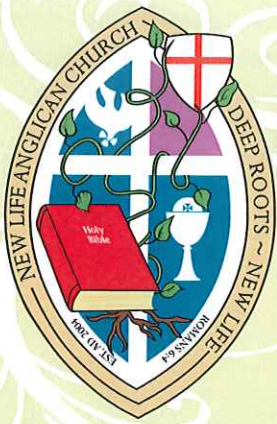


JOYOUS NEWS

February 2023

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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.*



“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.” | Timothy 1:15

³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” Matthew 22:35-40

These are both very important passages of scripture, but for two different reasons. The passage from 1 Timothy 1 is a summary of the gospel while the passage from Matthew 22 is a summary of the law. It is important that we know and understand the difference between the two.

Under the old covenant was the law, and the law stated what needed to be done by the people. If they kept the law, they were in good standing with God. If they broke the law, then they were subject to his justice. In order to avoid punishment for breaking the law, the Jews had to perform sacrifices that would atone for their sins. The sacrifices had to be repeated regularly because the people kept sinning. The sacrifices, then, were not only atoning sacrifices, but constant reminders of their failure to keep the law.



The gospel is about what Jesus did to free us from sin, and in so doing, to free us from the law. We are still expected to be righteous and holy, but under the new covenant we are judged by whether we have received Christ's righteousness and whether he has died for our sins. That is why 1 Timothy 1:15 is such a good summary of the gospel. The gospel is that Jesus came and died for sinners so that we don't need to die for our own sins. We no longer need the blood of animals, and we don't need to repeat any sacrifices, and we won't have to pay for our sins with our own lives.

When Jesus gave his summary of the law in Matthew 22, it was as a response to Pharisees testing him, trying to trap him into elevating some part of the law over the other. The passage isn't about Jesus telling us to all be good enough to please God. It is about summarizing the law for those who believed they could keep it fully.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--------|--|--|--|--------|---|
| 29 Worship Service 10:00am | 30 | 31 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's | 1 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am @ The Davis' | 2 Morning Prayer 8:00am | 3 | 4 Hotdog & Movie Night in Blanz Hall Hotdogs at 4:30pm Movie at 5:00pm |
| 5 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Greenwells | 6 | 7 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's | 8 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am @ The Davis' | 9 Morning Prayer 8:00am | 10 | 11 Ladies Bible Study 10am |
| 12 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour Sally Stump | 13 | 14 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's February Vestry Meeting 6:00pm  | 15 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am @ The Davis' | 16 Morning Prayer 8:00am Men's Ministry Group 5:30pm in Blanz Hall | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Bates | 20 | 21 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's Shrove Tuesday  6:00pm | 22 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am @ The Davis'  6:30pm | 23 Morning Prayer 8:00am | 24 | 25 Ladies Bible Study 10am |
| 26 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Wandries | 27 | 28 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's <i>Joyous News Deadline March Issue</i> | 1 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am @ The Davis' Lenten Soup & Salad 6:00pm Stations of the Cross 6:30pm | 2 Morning Prayer 8:00am | 3 | 4 |

WALLY'S GALLERY —

The season of Lent begins in the last week of this month. It is traditionally a season of fasting and penitence. Lent is significant in that it is one part of the two great cycles of the church year; one is Christmas and the other Easter. The Christmas cycle begins with the season of preparation known as Advent. Likewise Easter has its season of preparation that we call Lent.



Today the forty days associated with Lent is in recognition of Jesus fasting during his 40 days in the wilderness. (Matthew 4:1-11) In actuality, the 40 days of Lent is not hard and fast. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends of the day before Easter. If you were to count the number of days from Ash Wednesday of this year, for instance, until the day before Easter Sunday you would arrive at 46 days. The answer lies in the fact that generally Sundays are not considered part of the fasting period of Lent. Why? Because Sundays for the Anglican church are always Feast Days in celebration of Jesus resurrection! Further according to the Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church (Anglican compass web page) the current format for Lent (starting of Ash Wednesday and ending the day before Easter) began in Rome in the 7th century.

