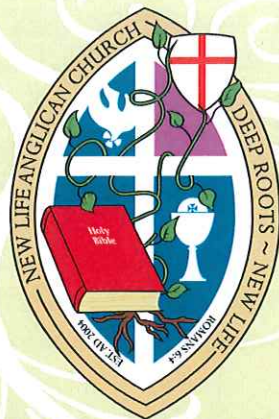


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*We will glorify God by deepening the roots of our Anglican faith,
and bringing people to new life in Jesus Christ.*



There is no doubt that we find ourselves in a culture war. While we might think this is something new, Christians have always been in a culture war. That's because the world opposes Christ and so the world opposes the kind of culture that Christ-followers bring with them. What most of us struggle with is how to counter the culture that seems to be so suffocating to Christianity. Ravi

Zacharias once said about culture, "You right the laws, I'll write the songs." And Andrew Breitbart said that politics is downstream from culture. In both cases, the point is that what is popular in our culture- the entertainment of the culture- is ultimately what has the most influence.

This means that if we want to influence culture, we need to provide good art and entertainment. We need good music that puts forth the Christian worldview that also touches those who are not yet a part of the Christian life. We need movies that push a Christian worldview that show how much better life is when lived with purpose, meaning, and commitment to something greater than ourselves. We don't just need Christian music and movies for those who already believe. We need good art that portrays our values and faith to the rest of the world as a gospel call.

It is with this in mind that I wanted to share the lyrics to some songs by my favorite Christian band (and one of my favorite bands altogether) to show how some are putting out just this kind of art that is meant to touch those who are not yet of the faith, but who can be reached by art and brought into the faith. Three years ago, I shared lyrics from a few songs by Christian hard rock band Disciple, and that is what I am going to do again. They have fourteen albums, so there is a lot to choose from. But I thought I'd just share some songs off their latest album Skeleton Psalms. First, is the song *The Executioner*:

*I never was the picture of a model son
A crooked criminal they caught holding the gun
It got so hard to see the truth from all the lies
Slowly becoming more and more what I despise*

*I never should've left my foot inside the door
Never content and always craving something more
I feel the darkness closing in on every side
It's time for something deep inside of me to die*

*The executioner puts the cross upon my back
How beautiful, the breath that is my last*

*Start praying over me last rites
I'm giving up the ghost inside
I'm hanging on the nails I drive
This cross is where I come to die*

And I've waited so long

*This is the hill I'll die on
Start praying over me last rites
This cross is where I come to die*

*You're not allowed to see the cards against my chest
I never trust nobody with my wretchedness
So I sit and try to fight this fight alone
I fake allegiance, can't decide which side I'm on*

*So I scream, beat my head against the wall
Forget the walk, can't even crawl
I abuse the wounds that grace healed
You say you love me but it's hard to love myself*

*Let the hammer swing down
I've made my peace
Said my goodbyes
There's no eulogies
When this convict dies*



August 2024

at New Life



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Wandries	5	6 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	7	1/8 Morning Prayer 8:00am Pregnancy Center Gala Aug 8th 5:30pm	2/9 Men's Bible Study 9:00am	3/10
11 Bishop's Visit Worship Service 10:00am Bishop's Luncheon	12	13 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods August Vestry Meeting 6:00pm	14	15 Morning Prayer 8:00am	16 Men's Bible Study 9:00am	17
18 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Zakos	19	20 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	21	22 Morning Prayer 8:00am Men's Ministry Group in Blanz Hall	23 Men's Bible Study 9:00am	24
25 Worship Service 10:00am	26	27 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	28 <i>Joyous News September is the Deadline</i>	29 Morning Prayer 8:00am	30 Men's Bible Study 9:00am	31
Coffee Hour Pont Du Bois	1	2	3	4	5	6
Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour Bay Area & Shary			7 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	8 Morning Prayer 8:00am	9 Men's Bible Study 9:00am	10

WALLY'S GALLERY —

On May 11, 2024 Harrison Butker, the kicker for the Kansas City Chiefs gave the commencement address at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas. In that address he spoke to the condition of our times in which the church and our Christian faith are expected to conform to the shifting cultural trends. To that Mr. Butker responded:



“But if we are going to be men and women for this time in history, we need to stop pretending that the "Church of Nice" is a winning proposition. We must always speak and act in charity, but never mistake charity for cowardice.”

