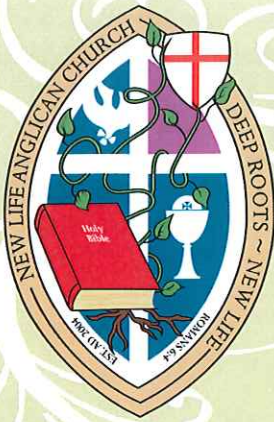


JOYOUS NEWS

November 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.*



It doesn't make sense sometimes. How can God let something as foul as Proposal 3 pass in Michigan? Doesn't he care about children? Doesn't he care about the unborn? We are called to care about them, so obviously God does. But why doesn't he intervene and stop the evil? Why did he allow Roe to be the law of the land for so long? Why has he now allowed bills and laws defending innocent life to fail, not just in Michigan, but even in conservative states like Montana?

It is easy to put the burden of solving evil squarely on the shoulders of the Big Guy, but life is more complicated than that. God had promised the land of Canaan to Abraham, but he didn't give it to his offspring for over 400 years. The reason for waiting so long was that the cup of God's wrath hadn't yet filled against the Canaanites. When he sent Israel into the Promised Land, it was at a point where the evil of the Canaanites was undeniable. There is no second-guessing that they deserved what they got. They were so evil that they even practiced the sacrificing of born human babies.

When we question why God has yet to intervene in America (and the West more broadly) regarding abortion and the protection of human life, the answer may well be that the cup of his wrath has not filled yet. It is filling. There is wine in the goblet. But there is a way to go. Consider, for example, that most Christians refer to America as a Christian nation, yet we have aborted over 60 million babies since the 1970s. God let his wrath grow against Canaan until no one would question his judgment upon it. Billy Graham said that if God doesn't judge America for abortion, then he owes Sodom and Gomorrah and apology. Those are pretty strong words, but I think they should help us understand just how evil abortion is, and how heinous it is that our country works so hard to make it available to people the world over.

So do we give up? Do we just sit back and let evil happen so that God's wrath can grow against America? I believe the answer to that is no. While there is evil in America, that doesn't make America evil. The abortion fight is as much a fight for the soul of America as it is for the lives of the unborn. We must fight the good fight and never relent. We keep in prayer. We continue to support our crisis pregnancy centers. We continue to push legislation that protects life.

While it may feel like we are losing, we should consider these points. There are more pregnancy centers than abortion clinics in America. Roe v. Wade was overturned this summer, and while that kicks the abortion issue back to the states, many states have outlawed abortion in part or in whole. Since the overturning of Roe, there have been 10,000 less legal abortions than during the same time period the year before. I reference legal because they are the only abortions we can track, but it is highly unlikely that many of those 10,000 were killed through illegal abortions.

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HARVEST POTLUCK DINNER & CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX EVENT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

DINNER AT 6:00PM



NLAC Christmas Dinner Box Outreach

PLEASE LET GRETCHEN KNOW BY DEC. 1ST
IF YOU KNOW OF A FAMILY THAT WOULD BENEFIT
FROM A CHRISTMAS BOX



New Life's Local Outreach

*Please donate any winter jackets, snowpants, hats, gloves
that you may have so we can do a clothing give away soon.*

Leave any items in the clothing closet room.



CRAFT & FELLOWSHIP

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH
10AM - 2PM IN BLANZ HALL

BRING YOUR PROJECT
AND A SNACK TO SHARE.



GET OUT AND GET MOVING!

THIS IS THE FUNNEST FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY EVER!

BOWLING, PIZZA, AND LASER TAG TOO!

@ NORTHERN LIGHTS - DEC. (DATE TO BE DECIDED) FROM 6-8PM

WALLY'S GALLERY –

On Thursday the 24th of this month we, as well as most of Americans, will sit down with family and friends to celebrate a Thanksgiving meal. The origin of this annual celebration in America finds its roots with the Pilgrims at Plymouth in the fall of 1621. Those who had survived the brutal winter after landing in 1620, now would give thanks for their blessings after a successful fall harvest. For the Pilgrims this was not a novel idea but one they brought from England.



During the Reformation Christian believers in England observed three days for thanksgivings to God. The first was a day of prayer and repentance. The second a day of thanksgiving for answered prayers and the third a harvest thanksgiving. This third celebration was to thank the LORD for His provisions in the midst of difficulty. It was this third harvest thanksgiving that the Pilgrims celebrated that day in 1621. Those that had survived cold, starvation and disease the previous winter, now were enjoying the fruits of a plentiful fall harvest.

Although it is commonly believed that the Pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving in America, historian Michael Gannon disagrees. He maintains that the Spanish gave thanks to God for their safe voyage to what is now St. Augustine, Florida on September 8, 1565. Additionally, the Plymouth Plantation Relations Director, Jennifer Monac claims the first Thanksgiving occurred in Virginia in 1619 when the ship from Bristol, England came ashore on December 4th.

