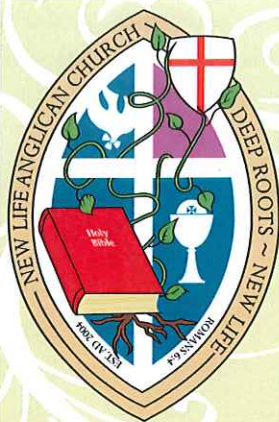


JOYOUS NEWS

January 2023

219 State Street - Petoskey, Michigan - 49770 - 231.347.3448

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



It's a new year, which means new opportunities. New possibilities. New resolutions. And the chance to break those resolutions within a few days. I never make new year resolutions because I know I am not motivated to keep them. I have tried different things over the years, though, like joining the gym or eating better to varying degrees of success. What I know is that the flesh is weak, and I like donuts.

It can be frustrating being so weak. I am hardly the only one. The first week of January, the gyms are full. The first week of February, the gyms are empty. Change is hard. Especially when we are trying to change deep seated habits in our lives. I have been eating poorly and not exercising for so long that it isn't easy to make the change. I run on the treadmill thinking, "This will be over soon." Some people love exercise, but they have made it a habit and so it has become easy for them.

It all really comes down to habits, doesn't it? Our habits generally define our behaviors. The better the habits, the better the behaviors. For example, my habit is to take my marriage seriously and honor my wife. Thus, my behavior reflects that and I don't mistreat my wife. Of course, the habits must start with intentional behaviors. I had to decide to honor my wife and work hard at it. Then it became a habit. Then the behaviors became simple.

This is all reflected in our spiritual lives as well. Sin is a natural habit for fallen people. We are called to be conformed to Christ and to walk in holiness and righteousness. To do that, we need to create new habits. To create new habits, we need new behaviors. Thank the Lord that he has given us the Holy Spirit to assist us with this. Otherwise, it would be impossible. The Holy Spirit is our helper who empowers us to change. He equips us, renews us, reforms us. We never have to do it alone because the Holy Spirit is always with us.

So let's talk about some changes in behavior that we can make to form better habits, which will encourage better behavior. (It is a vicious cycle.) I am not talking about resolutions. New year resolutions were made to be broken. I am talking about willful, Spirit empowered transformation in our lives.

First, read the bible daily. Don't resolve to read the bible daily. Open your bible every day and read it. Read it with your morning coffee or your evening snack. Read it intentionally. Don't worry about finding the perfect reading plan. Don't worry about reading in order from Genesis to Revelation. Don't worry about how long it will take you to finish the entire bible. Just read it. Read a paragraph. Read a page. Whatever you can start out doing. Remember, behaviors form habits which make for better behaviors. This means that eventually you will get to where you are reading a good chunk or you have a good reading plan. But, to start, you just need to sit down and read.

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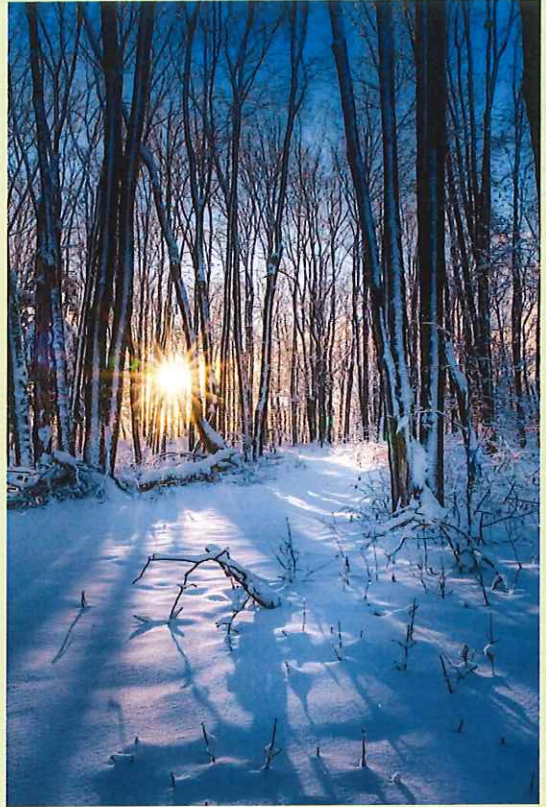


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The DuBois' Happy New Year 2023	2	3 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's	4 6:00pm Pizza & Salad 6:30pm Book of Acts Bible Study	5 Morning Prayer 8:00am	6	7
8 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour Brenda Flynn & Ginny Poquette	9	10 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's January Vestry Meeting 6:00pm	11 6:00pm Pizza & Salad 6:30pm Book of Acts Bible Study	12 Morning Prayer 8:00am	13	14
15 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Dielman's OutReach Meeting in Lg. Classroom	16	17 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's	18 6:00pm Pizza & Salad 6:30pm Book of Acts Bible Study	19 Morning Prayer 8:00am Men's Ministry Group 5:30pm @ The Davis'	20	21 Ladies Bible Study 10am
22 Worship Service 10:00am NLAC Annual Meeting	23	24 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's	25 6:00pm Pizza & Salad 6:30pm Book of Acts Bible Study	26 Morning Prayer 8:00am	27	28 Ladies Bible Study 10am
29 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The William's	30	31 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's	1 6:00pm Pizza & Salad 6:30pm Book of Acts Bible Study	2 Morning Prayer 8:00am	3	4 Ladies Bible Study 10am