In the latter portion of his address, he spoke specifically to the women and to the men graduating that day. It is his words to the ladies that received irate backlash from the press. This is what he said:

“For the ladies present today...I want to speak directly to you briefly because I think it is you, the women, who have had the most diabolical lies told to you. How many of you are sitting here now about to cross this stage and are thinking about all the promotions and titles you are going to get in your career? Some of you may go on to lead successful careers in the world, but I would venture to guess that the majority of you are most excited about your marriage and the children you will bring into this world.”

That our society should find this so objectionable is indicative of how things have changed in this country. Aaron Renn has written a book entitled “Life in the Negative World; Confronting Challenges in an Anti-Christian Culture.”

The author writes that since the mid-1960's our country has passed through “three major eras, or worlds, characterized by three ways society at large has viewed and related to Christianity” - the “Positive World (1964-1994)”; the “Neutral World (1994-2014)”; and the Negative World (2014-present).” In the positive world most citizens attended church, whether they believed or not, and as a result generally accepted Christian moral norms as it was perceived to be beneficial. In the neutral world Christianity became just one valid option among many others and lost most of its favored status. In the negative world Christian morality became openly “repudiated and was seen as a threat to the public good and new public moral order.”

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In the latter portion of the book Aaron Renn addresses how we are to live and be faithful witnesses in this hostile culture. His approach reminded me of another book I previously reviewed in a Joyous News article: "Live Not by Lies" by Rod Dreher.

Mr. Renn is critical of churches that are inviting to those who openly violate Christian moral principals and then fail to preach the Gospel leaving the listener in the dark as to their true status. Mr. Renn writes: "Evangelical churches must have a firm resolve as to what they believe to be true and then have the courage to speak it clearly."

These words, however, are not just for the church they are for all of us who believe. Our call is not to be provocative, but it is to be faithful to the truth and speak that truth with gentleness and respect, "having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame." (1 Peter 3:16)

~ Wally's Gallery

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ANNUAL BISHOP VISIT SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH

Bishop Allen Kannapell
will join us for his official visit.
Join us after the service
for a fellowship luncheon
and update from the Bishop.



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FR. MIKE'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Wednesday
1 – 5pm
Thursdays & Fridays
9am – 1pm

MEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S BREAKFAST – meets each Tuesdays at 8:30am for food and fellowship at Southwood's Restaurant
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – meets Fridays at 9am the annex study.

- **MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM** – Our next meeting is Thursday, August 22nd. Led by Josh Bridge 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. I hope you will join us. Bring your own beverage of choice and a friend.

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My beautiful executioner

I've made my peace

Said my goodbyes

There's no eulogies

When this convict dies

Let the hammer swing down

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This cross is where I come to die

Here is what Kevin Young, the lead singer of Disciple, says about The Executioner. "The song is about coming to grips with your flaws, your failures, your shame, your sin. It's realizing that no, I don't want to celebrate anything about what I've done in this life. I want to lay my life down in exchange for a better one that God has for me. In that context, the executioner is an emissary of a merciful death: the death to self that leads to resurrection. We wanted to do a video that had an executioner in it, a video about really coming to grips with letting go of your life. I think that's the part of Christianity that's so beautiful. You get to this place where you're ready to let go of all that you've had, ready to surrender and give yourself to God. We're always ready to receive from Him. But the moment when we're ready to surrender everything to Him, that's the death to ourselves. The idea of laying down my life becomes this beautiful idea, as opposed to a dark and sinister idea. I sing 'my beautiful executioner.' This is what I want."

Next is the song For the Life of Me:

*All the years that you've poured out
To fight your way upstream
Lost in the worst kind of lonely
With a thousand fake friends on the screen
Mistakes they just keep piling up
While the mirror is your worst enemy
But there's not a day I haven't loved you
For the life of me*

*So bring me all your pain
And every night that you weep
And I will bury them all
For the life of me
And even when death comes
And makes you fall asleep
I will wake you up again
For the life of me*

You keep your heart in isolation

*Where no one knows your needs
Finding comfort in the chaos
And the addiction that it brings
You're scared no one will love you
When they find out what you're hiding underneath
But there's not a day I haven't loved you*

*So bring me all your pain
And every night that you weep
And I will bury them all
For the life of me
And even when death comes
And makes you fall asleep
I will wake you up again
For the life of me*

*There's not a day I haven't loved you
Not a day I haven't loved you
Your name is written on my hands*

For the Life of Me is a song where God is singing to the lost, broken, hurting, and lonely, letting them know that even if they don't feel it, he loves them. He desires them. He knows them. And he offers something better than what this world can offer so that "Even when death comes and makes you fall asleep/ I will wake you up again for the life of me." He promises eternal life. This song is a message of hope to the hopeless and a comfort to those of us who already know the love of the Lord.