As was mentioned at the onset of this article, Lent its not only a season of fasting but also one of penitence. While fasting is associated with denial, penitence is about reflection on own condition. The realization that we as humans too often fall short of the measure God intended us to be; and we are in good company (if that term is appropriate).

Adam and Eve listened to Satan and ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil when God had forbid it. (Genesis 2:16-3:18) Abraham upon entering Egypt to escape the famine in Canaan lied to the Egyptians. Fearing for his own life he told the Egyptians that Sarah was his sister rather than his wife. (Genesis 12:11-17) Moses seeing an Egyptian beating a Hebrew slave, intervened and killed the Egyptian. To hide his crime, he buried his victim in the sand. (Exodus 2:12) Peter, who when asked by Jesus "But who do you say that I am?" Replied " You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:15-16) Later when Jesus is arrested Peter denies knowing him three times. (Matthew 26:69-75) The great apostle Paul recognized his own fallen condition when he wrote: " For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me." (Romans 7:19-20)

From the time Adam and Eve disobeyed God until the time Jesus returns everything has changed. Paul described it this way - "For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

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.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is the observance of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It lasts a total of 40 days beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending Saturday, Easter Eve, at 6:00 P.M. It is, at this time, our church community is reminded of the pardon and absolution of our sins through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior and how we need to renew our repentance and faith. In so doing, we examine ourselves and repent by prayer, fasting, and self denial; by reading and meditating God's holy Word, the Bible. To make right the sins we have committed.

LENTEN SEASON SCHEDULE

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER – 6:00pm, Tuesday, February 21st. Sign up sheet in Blanz Hall.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – 6:30pm, Wednesday, February 22nd

Volunteers Needed:

To serve as Lector, LEM, Usher, and Greeter. Please contact Tracey if you would like to sign up to serve on Ash Wednesday.

LENTEN DINNER & STATIONS OF THE CROSS – for the first Wednesday in Lent, March 1st, we will have soup and salad dinner at 6pm after which we will be walking the Stations of the Cross. Sign-up sheet for soup is in Blanz Hall.

LENTEN DINNER & MOVIE NIGHTS – beginning Wednesday, March 8th we will have soup and salad dinner at 6pm after which we will be watching a portion of the movie American Gospel: In Christ Alone followed by a time of discussion. Sign-up sheet for soup is in Blanz Hall.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Forgiving What You Can't Forget by Lysa TerKeurst, will be meeting on Saturdays, February 11th and 25th at 10am. Please contact Lacy if you are interested in attending.

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, February 16th hosted by Wes Ostrander at NLAC in 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.

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And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.” (Romans 8:22-23)

We are all in need of a Savior to save us from the condition we are in while in this life. Lent is a time to recognize that we are in a struggle and place our hope in the only Source that can shine the Light on our darkness as we too “wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.”

~ Wally's Gallery

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There is a movement of progressive Christianity in the Church. It can hardly be considered Christianity because it actually denies the gospel and puts us back under the law. This progressive pseudo-Christianity denies that Jesus died for our sins, calling that cosmic child abuse. It denies that we even need a savior for our sins. According to the progressive movement, we are just fine. What we really need is to love more. They put people right back under the law by citing our Matthew 22 passage and summarizing the full Christian responsibility as loving God and loving other people.

This view then leads to the social justice model. We love other people by feeding the hungry, caring for the poor, and doing other good works. Our standing with God becomes based on how much and how well we do these things. Thus, we are placed back under the law where we must do so much to be pleasing to God.

That is such a tiring message. You can never do enough. There is always more to do. As Paul Washer says, there has not been a single person outside of Jesus who has loved God with all his heart, mind, soul, and strength for even a fraction of a second. The command to do so is a hopeless one.

There is no hope in the law, only frustration and despair. James 2:10 says, “For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.” Where is the hope? It is found in the gospel: but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

I have never loved God with all my heart. I have never loved my neighbor as myself. To try would only bring despair. I have broken at least one law, which has made me guilty of all of it. That is why I find so much hope in the statement Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. I am the foremost of sinners, and Jesus came to save me. You are the foremost of sinners, and Jesus came to save you. That is the gospel, and it is so much more beautiful than the law. Praise be to God.

