

JOYOUS NEWS

October 2024

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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.*



This fall my son Josh started taking a few classes at St. Michael Academy, which is a Catholic school. We still homeschool our kids, but Josh had gotten to a point where he needed someone to help him with advanced math, so we opted for this private school opportunity. He is currently taking three classes- Geometry, Chemistry, and History. He is doing very well there, and he really loves the school.

The one issue that we have with the school is that it is a Catholic school. Our problem isn't that we don't like Catholics. Just that we are Anglicans, and we aren't looking for our kids to convert away from Anglicanism, especially in that direction. Josh, for his part, has enjoyed engaging in debates with his classmates about Protestantism vs. Catholicism. We often refer to ourselves as Protestants, and in a sense we are. But Anglicans had a separate reformation from the larger Protestant Reformation. The Anglican Church came out of the English Reformation that happened concurrently with the Protestant Reformation but had many political elements to it that were unique to England.

Josh has engaged in such debates with his classmates as why Mary is a sinless, eternal virgin; why pray to saints; the authority of the Church vs. the authority of the bible; and other fun stuff. He isn't afraid to stand up for what he believes and to try to defend it against people with different beliefs. He generally sees it as all in good fun, but his classmates are definitely trying to convert him.





I am proud that Josh has enough courage to stand up for his faith. Surprisingly, I listen to him talk to his Catholic friends online and I regularly hear him quoting my sermons- sometimes ones from a long time ago. I am glad to know that he is listening, and I think that alone is a good illustration of why kids should be in church as opposed to Sunday school during the service.

Have you ever wondered how you would fare at defending your faith against other religious views? Not that you are looking to fight with others, but surely you have a set of beliefs and when confronted with a conflicting set of beliefs, you want to be able to answer. For example, Pope Francis just told a group of children that all religions are equally valid ways to God. What is your reaction to that? What is your response? Could you answer that challenge? There is a lot that could be said about this one topic, but the most direct response would be that Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." (John 14:6-7)



October 2024 at New Life



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour Sally Stump	30	1 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	2	3 Morning Prayer 8:00am  6:30pm	4 Men's Bible Study 9:00am Tracey will be on vacation today thru October 27th	5 Women's Fellowship Gathering 9am -11am @ Liz Ostrander's
6 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Williams	7	8 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods October Vestry Meeting 6:00pm	9	10 Morning Prayer 8:00am	11 Men's Bible Study 9:00am	12
13 Worship Service 10:00am <i>Thank You</i> <small>Pastor Appreciation Month</small> Coffee Hour April Honeycutt	14	15 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	16 Pizza & Salad Dinner at 6pm Confessing the Faith Study at 6:30pm	17 Morning Prayer 8:00am  6:30pm	18 Men's Bible Study 9:00am	19 Women's Fellowship Gathering 9am -11am @ TBD
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27 Confessing the Faith Study at 9am Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Wandries	28 Joyous News November Issue Deadline	29 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	30 Pizza & Salad Dinner at 6pm Confessing the Faith Study at 6:30pm	31 Morning Prayer 8:00am	Men's Bible Study 9:00am	Fall Back² saving lends 

WALLY'S GALLERY –

In 1859 Charles Darwin published his theory on evolutionary biology in the book "On The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favored Races in the Struggle for Life." He formulated his theory while on a world survey mission aboard the British ship the HMS Beagle between 1831 and 1836. His theory proposed that



all species of organisms arise and develop through the natural selection of small, inherited variations that increase the individual's ability to compete, survive, and reproduce.

Evolutionary theory was the answer for all those the who hoped to explain the diversity of life in the absence of a Creator. Darwin thought all that exists could be explained through natural evolutionary causes. If, however, the world we live in, is explained in only natural materialistic terms, then everything we refer to and account for also has an evolutionary foundation; and that includes language.

The problem is that when you remove the Creator, and matter is all that exist, then language, which is the medium we use to communicate truth, becomes meaningless. Vishal Mangalwadi wrote of the terrible implications of this evolutionary thinking in his book: *This Book Changed Everything...Holy Bible* - He wrote, "At the end of the "Modern Age" philosophical movements.... came to the same conclusion... Words have nothing to do with the knowledge of reality or truth. A countless number of meaningless accidents evolved animal sound into human language. Words are tools that we evolved in our struggle for survival... Language is nothing but a tool we use for persuasion, rhetoric, manipulation."

Ideas have consequences and consequences of Darwin's evolutionary theory is devastating. Without a Creator, language, words and truth fall into oblivion. Words become useless as they can only refer to the material world. With this mindset, abstract concepts do not exist because "abstract" by definition refers to nonphysical existence. So, while a duck is a physical being as is a person, "ducks" is not physical but rather is a concept that refers to more than one duck. Such is true of the term "people" which is an idea referring to a multiple of individuals.