If, however, we are to argue that the Pilgrims' significance rests on whether theirs was the first Thanksgiving, then we will lose sight of what they really brought to America. Quoting from the Plymouth Rock Foundation's Newsletter (from most of which this article is based): "It belonged to the Pilgrims in the fall of 1621, to call a day of thanksgiving patterned after the Biblical Feast of Tabernacles and mixing the joy of God's provisions with the sorrow of hardships endured in life..." Thus the Pilgrim's Thanksgiving was unique in that this feast... "was patterned after a feast rooted in the Old Testament."

The Feast of Tabernacles was also called the Feast of Booths. During the festival the Israelites lived in booths to remind them of the temporary shelters they had to endure during their wanderings in the wilderness. Both for the Israelites and the Pilgrims, this festival was not just a thanksgiving for the good time they now enjoyed but also thanks for the LORD's providence during their sufferings that eventually brought them both to this point; one to the Promised Land and the other to the New World.

Contrary what the above discussion might have indicated to the reader, the purpose of the Plymouth Rock Foundation Newsletter was not to provide a lesson in history but to remind us of "The Meaning of Thanksgiving." The apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Christians in Thessalonica: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Paul did not mean that we should give thanks for the sorrow, turmoil and tragedies that befall us all from time to time. Rather he wrote that the Thessalonians should give thanks "in" all circumstances and I believe we can all take this to heart. When we do, we acknowledge that even during our dark times, God is in our life; we are not alone even though it may feel like it. The Pilgrims, by modeling their Thanksgiving after the Israelites festival of Tabernacles, did not forget that it was God's providence that carried them through their struggles. So may we, like the Pilgrims, not fail to remember that it was God's providence that brought us to this day of Thanksgiving and joy.

"My life is but a weaving, between my God and me;
I do not choose the colors, He worketh steadily;
Oftimes He weaveth sorrow, and I in foolish pride,
Forget He sees the upper, and I the underside.
Not till the loom is silent, and shuttles cease to fly,
Will God unroll the canvas and explain the reason why.
The dark threads are as needful in the weavers skillful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver in the pattern He has planned."

Anonymous

~ Wally's Gallery

This last election cycle may have been a huge letdown for us with regards to the abortion issue; but I want to encourage you to keep fighting. Keep praying. Keep marching. Keep supporting pro-life candidates. God is at work. The cup of his wrath may be filling, but it isn't filling against those of us who are on the right side of his concerns. In the meantime, as it fills, we will keep working to save the life of the unborn.

~ Fr. Mike

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S UP NEXT – Women's Bible Study, "Biblical Forgiveness", beginning mid January.

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, November 17th hosted by Don Lucky at 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. Bring your beverage of choice. I hope you will join us.

November 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.

	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27	December 4	December 11
ALTAR GUILD	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman
SOUND/ MUSIC	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes
USHER/ COUNTER/ GREETERS	Dan W./ Dylan W./ Taylor DuBois	Dylan W./ Don L./ Sally Stump	Don L./ Randy F./ The Flynns	Randy F./ Dan W./ The Bowmans	Dan W./ Dylan W./ Taylor DuBois	Dylan W./ Don L./ Sally Stump
LECTOR	Karen Dielman	Gretchen Lucky	Erika Dielman	Dan Wandrie	Dylan Williams	Mary Jane Zako
LAY MINISTER	Mary Jane Zako	Howard Bates	Karen Dielman	Erika Dielman	Mickey Bridge	Howard Bates
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	The Wandries	The Luckys	The Ostrandrs	The Zakos	The Davis'	The Bowmans



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



ALTAR GUILD

NovLiz Ostrander
Dec.....Karen Dielman
Jan.....Karen Dielman



November



Wedding Anniversaries



April Honeycutt 11/1
Andy Wandrie 11/1
Hayden Flynn 11/11
Mickey Bridge 11/15
Lou Zako 11/25



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: (middle & high school)	Don Lucky	231/622-2058
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
Missions:	~ Needed ~	
Building and Grounds:	Dan Wandrie.....	231/347-5871
	Ron Davis	231/330-6355
Art and Architecture:	Susan Davis.....	231/330-4821
Church Historian:	Liz Ostrander	231/348-2802
Communications: (newspaper articles, etc.)	Bonnie Bridge.....	231/445-1810
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

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 November 28th.



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 ~ October 31, 2022

	October			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offering	11,903.35	12,667.00	(763.65)	127,570.37	126,670.00	900.37
Other	351.42	818.00	(466.58)	18,650.34	11,204.00	7,446.34
Income	12,254.77	13,485.00	(1,230.23)	146,220.71	137,874.00	8,346.71
General Exp	(12,884.41)	(14,373.00)	1,488.59	(158,040.25)	(144,676.00)	(13,364.25)
Difference	(629.64)	(888.00)	(258.36)	(11,819.54)	(6,802.00)	(5,017.54)
Assets				\$631,835.02		
		Jan. 1,2022	Donations	Expenses	Difference	Oct.31, 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



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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.*

BES

*Poetry by
Bobby Stinchcombe*