~ Fr. Mike

SPECIAL EVENTS

MOVIE NIGHT – *American Gospel: In Christ Alone* – Saturday, February 4th – Come to Blanz Hall where we will be serving hotdogs starting at 4:30 and the movie will begin at 5pm. Followed by a time of discussion. All are welcome.

February 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.

| | February 5 | February 12 | February 19 | February 22 | February 26 | March 5 |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ALTAR GUILD | Gretchen Lucky | Gretchen Lucky | Gretchen Lucky | Gretchen Lucky | Gretchen Lucky | Gretchen Lucky |
| SOUND/MUSIC | Ferd & Wes | Ferd & Wes | Ferd & Wes | Ferd & Wes | Ferd & Wes | Ferd & Wes |
| USHER/COUNTER/GREETERS | Don L./ Randy F./ Sally Stump | Randy F./ Dan W./ The Bowmans | Dan W./ Dylan W./ Taylor DuBois | Ash Wednesday Volunteers Needed: Usher, Greeter, Lector and LEM | Dylan W./ Don L./ The Flynns | Don L./ Randy F./ Sally Stump |
| LECTOR | Dan Wandrie | Ferd Dielman | Wally Stansbury | | Karen Dielman | Dylan Williams |
| LAY MINISTER | Erika Dielman | Mickey Bridge | Karen Dielman | | Howard Bates | Wally Stansbury |
| PRAYER TEAM | Sally & Leah | Sharalen & Bonnie | Sally & Leah | | Sharalen & Bonnie | Sally & Leah |
| CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL | Darlene & Taylor | Darlene & Taylor | Darlene & Taylor | N/A | Darlene & Taylor | Darlene & Taylor |
| COFFEE HOUR HOSTS | The Greenwells | Sally Stump | The Bates | N/A - Ash Wednesday | The Wandries | The Luckys |



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



ALTAR GUILD

Feb Gretchen Lucky
Mar..... Liz Ostrander
April Karen Dielman

Birthdays

February



Wedding Anniversaries



Randy Flynn 2/2

George Renton 2/8

D.W. Lucky 2/11



Bob & Elaine
Hameister
Feb. 20th

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.

| | |
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| 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 Bates231/373-7997 |
| 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 |
| Assistant Treasurer: | Dan Wandrie..... 231/347-5871 |

New Life Anglican Church 2023 Vestry

Sr. Warden, Erika Dielman
Jr. Warden, Dylan Williams
..... Carol Bowman
..... Susan Davis
..... Toni DuBois
..... April Honeycutt
..... Don Lucky

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Please consider submitting
an article or item of interest
for the next issue of the
Joyous News.

Submission deadline
is February 28th.



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PRAYER CHAIN



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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 ~ January 31, 2023

| | January | | | Year to Date | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Difference | Actual | Budget | Difference |
| Offering | 14,405.51 | 13,562.00 | 843.51 | 14,405.51 | 13,562.00 | 843.51 |
| Other | 220.56 | 1,635.00 | (1,414.44) | 220.56 | 1,635.00 | (1,414.44) |
| Income | 14,626.07 | 15,197.00 | (570.93) | 14,626.07 | 15,197.00 | (570.93) |
| General Exp | (15,020.98) | (16,719.00) | 1,698.02 | (15,020.98) | (16,719.00) | 1,698.02 |
| Difference | (394.91) | (1,522.00) | 1,127.09 | (394.91) | (1,522.00) | 1,127.09 |
| Assets | | | | \$630,745.20 | | |
| | | Jan. 1,2023 | Donations | Expenses | Difference | Jan. 31,2023 |
| 211 Fund | | \$130,814.89 | - | - | - | \$130,814.89 |
| 211 Fund In/Out Reach | | \$22,546.65 | - | - | - | \$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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*A stillness in its beginning,
then it broke through
the cloud cover:
morning light
waiting
for me, and for you,
for birdsong.
Resurrection light
unfolding
like table linen.*

*Photo by
Tracey Jepsen*

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