Oh, the materialist can say that in a pond there is a duck over there and there and there as each individual duck is a material being.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOX BUILDING COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, October 20th during Coffee Hour come and join us in packing Operation Christmas Child Boxes Please bring your gift items and a joyful heart. Shoebox Gift Suggestion Sheets are available in Blanz Hall. Please contact Lacy Bates for more information.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GATHERING – meets next at 9-11am, Saturday, October 5th, hosted by Liz Ostrander at the Ostrander's house - 1178 Woodland Dr. Petoskey. We are looking at getting this Women's Fellowship Gathering on the calendar regularly, on the first and third Saturdays of the month. All women are welcome to come and bring a friend. Next location to be determined.

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, October 24th. Led by Wes Ostrander 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

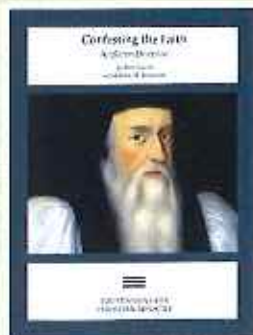


THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Join us here at New Life,
the first and third Thursdays of each month.
October 5th & 19th at 6:30pm until 8:00pm.
Come read the Bible and share testimonies
what Jesus has done for you and others
with D. W. Lucky III and Fr. Mike Bridge.
We will start in Matthew 2:16 and take our time
with an open question and answer event.

Confessing the Faith Anglican Doctrine

Our 12-wk Study begins **Wednesday, October 16th** we'll meet each week for Pizza & Salad Dinner at 6pm followed by the study at 6:30pm in Blanz Hall and **Sunday, October 20th** we'll meet each week at 9am in the annex study downstairs. Please contact Fr. Mike if you would like to join either class and to purchase your book.



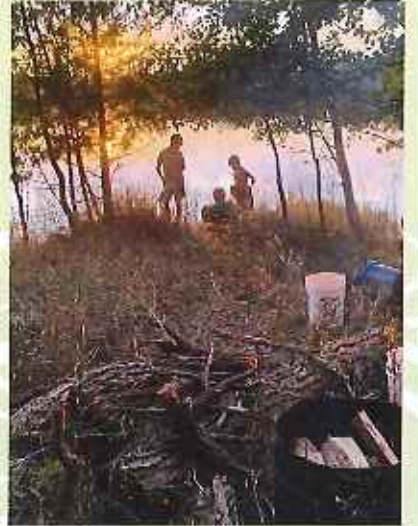
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CAMPING TRIP

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH & 21ST AT EUGENE SMITH'S PROPERTY



**A GOOD TIME
WAS HAD BY EVERYONE!**

**THE YOUNG MEN
OF NEW LIFE
HAD AN
ESPECIALLY
GREAT TIME!**



One of the tenets of our Christian worldview is that the bible is the ultimate authority on spiritual matters. The Catholic Church holds that the Church is the ultimate authority on spiritual matters. I am not going to try to solve that debate in this short article, but I will simply defend the view that the bible is our authority. Paul tells us in 2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." So we hold to the scriptures as the very word of God breathed out for us that we may be made complete in our understanding of the faith and equipped for every good work.

In a few short weeks we will begin a twelve-week study called Confessing the Faith: Anglican Doctrine. In it, we are going to learn basic doctrine to help us understand and articulate the basics of what we believe. The twelve topics are: An Introduction to the Study of the Christian Faith, Our Knowledge of God, The Doctrine of God, The Person of Christ, The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit, Humanity, The Work of Christ, Becoming a Christian, Growing as a Christian, The Church, The Sacraments: Baptism and the Eucharist, and The Last Things: Eschatology. That may seem like a lot to cover in twelve weeks, but it really is just scratching the surface. There are three more studies in this same series that I hope to do over the next few years that focus on the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the History of Anglicanism. I look forward to engaging in this study with those of you who attend, and I pray that it will be a good building block in helping you to know what you believe and to help you talk about your faith more with others, whether in defending your views or in evangelism.

~ Fr. Mike

IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR AN ARTICLE OR EVENT YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE IN A FUTURE JOYOUS NEWS

PLEASE CONTACT TRACEY AT

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OR 231.347.3448



FR. MIKE'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Wednesday 1 – 5pm

Thursdays & Fridays 9am – 1pm



LITURGICAL SEASON — by Karen Dielman

ORDINARY TIME —

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.

But "ducks" is an word to express a concept. The materialist can't even be true to his/her material worldview and say there are "three" ducks in the pond. Numbers also are solely abstract concepts. You can not weigh a number on a scale to determine its mass, as it has none.

Materialist, however, will say those things but that is because they have no other option. In short the materialist can't live out the understanding they say they believe. Dr. Ken Gentry in his five lesson DVD series, points out that only the Christian understanding of reality can be adhered to in life. All other beliefs and worldviews, can not be lived according to what they profess. Rather they have to borrow from Christianity to make sense of reality.

