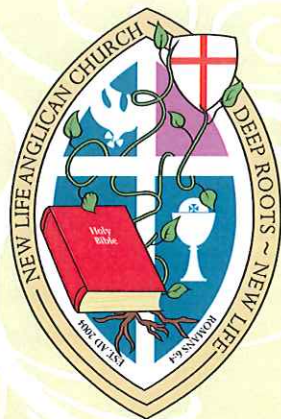


JOYOUS NEWS

December 2024

219 State Street - Petoskey, Michigan - 49770 - 231.347.3448

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



For the past two months many of us at New Life have been working through the study “Confessing the Faith: Anglican Doctrine.” It has been a wonderful study so far and has been well-attended. I am thankful for those who have come out and been a part of the study. For those who haven’t attended, I wanted to give a brief run-down of what we have been learning.

We just wrapped up the first half of the study, which is Part 1: God and Humanity. The wonderful thing about this course is that everything is very well researched and well-attested by scripture. Chapter 1 is An Introduction to the Study of the Christian faith. It served as an overview of all that we are going to look at in the course. It had an extensive survey to see where people are in their knowledge and study of God. Everything covered in that survey is taught throughout the rest of the course.

Next is Chapter 2, Our Knowledge of God. This dealt with how we know anything about God. There is general and special revelation. General revelation comes in the form of seeing that God exists from creation alone. We can’t know specifics about God from creation, but his existence is clear. Special revelation is the sixty-six books of the bible which are God-breathed and inspired so that we can know the specifics about God, his plan, our problem (sin), and how he restores us in Christ.

Chapter 3 is the Doctrine of God. This looked at the Christian view of God compared to other worldviews such as atheism, agnosticism, deism, pantheism, polytheism, and materialism. What we learn about God is that he is a self-existent, eternal being who exists as a Trinity. There are three persons in the godhead, but there is only one God. The Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. The Father is not the Son or the Holy Spirit. The Son is not the Father or the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not the Father or the Son. All are God. There is only one God. But there are three persons. We also learned about the various attributes of God such as transcendence, immanence, omniscience, omnipotence, and others.

Chapter 4 is the Person of Christ. This looked at how we understand Jesus as taught in the bible, and various heresies that distorted that understanding. Jesus is fully God and fully human. The two parts don’t mingle and aren’t diminished at all because of this union. Jesus came into the world through the Holy Spirit and Mary. In the early church, the most common mistake or heresy that was faced dealt with the nature of Jesus. Some said that he was just a man but not God. Some said he was God but not man. Some said he appeared as man, but was really only God. Some said he was a special creation greater than man, but lesser than God. The scripture teaches us that Jesus is the eternal Son of God who has always existed as the second member of the godhead, and through whom everything was created.




Chapter 5 is the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is often called the forgotten God because we don’t talk much about him. This makes sense because one of his primary

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Joy to the World

December 2024 at New Life

We Wish you Merry Christmas and happy new Year

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|--|--|--------------------------------|--|
| 1 Confessing the Faith Study at 9am Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Greenwells | 2 | 3 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods | 4 Pizza & Salad Dinner at 6pm Confessing the Faith Study at 6:30pm | 5  6:30pm | 6 Men's Bible Study 9:00am | 7 Women's Fellowship Gathering 9am -11am @ TBD |
| 8 Confessing the Faith Study at 9am Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour Brenda F. & Ginny P. | 9 | 10 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods December Vestry Meeting 6:00pm | 11 Pizza & Salad Dinner at 6pm Confessing the Faith Study at 6:30pm | 12 | 13 Men's Bible Study 9:00am | 14 |
| 15 Confessing the Faith Study at 9am Worship Service 10:00am Christmas Fellowship Party | 16 | 17 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods | 18 Pizza & Salad Dinner at 6pm Confessing the Faith Study at 6:30pm | 19  6:30pm | 20 Men's Bible Study 9:00am | 21 Women's Fellowship Gathering 9am -11am @ TBD |
| 22 Confessing the Faith Study at 9am Worship Service 10:00am No Coffee Hour | 23 <i>Joyous News January Issue Deadline</i> | 24 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods <i>Lessons and Carols Service at 6:30pm</i> | 25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Confessing the Faith Study at 9am Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Ostrandars | 30 | 31 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods <i>Happy New Year</i> | 1  6:30pm | 2 | 3 Men's Bible Study 9:00am | 4 Women's Fellowship Gathering 9am -11am @ TBD |

WALLY'S GALLERY —

My original thought for this month's article was to be entitled "What if Jesus had never been born. In reading Dr. D. James Kennedy and Jerry Newcombe's book on the same subject I came across a portion of a sermon given by Dr. James Allen Frances. In researching the identity of Dr. Frances I discovered the following



from "gobeyond.blog." I thought it most deserving for this holy season of the year.

"Dr. James Allen Francis (1864–1928) served as Pastor of First Baptist Church of Los Angeles from 1914 to 1928. He wrote a book entitled *The Real Jesus and Other Sermons*, published by Judson Press in 1926. He included a sermon in this book that he had preached to The National Baptist Young Peoples' Union on July 11, 1926. In that sermon, Dr. Francis summarized the impact of Jesus' life with a story that has since become known by the title *One Solitary Life*. Dr. Francis' summary of Jesus' life has been shared countless times through the years. I hope that you'll take a moment to read it, reflect on its message, and share it with others this Christmas. This is a simple way to turn our thoughts back to Jesus during this busy season filled with so many things that distract us from Him.

