attempt to remove God and design from creation. In the next 300 pages he writes on current scientific knowledge that refutes their claims of a random origin for the cosmos and life. In detail he lays out current evidence for the origin of the universe; the extreme fine tuning at the initial expansion of the cosmos; the origin of life and the information in the DNA of every living cell; all pointing to a Creator and design.

~ Wally's Gallery

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GATHERING** – Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the annex's lg classroom. Come and join us for a time of fun and fellowship.

## **MEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Wednesdays at 10:30am at the Davis Home

**MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM** – meeting is Thursday, October 27th at the Bridge Home @ 1435 Townsend Rd. Petoskey. 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. Bring your beverage of choice. I hope you will join us.

# October 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.

	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30	November 6
ALTAR GUILD	Gretchen Lucky	Gretchen Lucky	Gretchen Lucky	Gretchen Lucky	Gretchen Lucky	Liz Ostrander
SOUND/ MUSIC	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes
USHER/ COUNTER/ GREETERS	Randy F./ Dan W./ Taylor DuBois	Dan W./ Dylan W./ The Bowmans	Dylan W./ Don L./ The Flynns	Don L./ Randy F./ The Bowmans	Randy F./ Dan W./ Sally Stump	Dan W./ Dylan W./ Taylor DuBois
LECTOR	Wally Stansbury	Erika Dielman	Dan Wandrie	Dylan Williams	Mary Jane Zako	Karen Dielman
LAY MINISTER	Howard Bates	Karen Dielman	Erika Dielman	Mickey Bridge	TBA	Mary Jane Zako
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	The Dielmans	The Williams	The Stumps	The Ostranders	The Bates	The Wandries



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



## ALTAR GUILD

Oct.....Gretchen Lucky  
Nov .....Liz Ostrander  
Dec.....Karen Dielman

## Birthdays

Mary Jane Zako 10/02  
Dan Wandrie 10/07  
Carol Bowman 10/20  
Dave Woods 10/22



## October



Randy & Brenda  
Flynn  
Oct. 4th

Lou & Mary Jane  
Zako  
Oct 6th

## Wedding Anniversaries



Howard & Lacy  
Bates  
Oct. 6th

Wes & Liz  
Ostrander  
Oct. 29th

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:	Dan Wandrie.....	231/347-5871
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 .....	231/330-6355
Women's Ministry:	~ Needed ~	
Men's Ministry:	Mike Bridge.....	231/330-0689
Inreach:	Gretchen Lucky ....	231/622-2057
Outreach:	Lacy Bates .....	231/373-7997
Christian Ed. Scholarship:	Susan Davis.....	231/330-4821
	Toni DuBois.....	231/330-8626
	~ Needed ~	
Missions:	Dan Wandrie.....	231/347-5871
Building and Grounds:	Ron Davis .....	231/330-6355
Art and Architecture:	Susan Davis .....	231/330-4821
Church Historian:	Liz Ostrander .....	231/348-2802
Communications:	Bonnie Bridge.....	231/445-1810
(newspaper articles, etc.)		
Student Visitor's Liaison:	~ Needed ~	
Treasurer:	Wes Ostrander .....	231/330-4930
Assistant Treasurer:	Susan Davis.....	231/330-4821
Assistant Treasurer:	Sally Stump .....	231/881-2818

## New Life Anglican Church

### 2022 Vestry

<i>Sr. Warden</i> ...	Howard Bates
<i>Jr. Warden</i> ...	Dan Wandrie
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	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 October 31st.



### 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 231.330.6355 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 ~ September 30, 2022

	September			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offering	11,846.08	12,667.00	(820.92)	114,540.02	114,003.00	537.02
Other	307.68	822.00	(514.32)	18,298.92	10,386.00	7,912.92
Income	12,153.76	13,489.00	(1,335.24)	132,838.94	124,389.00	8,449.94
General Exp	(14,238.96)	(14,424.00)	185.04	(145,155.84)	(130,303.00)	(14,852.84)
Difference	(2,085.20)	(935.00)	(1,150.20)	(12,316.90)	(5,914.00)	(6,402.90)
Assets				\$626,363.10		
		Jan. 1, 2022	Donations	Expenses	Difference	Sept. 30, 2022
211 Fund		\$177,247.64	-	\$38,987.25	(\$38,987.25)	\$130,814.89
211 Fund In/Out Reach		\$30,500	-	\$7,953.35	(\$7,953.35)	\$22,546.65

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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*



ANGELICAN CHURCH  
IN NORTH AMERICA

## JOYOUS NEWS

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*I am a wind gathered thing  
rooted by a river,  
a tree  
blown by direction  
of a constant wind,  
changing,*

*but still unchanged  
by roots  
growing  
into God's open hand.  
BES*

*Poetry by  
Bobby Stinchcombe*