I find it fascinating then in the manner that God chose to bring everything into being.

The writer of Genesis did not say that God waved his hand over the empty void to create. God could have done that but He did not. Rather it says that God spoke all of creation into existence. He used words with each creative act. "And God said,..." (Genesis 1:3, 5, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26) He spoke and it was!

Biblical scholarship identifies Moses as the author of Genesis. Drawing upon already existing oral and written sources, he penned the words of Genesis likely around the fifteenth century B.C. These words did not arise from electrical firings of the synapses in Moses' brain or chemical reactions in his DNA but rather they were revealed to him.

What was true with Moses was also true of John when he wrote in opening words of his Gospel: "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." They too did not come about by natural impulses but could only have come by revelation. God's revelation, His Truth, was placed into the human heart. Dr. Mangalwadi writes: "Revealed truth is not a product of human logic, intuition, or inference from stories. There is a God out there. With Him is His Word-Logos. God speaks. His Word is truth. Our spirits are made in His image, so that we may listen to Him." So that we may speak truth after Him.

Later Dr. Mangalwadi wrote: "Just as love transcends chemistry, truth also transcends body. It is a matter of spirit. The apostle John says, God's "Spirit is the Truth. The postmodern world has become post truth because it ruled out the spirit. It turned language, that used to communicate truth, into a tool that we use to deceive ourselves and manipulate others."

By the spoken word, God validated truth through language and words. He spoke and it was. Contrary to Darwins' evolutionary theory reality and language did not arise from human cunning but from the mouth of God.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:1-5)

October 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.

	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27	November 3	November 10
ALTAR GUILD	Gretchen Lucky	Gretchen Lucky	Gretchen Lucky	Gretchen Lucky	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander
SOUND/ MUSIC	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan
USHER/ COUNTER/ GREETERS	Dan W. / Randy F./ Leah Williams	Evan W. / Don L. / The Flynns	Randy F./ Dan W./ Sally Stump	Don L. / Randy F./ Taylor DuBois	Dan W./ Don L. / The Bowmans	Evan W. / Dan W. / The Flynns
LECTOR	Mary Jane Zako	Karen Dielman	Gretchen Lucky	Erika Dielman	Dylan Williams	Leah Williams
LAY MINISTER	Erika Dielman	Howard Bates	Mary Jane Zako	Karen Dielman	Wally Stansbury	Mickey Bridge
PRAYER TEAM	Sally & Leah	Sharalen & Betty	Sally & Leah	Sharalen & Betty	Sally & Leah	Sharalen & Betty
CHILDREN'S NURSERY	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor
COFFER HOUR HOSTS	The Williams	April Honeycutt	The Bates	The Wandries	The Bowmans	The Zakos



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



ALTAR GUILD

Oct.....Gretchen Lucky
Nov.....Liz Ostrander
Dec.....Karen Dielman
Jan.....Karen Dielman



October



Wedding Anniversaries



Mary Jane Zako 10/02
Dan Wandrie 10/07
Carol Bowman 10/20
Dave Woods 10/22



Randy & Brenda
Hymn
Oct. 4th

Lou & Mary Jane
Zako
Oct 6th



Howard & Lucy
Bates
Oct. 6th

Wes & Liz
Ostrander
Oct. 29th

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:	Darlenc 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:	~ 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
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 October 28th.



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 ~ August 31, 2024

	August			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offering	9,571.00	15,145.00	(5,624.00)	99,718.49	121,160.00	(21,441.51)
Other	2,054.25	1,986.00	68.25	35,746.45	15,888.00	19,858.45
Income	11,575.25	17,131.00	(5,555.75)	135,464.94	137,048.00	(1,583.06)
Expense	(11,350.51)	(16,018.00)	4,667.49	(141,648.28)	(131,111.00)	(10,537.28)
Difference	224.74	1,113.00	(888.26)	(6,183.34)	5,937.00	(12,120.34)
Assets				\$579,020.79		
		Jan. 1, 2024	Donations	Expenses	Difference	June 30, 2024
211 Fund		124,445.27	-	4,673.53	4,673.53	119,771.74
211 Fund In/Out Reach		21,119.94	-	908.00	-	20,211.94
		Operating	211 Fund	211 In/Out	Deposit	Interest
Interest Bearing Accts.		-50,000.00	-110,000.00	-15,000.00	175,000.00	4,093.48
St. Francis CD			Deposit		175,000.00	179,093.48

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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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*Metaphor catches the beauty
Of being something
That is something else
Yet still itself.
Magnified
In the comparison
Of likeness.
Thus, the Word is God
And God is the Word*

*In the beginning
And from that Word
Was creation
Of all things
Come forth
In the Word
That was God
As spoken*

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