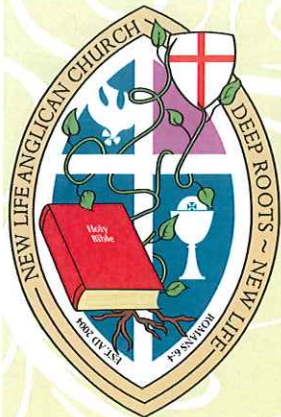


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*We will glorify God by deepening the roots of our Anglican faith,
and bringing people to new life in Jesus Christ.*



Revelation is not an easy book to understand, but it is a part of the bible, so it is important that we take the time to read and work through it. Revelation is also worth reading because much of it contains Jesus' words. We often think of the gospels as containing all of Jesus' teaching, however Revelation contains a significant amount of direct teaching from Jesus as given to John in his vision.

Today I want to look at the beginning of Revelation 2: To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands. 2 'I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. 3 I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. 4 But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. 6 Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'

There are two key points I want to look at from this passage. First, Jesus gives a very positive report about the church of Ephesus. He looks at them and sees a church that has been, overall, faithful. These words would be very comforting and encouraging to any church to hear. I believe that Jesus would speak these same words to New Life. We do not bear with evil and we endure patiently for Christ's sake. There is a second part to the letter, however.

"I have this against you," Jesus says. After hearing how proud Jesus is of them, the Ephesians are probably surprised at the next part, that Jesus has something against them. And what he has against them seems to be that they have lost the passion that they once had. Apparently, they had grown complacent and the good works that they were once known for had begun to dry up. Jesus saw this as a problem. So much so that he said if they don't repent, he would take away their lampstand, meaning he would remove their status as a church.

Have we lost our passion? Are we still known for the good works we once were? This is a question for us to ponder corporately and individually. Corporately, does New Life still have the passion for serving Jesus that we once had? I am not presuming an answer; I am only asking the question. Does Jesus look on us and see a church that is passionate about him?

We have a generous church that is willing to meet any needs that come up. We have mission trips,

SUMMER
 IS TIME FOR **WARM NIGHTS**
BARE FEET AND BARBEQUES
SWEET CORN SUNFLOWERS
RIP EPICUS CAMPFIRES
TOMATOES LEMONADE
LIGHTNING STORMS LOVE

June 2023

at New Life



Happy
FATHER'S DAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Worship Service 10:00am  @ Mineral Spring Park	5	6 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's	7 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am @ The Davis'	1/8 Morning Prayer 8:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm - Blanz Hall	2/9	3/10
11 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Bates	12	13 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's June Vestry Meeting 6:00pm	14 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am @ The Davis'  14 JUNE FLAG DAY	15 Morning Prayer 8:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm - Blanz Hall	16	17
18 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Wandries Happy Fathers Day!	19	20 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's	21 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am @ The Davis'  First Day Of Summer's	22 Morning Prayer 8:00am Men's Ministry Group 5:30pm @ Fr. Mike's Women's Bible Study 6:30pm -Blanz Hall	23	24
25 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Ostranders	26	27 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's	28 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am @ The Davis' Joyous News Deadline July Issue	29 Morning Prayer 8:00am	30	1
2 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Luckys	3	4 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's  4 th of July	5 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am @ The Davis'	6 Morning Prayer 8:00am	7	8

WALLY'S GALLERY —

There are times when I pause to think about the awesomeness of our existence and the One who brought it all into being.

For instance when I go to see a doctor I often take time to look at the diagrams of the internal structure of the human body and I am in awe at what I see. The complexity and design of the skeletal, circulatory, and nerves systems are amazing and



this is only part of the story. There is also systems for breathing, seeing, hearing, balance, movement, immunity; etc. Its extraordinary!!!! What's more, they all must fit together and work in harmony. If any one of these systems failed, human life would not be possible.

This was further emphasized to me when I looked through a book entitled "Your Designed Body" by Steve Kaufman and Howard Glicksman, MD. (I had to say "looked through" because it is really more suited for a medical student than for one of my very limited medical knowledge. As I tell Betty, all I know medically I learned from watching Dr. Pol on TV.)

Anyway, just reading the Introduction was enough to leave me in awe of what God has done in his creation of humans and all other living organisms for that matter. (What follows are either the quotes or the ideas expressed by the authors of this book.)