I could share more songs, some books, and even movies, but this is already going to take up more space in the Joyous News than Tracey has to spare. Let me offer this in closing: pray that God will provide solid Christian art that can influence our culture, and when he does, support it. Support bands like Disciple as they bring the gospel and the Christian worldview to a godless culture that sorely needs it.

~ Fr. Mike

August 2024 Service Calendar

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

	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25	September 1	September 8
ALTAR GUILD	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman
SOUND/MUSIC	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan
USHER/COUNTER/GREETERS	Don L. / Mark D. / The Bowmans	Mark D. / Don L. / The Flynns	Dan W. / Randy F. / Sally Stump	Randy F. / Dan W. / Taylor DuBois	Gus W. / Mark D. / The Bowmans	Evan W. / Don L. / The Flynns
LECTOR	Leah Williams	Dan Wandrie	Mary Jane Zako	Karen Dielman	Gretchen Lucky	Erika Dielman
LAY MINISTER	Karen Dielman	Wally Stansbury	Mickey Bridge	Erika Dielman	Howard Bates	Mary Jane Zako
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	The Wandries	Bishop's Fellowship	The Zakos	Toni DuBois	Brenda Flynn & Ginny P.	The Davis'



Thursday
Morning Prayer
8:30am in
Fr. Mike's Office



ALTAR GUILD

Aug.....Karen Dielman
Sept.....Karen Dielman
Oct.....Gretchen Lucky
Nov.....Liz Ostrander

Birthdays

August



Dave & Connie
Woods
Aug. 18th

Don & Sharalen
Greenwell
Aug. 29

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.



Joe Ostrander 8/07
David Ostrander 8/09
Toni DuBois 8/10
Erika Jo Dielman 8/10
Stacie Sarasin 8/17
Daniel Bridge 8/18
Amos Williams 8/16
Leah Williams 8/26
Wesley Williams 8/26
Ellie Nicol 8/27

Wedding Anniversaries



Don & Gretchen
Lucky
Aug. 22nd

Ron & Susan
Davis
Aug. 31st



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:	~ Volunteer 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:	D. W. Lucky	231/330-6559
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:	Lacy Bates	231/373-7997
Treasurer:	Wes Ostrander	231/330-4930
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Assistant Treasurer:	Dan Wandrie	231/347-5871
Stewardship:	Dan Wandrie	231/347-5871

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2024 Vestry

Sr. Warden.	Erika Dielman
Jr. Warden.	Dylan Williams
.....	Carol Bowman
.....	Susan Davis
.....	Taylor DuBois
.....	Randy Flynn
.....	April Honeycutt

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Treasurer's Report ~ June 30, 2024						
	June			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offering	19,393.00	15,145.00	4,248.00	76,777.38	90,870.00	(14,092.62)
Other	7,664.05	1,986.00	5,678.05	19,832.41	11,916.00	7,916.41
Income	27,057.05	17,131.00	9,926.05	96,609.79	102,786.00	(6,176.21)
Expense	(21,995.39)	(16,018.00)	(5,977.39)	(102,226.60)	(99,075.00)	(3,151.60)
Difference	5,061.66	1,113.00	3,948.66	(5,616.81)	3,711.00	(9,327.81)
Assets				\$594,683.35		
		Jan. 1, 2024	Donations	Expenses	Difference	June 30, 2024
211 Fund		124,445.27	-	4,564.33	4,564.33	119,881.94
211 Fund In/Out Reach		21,119.94	-	908.00	-	20,211.94
		Operating	211 Fund	211 In/Out	Deposit	Interest
Interest Bearing Accts.		-70,000.00	-120,000.00	-10,000.00	200,000.00	3,600.35
St. Francis CD			Deposit		200,000.00	203,600.35

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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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*I Oh, the joy in the day
new opened,
tied in a colorful bow,
all light, all bright,
and free given
by God
who does bestow
this shiny new day*

*for our living,
making us one
with the earth
we are in,
as newborn the day
in its package,
blessed by the love
that is Him.*

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