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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 can be easy to see new things in the church and not really know how or when they happened. We have a great group of people who do a ton of things around the church to make sure that things are done, and all the odds and ends are taken care of. Among those who do a lot of work is our vestry (they are by far not the only ones, though). The vestry has been hard at work these past six months or so addressing building issues that needed to be addressed. As a vestry, we want to be transparent with what we are doing and will be doing, so I wanted to write a short list of some of the projects that have either been completed or are in the works.



First is the new sign and landscaping. It is hard to miss the beautiful new sign that adorns our front lawn. It is more substantial and long-term than the previous sign. The first sign we had lasted us about ten years, but really deteriorated due to weather. This new sign is very sturdy and should last as long as we have the church. With the sign is the new landscaping. You will notice that trees have been moved, flowers have been planted in new places, and all-around things are very beautiful, but very different. The trees in front of the women's bathroom windows were removed because they were getting too big. Everything else was done to accompany the new sign and highlight its looks. We also plan on putting a


little bench in on the west side of the church where people can sit and pray or meditate on scripture or the like.

Another big change has been with the lighting. This change started over a year ago when Dan Wandrie changed all the ballasts in the annex building and set the lights up to be LED. This means, among other things, that there is no hum from the fixtures when they are turned on. They also last a long time and are more energy efficient. Dan planned to do the lights in the main building, but the ceilings are too high. So, we contracted an electric company to come finish the job. They set Blanz Hall up with LEDs, added some light switches, and added some lighting in the kitchen, such as the lights over the passthrough. They also did the biggest job of all; they changed out the lights in the sanctuary and nave of the church. You will notice that it is much brighter now, which was something we desperately needed. All the floodlight type lights in the upstairs of the church are now LED. We no longer have burned out bulbs, and the lights are on new slider-type dimmer switches. The only downside is that now the lights are all on separate switches at the front of the church and can't be turned off and on all at once from the switch in the back of the church. The switch at the back of the church still functions for the four globe lights which have also been updated to LED bulbs, but are not dimmable.

July 4<sup>th</sup>

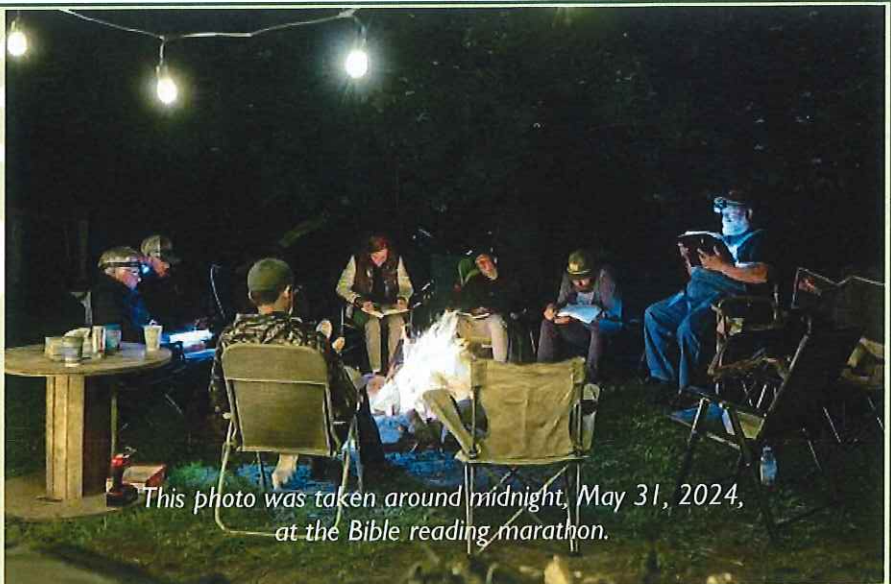
# July 2024 at New Life



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Bates	1	2 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	3	4 Morning Prayer 8:00am  HAPPY 4 <sup>th</sup> of JULY	5 Men's Bible Study 9:00am	6
7 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Bowmans	8	9 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods July Vestry Meeting 6:00pm	10	11 Morning Prayer 8:00am	12 Men's Bible Study 9:00am	13
14 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Stumps	15	16 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	17	18 Morning Prayer 8:00am	19 Men's Bible Study 9:00am	20
21 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour April Honeycutt	22	23 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	24	25 Morning Prayer 8:00am Men's Ministry Group in Blanz Hall	26-27 <b>CHURCH-WIDE RUMMAGE SALE</b> 10AM - 3PM	
28 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Bates	29	30 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	31 <i>Joyous News August Issue Deadline</i>	1 Morning Prayer 8:00am	2 Men's Bible Study 9:00am	3

## WALLY'S GALLERY —

In previous July articles I have focused on the blessings of our country's founding. Often I have referenced books such as "One Nation Under God" and "America's God and Country." Both these books point to the Christian ideals that influenced the making of this nation. Since that has been covered in several July articles, I would like to shift direction for this article.