WALLY'S GALLERY –

Almost 500 years ago a boy was born to a poor German Lutheran family in Weil her Stadt, Germany. His name was Johannes Kepler and although sickly, because of his evident intelligence he earned a scholarship to study Lutheran ministry. During his studies, however, he came upon the mathematical ideas of Copernicus, concerning planetary motion and the earth's position in the universe. The prevailing belief of the day was that the earth was the center of the universe with the planets and the sun revolving around the earth. This idea was formulated around 150 AD by the astronomer and mathematician Ptolemy. It was called the Ptolemaic system and was accepted by the Roman Catholic Church as it seemed to be in line with Scripture.

As Kepler leaned more toward the Copernican belief that the planets orbited around the Sun, contrary to the Ptolemaic understanding, he was at odds with the Roman Church. In addition because of his Calvinistic beliefs he was also at odds with the Lutheran Church. This complicated and endanger his life during one of Europe's longest and most brutal wars between Catholics and Protestants; The Thirty Year's War. On many occasions he was forced to move and had to suffer through the deaths of his wife and several children.



Despite all this, Kepler eventually accepted a position as a mathematics and astronomy teacher at a Protestant school in Graz, Germany in 1594. He later became an assistant in the court of mathematician to holy Roman Emperor Rudolf II and eventually to the position of Imperial Mathematician.

Kepler defended Copernicus' theory that the planets orbited the sun rather than the earth, but observations lead him to realize that this theory had a flaw. Copernicus' theory assumed that the planets revolved in a circular orbit at a constant velocity. This theory, however, was contradicted when it appeared that the planet Mars, at times, seemed to reverse directions for a few months before retiring to its original path. Neither the Ptolemaic nor the Copernican model could explain this apparent movement. Kepler finally figured out that contrary to a circular orbit the planets traveled in an elliptical pattern at various speeds depending on their proximity to the sun.

This discovery in itself does not portray the magnitude of Kepler's contribution to science. On a broader scale his discoveries revolutionized science by applying physics (considered at the time as a branch of philosophy) to astronomy; considered a branch of mathematics. Kepler's laws of planetary motion established the discipline of celestial mechanics. From his calculations and writings scientists would be able to provide perpetual tables predicting the planetary positions for any past or future date.

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In 1609 his publication on astronomy described his discoveries which have become known as the first two laws of planetary motion. This was the first published account of how a scientist took imperfect data to forge an idea that would clarify a theory and provide a surpassing understanding of nature that corresponded to observations of reality. Today this is known as the scientific method.

All this speaks volumes to the brilliance of this gifted scientist. But not often told in the annals of history is what drove this man. Kepler had a firm belief in a God of order who created a universe open for discovery. For this He gifted the human mind with the desire to know Him and the mental capacities to unlock the mysteries of His creation. Kepler wrote: "O God, I am thinking Thy thoughts after Thee." In Kepler's view, he saw the image of God in the universe.

In one of his most famous works he wrote: "I commence a sacred discourse, a most true hymn to God the Founder, and I judge it to be piety, not sacrifice...but first to learn myself, and afterwards to teach other too, how great He is in wisdom, how great in power, and of what sort in goodness."

Kepler died in 1630 while on a journey from his home. Within two years his grave was demolished because of the Thirty Years War. He was a man frail in body but strong in mind and faith. He held steadfast to the truths God revealed to him and died not knowing the impact they would eventually have.

~ Wally's Gallery

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Second, pray. Pray every day. Paul says to pray without ceasing. That might be a bit much to start out with. Start small. Pray when you wake up. Pray on your drive to work. Pray over your meals. Pray before bed. Whatever works. But make prayer a priority. Like scripture reading, don't worry about the length of the prayers. Don't worry that you aren't saying the right things or that you aren't good at it. Just talk to God. Start small. Form the habit. Let it grow into a new behavior that becomes fluent and easy conversation with God. The change from forcing yourself to go to the gym every day to looking forward to working out doesn't happen overnight. Don't expect your prayer life to develop overnight either. Everything takes time, practice, effort, commitment. And the help of the Holy Spirit.

I could list other things here as well, but daily scripture reading and daily prayer are enough of a start, and they are hard. Start small. Let the behaviors change you and turn into habits. Let the habits develop better behaviors in you. And through it all, watch your relationship with God blossom like you have never seen before.