They start with a list of the extraordinary things our bodies do on a regular basis. "Our bodies keep a constant internal temperature...When we stand up, our body blood pressure adjusts almost immediately to keep blood flowing to the brain...Our eyes differentiate the nuances across an amazing spectrum of colors..." They also "turn light (photons) into information (electrical impulses)" and then our brains turn that into images. Our ears "turn sound (pressure waves) into electrical signals such that our minds can generate a three-dimensional understanding of objects around us, just by the sounds those objects emit (or block)."

"When we cut our finger, the blood quickly stops and the wound scales over and heals. When we get sick, our bodies generally do an excellent job of fixing the problem and getting us well again." In short, "our bodies range of capabilities boggles the mind." And yet we take in all for granted!

Years ago I inadvertently slammed a car door on my thumb which a hand surgeon had to put back together. After that, all I had to do was to protect my thumb and God's miraculous creation would do the rest. So how did the two separated bones in my thumb realize something was wrong and created new calcium to bond them together again? How does the body accumulate the elements necessary to grow and replace some parts of our bodies such my thumb nail? I don't know about you but for me its all too wonderful for me to comprehend.

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a clothing closet, support for the pregnancy center, and other things. When a need makes itself known, you all usually step up take care of it, showing Christ's love to those within our congregation and our community.

Is the same passion there for learning and discipleship? We used to have twenty or more people at Wednesday night bible study and ten people or more at adult Sunday school. As of right now, we don't have an adult Sunday school class or a Wednesday night bible study because people stopped coming. This could be for many reasons, including insufficient teaching and leadership. But I wonder if there has been a loss of passion for Christ that has played a part in these things.

I said that we should consider this issue corporately and individually. We have looked at it corporately a bit, but each of us will have to examine ourselves to find out where our passion and love for Christ is individually. Have we grown complacent or are we committed to discipleship. Obviously that discipleship comes in many ways, including our men's and women's bible studies. Are you active in a life of private prayer? As Bishop JC Ryle said, we backslide on our knees (prayer) before we backslide in our daily walk with Christ. Are you faithfully reading your bible? Are you active in fellowship and worship?

I don't say any of this as a condemnation. Instead, I intend it to be a loving question of self-reflection aimed at helping each of us maintain (or recapture, if necessary) our passion for loving and serving Jesus Christ. It is important for us to ponder these things because Jesus concluded his letter to the Ephesians this way, "To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God." That is the goal. That is what I want for each one of you, to eat of the tree of life in the paradise of God.

~ Fr. Mike

LITURGICAL SEASON — *by Karen Dielman*

TRINITY SUNDAY — June 4

Today we celebrate Trinity Sunday. It is the celebration of the triune God. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They were, before the beginning of the universe, and we are told in the book of Genesis which means "beginnings." Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Genesis 1:2 The Holy Spirit hovered over the waters....Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock, and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." Genesis 1:26 He made mankind, you and I, in their image! Let us pause and reflect today our awesome God. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Lord has risen. He has risen indeed. Alleluia!

ORDINARY TIME — June 11

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 34 weeks. It is celebrated two times a year throughout the year. The first period runs from the feast of baptism of the Lord until the Tuesday evening before Ash Wednesday and the second from the second Sunday of Pentecost to the 26th Sunday of Pentecost. It is a time of growth and renewal in each Christian's spiritual life.

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Of the accomplishments of the human body, the most astounding to me is the creation of another human life. From the union of just two gametes (one from the father and the other from the mother) all the architecture is present to engineer another life comprising about 30 trillion cells at maturity. Cells that develop into all the different systems necessary to preserve it through life's journey in which the order of development must be exact. How amazing is that!!!!

So far I have only touched on a few points of the book's introduction. You could, however, open to any one of the chapters and discover the amazing qualities of creation revealed in each one of the biological systems that sustain our lives. But they are just the foundation for the real intent of the authors. The purpose of the authors is revealed in one word of the book's title: "Designed."

In the final chapter the authors present two competing ideas to account for the enormous complexity and interdependence of all the systems that comprise our bodies; "Planned or Accidental." Although I could never give justice to the thoughtful arguments they provide, here is a very, very short summary of their conclusion.

Scientists have never been able to provide a pathway by which unintended and undirected actions would result in the origin of living systems. "What the proponents of Darwinism do offer...(is) "Trust us, we're scientists. The problem is basically solved and we're very close to disentangling the final difficulties." To which the authors respond - "Not true, Not even close." Rather than accidental what we see in living systems is the handiwork of a masterful designer-engineer.