*This photo was taken around midnight, May 31, 2024, at the Bible reading marathon.*

I receive World magazine and often read the World opinion articles which I receive via email. Several months ago an opinion article discussed Christian Nationalism which is a term I had never previously heard. Then the most recent World magazine's had on it's cover page: "The Debate Over Christian Nationalism; What's behind the political philosophy riling the left and dividing the right?"

It was not until I read the article that I began to have some understanding of what this phrase or philosophy was about. Here is a quote from the magazine: "Christian nationalists in America believe that the country was founded as a Christian nation and that Christian values should be prioritized throughout government and public life..." Further in the article, I learned that its meaning is actually very fluid and that it can be used to defend all sorts of governmental structures in support of Christianity. As for the left, it has taken on anything that disparages Christianity.

As I read more I began to wonder if I would identify with this belief. As I have written previously, I do believe that this country's foundations are largely due to Judeo-Christian principles. I also hope that those same principals would guide the decisions of those in governmental positions. So, am I a Christian nationalist? It's also possible that many other believers may ask this same question as they become exposed to this philosophy. And that is the reason for this article.

The more I thought about it the more I realized that should I identify as a "Christian Nationalist" I would be compromising what I hold most dear. My faith is not a modifier to my political identity. I am a Christian whose focus is on Christ and that focus is not qualified by my feelings about this nation. My Judeo-Christian belief is not in anyway dependent on anything other than the God of the Bible. If I were to answer in the affirmative to the question regarding Christian nationalism, I would be identifying one with the other. To me that would move into the realm of idolatry by supplanting our faith with another title.

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Christianity and those that call themselves Christians are under attack in today's culture. Those that still identify with the faith of our fathers are being threatened with loss of employment and friends.

The temptation to alter identity with something less contrary to today's progressive ideas may seem safe but it is not. Christian nationalism is a means by which our focus turns away from the God of the Bible and back to ourselves. It is a means in which one's focus is not on the eternal but on the present.

It seems to me that Paul's instructions to Timothy can be applied to many of the threats Christians face and are therefore words to remember. "O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called "knowledge," for by professing it some have swerved from the faith." (1 Timothy 6:20-21)

~ Wally's Gallery

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You may have noticed that we have some basins sitting on some pews by the west windows of the church. That is because we have a leak in the roof that acts up when the rain is particularly heavy. We had a roofer come look at it. He patched a sizeable hole in the roof and is coming in July to do a permanent fix. The east side has a small leak in roughly the same spot, but it only leaks a tiny bit. The hope is to get all of that fixed. The roofer said that the roof has six to eight more years of life in it, in his opinion, so we don't need to replace the entire roof. Fixing the leaky parts is sufficient. Related to the roof are the two trees on the west side of the building. They overhang the roof right where it is leaking, so for protection for the roof, we had those trees removed.

*During/Before & After*



There are two other projects that we have been trying to work on for months, but getting contractors this time of year has proven difficult. The first is that the floor around the toilet in the bathroom connected to my office is rotted out and needs to be replaced. We have a contractor coming in mid-July to look at it and hopefully it will be done shortly after that. We also have cracked and crumbling steps around the pillars at the entrance to the church. We have been working on getting them patched, but, again, the hold-up is finding a contractor with the time to do it. So, we don't have a time frame on when that will be done, but rest assured, it is being worked on.

There may be other projects that I am forgetting about, and there will certainly be new ones down the road as is common with owning a building. I just wanted to write this brief update to let you know what things the vestry has been up to and to let you know what work is being done around the church.

~ Fr. Mike

**INREACH/  
OUTREACH**

**CHURCH-WIDE  
RUMMAGE SALE  
JULY 19 AND 20**



**WHAT:** Rummage Sale to benefit the Kathi Kan Memorial – Christian Education Scholarship Fund

**WHEN:** Friday and Saturday, July 19 and 20, 10am to 3pm

Please bring your items for donation to the large conference room in the church basement.

**ACCEPTING:** clean and usable household items including furniture, small appliances, toys, books, electronics, and shoes. (Please no cribs, baby car seats, or high chairs.)