~ Fr. Mike

LITURGICAL SEASONS — *by Karen Dielman*

THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

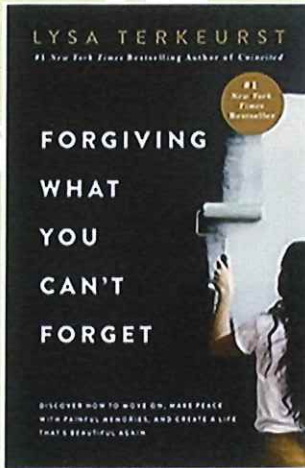
Epiphany, celebrated January 6th, also known as "Three Kings Day", is a Christian holiday, marking the twelfth day of the Christmas season and the revelation of Christ as the son of God. It is also often the focus on the three magi (or "wise men") and their visit to baby Jesus in Bethlehem. The story goes that the three kings found baby Jesus by following the guidance of a mysterious star. This ends the season of Christmas and then begins a new season of ordinary time, growth and new life, color green, leading up to lent.

FORGIVING WHAT YOU CAN'T FORGET:

DISCOVER HOW TO MOVE ON, MAKE PEACE WITH PAINFUL MEMORIES, AND CREATE A LIFE THAT'S BEAUTIFUL AGAIN

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

BEGINNING SATURDAY, JAN. 21 AT 10AM ~ SIGN-UP SHEET IN BLANZ HALL



Book \$14.50 & Journal \$12

You deserve to stop suffering because of what other people have done to you. Have you ever felt stuck in a cycle of unresolved pain, playing offenses over and over in your mind? You know you can't go on like this, but you don't know what to do next. Lysa TerKeurst has wrestled through this journey. But in surprising ways, she's discovered how to let go of bound-up resentment and overcome the resistance to forgiving people who aren't willing to make things right.

With deep empathy, therapeutic insight, and rich Bible teaching coming out of more than 1,000 hours of theological study, Lysa will help you:

- ~ Learn how to move on when the other person refuses to change and never says they're sorry.
- ~ Walk through a step-by-step process to free yourself from the hurt of your past and feel less offended today.
- ~ Discover what the Bible really says about forgiveness and the peace that comes from living it out right now.
- ~ Identify what's stealing trust and vulnerability from your relationships so you can believe there is still good ahead.
- ~ Disempower the triggers hijacking your emotions by embracing the two necessary parts of forgiveness.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING – If you are interested in Outreach and helping make plans for 2023, please grab your coffee and snack after the service on Sunday, January 15th and join us in the Lg. classroom in the annex. For more information contact Lacy Bates.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Forgiving What You Can't Forget by Lysa TerKeurst, tentatively begins meeting on Saturday, January 21st at 10am. If this day or time doesn't work please contact Lacy Bates and she'll make an adjustment if she needs to. Please sign up on sheet in Blanz Hall to let Lacy know you are interested in attending and how many books to order.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GATHERING – Resumes in January - 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, January 26th hosted by TBA. 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.

January 2023 Service Calendar

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

	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29	February 5
ALTAR GUILD	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Gretchen Lucky
SOUND/ MUSIC	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes
USHER/ COUNTER/ GREETERS	Dylan W./ Don L./ Sally Stump	Don L./ Randy F./ The Bowmans	Randy F./ Dan W./ Taylor DuBois	Dan W./ Dylan W./ The Bowmans	Dylan W./ Don L./ The Flynns	Don L./ Randy F./ Sally Stump
LECTOR	Karen Dielman	Wally Stansbury	Dylan Williams	Erika Dielman	Gretchen Lucky	Dan Wandrie
LAY MINISTER	Erika Dielman	Mickey Bridge	Howard Bates	Karen Dielman	Wally Stansbury	Erika Dielman
PRAYER TEAM	TBD	Volunteers	Needed :	Please	contact	Tracey
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	The DuBois'	Brenda Flynn & Ginny Poquette	The Dielman	NLAC Annual Meeting	The Williams	The Greenwells



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



ALTAR GUILD

Jan.....Karen Dielman
FebGretchen Lucky
Mar.....Liz Ostrander

Birthdays

January



Wedding Anniversaries



Brenda Flynn 1/4
Linda Knapp 1/14
Bob Hameister 1/18
Mark DuBois 1/19
Connie Woods 1/21



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:		
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:	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
Assistant Treasurer:	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 January 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 ~ November 30, 2022

	November			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offering	11,839.00	12,667.00	(828.00)	139,409.37	139,337.00	72.37
Other	310.49	818.00	(507.51)	18,960.83	12,022.00	6,938.83
Income	12,149.49	13,485.00	(1,335.51)	158,370.20	151,359.00	7,011.20
General Exp	(12,842.86)	(14,423.00)	1,580.59	(170,883.11)	(159,099.00)	(11,784.11)
Difference	(693.37)	(938.00)	244.63	(12,512.91)	(7,740.00)	(4,772.91)
Assets				\$630,174.22		
		Jan. 1,2022	Donations	Expenses	Difference	Nov.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



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Parish Notice:
**New Life
Anglican Church**
~ 2023 ~
Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 22nd
following
the service at
NLAC
219 State St.
Petoskey, MI

*Between the night
and its darkness
and the passing of the day
comes the vesper time
of twilight,
the time in which we pray
for the blessing of the sun
in its travel
from dawn to falling night,
asking God in all His goodness
to keep us in His sight.*