The authors could have ended here but they did not. They ask "If life was indeed designed, who, exactly, is this designer-engineer?" While science can not answer this question some things seem evident - the author of life is the author of the universe and therefore transcends space, time, matter and energy. As they point out, this designer, in the Christian tradition, is spoken of as the "Author of Life," the "Author of Creation," the "Logos."

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable." (Psalm 145:3)

~ Wally's Gallery



WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS



WOMEN'S ABIDE BIBLE STUDY – Our group is working through **1st, 2nd and 3rd John** and meets weekly on Thursday nights, 6:30 -8:00 in Blanz Hall. Please join us!

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, June 22nd at The Bridge Home at 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.

 IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR AN ARTICLE OR EVENT YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE IN A FUTURE JOYOUS NEWS PLEASE CONTACT TRACEY AT OFFICE@NEWLIFEANGLICAN.NET OR 231.347.3448 

June 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.

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25	July 2	July 9
ALTAR GUILD	Gretchen Lucky	Gretchen Lucky	Gretchen Lucky	Gretchen Lucky	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander
SOUND/MUSIC	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes
USHER/COUNTER/GREETERS	Randy F./ Dan W./ The Flynns	Don L./ Dylan W./ Sally Stump	Dylan W./ Don L./ The Bowmans	Dan W./ Randy F./ Taylor DuBois	Randy F./ Dan W./ The Flynns	Don L./ Dylan W./ Sally Stump
LECTOR	Wally Stansbury	Karen Dielman	Erika Dielman	Dylan Williams	Ferd Dielman	Gretchen Lucky
LAY MINISTER	Howard Bates	Erika Dielman	Karen Dielman	Wally Stansbury	Howard Bates	Mickey Bridge
PRAYER TEAM	Sharalen & Betty	Sally & Leah	Sharalen & Betty	Sally & Leah	Sharalen & Betty	Sally & Leah
CHILDREN'S NURSERY	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Church Picnic	The Bates	The Wandries	The Ostranders	The Luckys	The DuBois'



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



ALTAR GUILD

June..... Gretchen Lucky
July..... Liz Ostrander
Aug Karen Dielman

Birthdays

Liz Ostrander 6/03
David Woods 6/03
Susan Davis 6/06
Zach DuBois 6/10
Gretchen Lucky 6/23
Darlene Wandrie 6/24
C. J. DuBois 6/27

June



Wedding Anniversaries



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:	Suzanne Schulte....	517/899-1946
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
	D. W. Lucky	231/330-6559
Missions:	Dan Wandrie.....	231/347-5871
Building and Grounds:	Ron Davis	231/330-6355
	Susan Davis	231/330-4821
Art and Architecture:	Liz Ostrander	231/348-2802
Church Historian:	Bonnie Bridge.....	231/445-1810
Communications:		
(newspaper articles, etc.)		
Student Visitor's Liaison:	Lacy Bates.....	231/373-7997
Treasurer:	Wes Ostrander	231/330-4930
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Assistant Treasurer:	Sally Stump	231/881-2818
Assistant Treasurer:	Dan Wandrie.....	231/347-5871

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 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
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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 ~ May 31, 2023

	May			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offering	14,536.00	13,562.00	974.00	68,093.25	67,810.00	283.25
Other	65.18	1,635.00	(1,569.82)	2,023.48	8,175.00	(6,151.52)
Income	14,601.18	15,197.00	(595.82)	70,116.73	75,985.00	(5,868.27)
General Exp	(15,800.52)	(16,134.00)	333.48	(79,795.36)	(82,795.00)	2,999.64
Difference	(1,199.34)	(937.00)	(262.34)	(9,678.63)	(6,810.00)	(2,868.63)
Assets				\$619,503.85		
		Jan. 1, 2023	Donations	Expenses	Difference	May 31, 2023
211 Fund		\$130,814.89	-	49.98	48.98	\$130,765.91
211 Fund In/Out Reach		\$22,546.65	-	395.00	395.00	\$22,151.65

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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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*Nothing stirs in the silence
of the starless sky
consumed in this darkest night.*

*The only light
the light that shines in prayer.
I ask words to take me there,
to be my mouthpiece words
and speak for me
to God.*

BES