**WANT TO HELP? HAVE QUESTIONS?  
TALK TO BONNIE, TAYLOR, OR TONI.**



**AUGUST 8, 2024**  
**ANNUAL GALA**

Join us for an unforgettable night of live music, fine dining, and bidding on exclusive items in support of our mission and vision.

1106 Charlevoix Ave, Petoskey, MI 49770  
5:30 Apps & Cocktail Hour Outside  
6:30 Dinner Seating



\$50 per ticket  
Sponsorship Options  
Available

[supportersofpccc.org/2024-gala](https://supportersofpccc.org/2024-gala)  
231-348-3388  
[events@petoskeypccc.org](mailto:events@petoskeypccc.org)

(Event formerly held in October)

**ANNUAL BISHOP VISIT  
AUGUST 11TH**

Bishop Allen Kannapell will join us for his official visit.

Contact Fr. Mike if you would like to be received, baptized or confirmed

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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](mailto:OFFICE@NEWLIFEANGLICAN.NET) OR 231.347.3448

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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 FELLOWSHIP CAMPING TRIP** – *was postponed do to rain* a new date to be determined. Location: Eugene Smith's property at 00528 Looze Rd., East Jordan. Dinner & Breakfast provided. Bring your own tent camping setup, snacks and drinks of choice. For more information contact Fr. Mike or Dylan.
- **MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM** – Our next meeting is Thursday, July 25th. Led by Don Lucky 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.

# July 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.

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28	August 4	August 11
ALTAR GUILD	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	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	Mark D./ Dan W./ The Bowmans	Randy F./ Don L./ The Flynns	Gus W./ Mark D./ Leah Williams	Evan W./ Randy F./ Taylor DuBois	Don L. / Mark D./ The Bowmans	Mark D./ Don L. / The Flynns
LECTOR	Erika Dielman	Karen Dielman	Gretchen Lucky	Dylan Willams	Leah Williams	Dan Wandrie
LAY MINISTER	Mickey Bridge	Erika Dielman	Howard Bates	Mary Jane Zako	Karen Dielman	Wally Stansbury
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 Bowmans	Sally Stumps	April Honeycutt	The Bates	The Wandries	Bishop's Fellowship



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



## ALTAR GUILD

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



## Birthdays

Joshua Bridge 7/2  
Ferd Dielman 7/9  
Gil Stump 7/20  
Xavier Cavagnaro 7/25  
Evan Williams 7/30  
Gus Williams 7/30



## July



George & Carol  
Bowman  
July 3rd

Wally & Betty  
Stansbury  
July 8th

## Wedding Anniversaries

Gil & Sally  
Stump  
July 20th



Dylan & Leah  
Williams  
July 20th

Mike & Bonnie  
Bridge  
July 31st

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 (middle & high school)	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:	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
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
Assistant Treasurer:	Susan Davis	231/330-4821
Assistant Treasurer:	Sally Stump	231/881-2818
Assistant Treasurer:	Dan Wandrie	231/347-5871
Stewardship:	Dan Wandrie	231/347-5871

## New Life Anglican Church 2024 Vestry

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

## 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 July 26th



**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 ~ May 31, 2024						
	April			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offering	10,590.00	15,145.00	(4,555.00)	57,384.38	75,725.00	(18,340.62)
Other	55.22	1,986.00	(1,930.78)	12,168.36	9,930.00	2,238.36
Income	10,645.22	17,131.00	(6,485.78)	69,552.74	85,655.00	(16,102.26)
Expense	(13,838.69)	(16,070.00)	(2,231.31)	(80,231.21)	(83,057.00)	(2,825.79)
Difference	(3,193.47)	1,061.00	(4,254.47)	(10,678.47)	2,598.00	(13,276.47)
Assets				\$598,711.94		
		Jan. 1, 2024	Donations	Expenses	Difference	May 31, 2024
211 Fund		124,445.27	-	3,049.36	3,049.36	121,395.91
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*



ANGLICAN CHURCH  
IN NORTH AMERICA

## JOYOUS NEWS

July 2024

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*I feel strength in the prayers  
cradled in my open hands  
ready for their passage  
to God:*

*Words for mercy  
for He is merciful;  
for healing for His love  
is strength;  
for redemption  
for in Him I am redeemed,*

*my spirit held safe  
from the snares  
of the enemy.*

*Mercy, healing, strength, and love.*

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*My prayers go from me.*

*I am emptied out.*

*But, my soul is renewed  
in God's goodness returned  
in mercy, healing, strength, and love;  
mercy, healing, strength and love.*

Photo taken by Tracy Laporte, Grand Island near Muskegon, MI

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