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of peasant woman. He grew up in still another village where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a home. He never went to college. He never put his foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

While He was still a young man the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only property He had while on earth, and that was his coat. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race and the leader of the column of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has this one solitary life."

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons." (Galatians 4:4-7)

~ Wally's Gallery

New Life Anglican Church
Christmas Bring & Share
Fellowship Party

Following the Service
Sunday, December 15th

Please Come & Bring

Finger Foods:

meatballs, shrimp, finger sandwiches, chips &
hot dips, etc...

Treats:

Christmas cookies, fudge, homemade
goodies, etc...



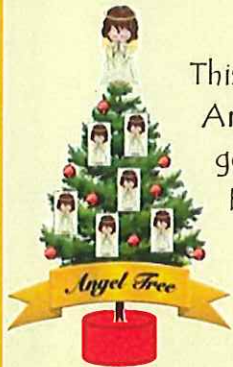
THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Join us here at New Life, the first and third Thursdays of each month.
December 5th & 19th at 6:30pm until 8:00pm.

Come read the Bible and share testimonies of what Jesus has done for you and others with D. W. Lucky III and Fr. Mike Bridge. We working through Matthew and take our time with an open question and answer event.

Adults 18+ are welcome to join us.

Angel Tree & Food Box



This year we are sponsoring 3 Families from Lincoln Elementary School with Angel Tree gifts and food boxes. Please pick an Angel Tree Gift tag, go shopping and then bring your gift with the Angel tag attached to the Fellowship Christmas Party on December 15th.

If you are unable to attend the party please leave your gifts in Blanz Hall by Monday, December 16th.

For more information contact Gretchen Lucky at 231-622-2057



Join Us For
Our
Christmas
Eve
Service

Dec. 24th
6:30pm

**LESSONS
& CAROLS**

**Donations for our
Christmas Altar Flowers**



Honor your loved ones,
sponsor a Poinsettia

In memory...

In celebration of...

With thanksgiving...

Suggested donations
are \$20.00.

functions is to bear witness to Jesus, not to himself. The bible teaches that the Holy Spirit is a person, it uses the pronoun “him” for the Spirit, and it tells us that he is God. So, the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, eternal and present at creation as he hovered over the waters. Some of the functions of the Holy Spirit include he glorifies Christ, inspires scripture, interprets scripture, gifts Christians for ministry, causes new birth, sanctifies us, and intercedes for us, to name a few.

Chapter 6 is about Humanity. It deals with our creation, that God created us to rule over all creation, to be in community with one another, to be fruitful and multiply, and to know and love God. Unfortunately, Adam sinned in the Garden of Eden causing the fall of mankind. Because of that, we are all born with original sin, which is the stain from Adam that taints us all and causes us to sin. We then commit actual sins because of the taint of original sin. We are alienated from God, from one another, from ourselves, and from creation thanks to sin. But God doesn't let sin have the last say. He rescues us through the saving work of his Son Jesus Christ.

Part 2: Salvation is what we will be looking at next. It covers the work of Christ, becoming a Christian, growing as a Christian, being involved in a church, the sacraments, and the end times. If you haven't joined us on this journey, you are still able to join for Part 2. Even if you aren't going to do that, I hope that this summary of what we have studied so far has been intriguing and helpful to see what we are working on at New Life.

~ Fr. Mike

MEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S BREAKFAST – meets each Tuesdays at 8:30am for food and fellowship at Southwood's Restaurant

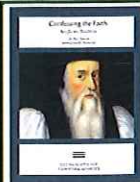
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – meets Fridays at 9am the annex study.

MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM – Our next meeting is TBD. Led by TBD. 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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS



WOMEN'S COFFEE FELLOWSHIP – meets at 9-11am, Saturday, December 7th & 21st, host and location TBD. Join us on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Sign-up sheet to host in Blanz Hall. All women are encouraged to come and bring a friend.



Confessing the Faith Anglican Doctrine

Our 12-wk Study meets on Wednesday each week for Pizza & Salad Dinner at 6pm followed by the study at 6:30pm in Blanz Hall and Sundays we 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.

2024 END-OF-YEAR STATEMENT REMINDER...

All contributions for the 2024 tax year must be at the church or postmarked by Tuesday, December 31, 2024

FR. MIKE'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Wednesday 1 – 5pm

Thursdays & Fridays 9am – 1pm

December 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.

| | December 1 | December 8 | December 15 | December 22 | December 29 | January 5 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ALTAR GUILD | Karen Dielman | Karen Dielman | Liz Ostrander | Liz Ostrander | Karen Dielman | Karen Dielman |
| SOUND/ MUSIC | Dylan, Wes & Ferd | Dylan, Wes & Ferd | Dylan, Wes & Ferd | Dylan, Wes & Ferd | Dylan, Wes & Ferd | Dylan, Wes & Ferd |
| USHER/ COUNTER/ GREETERS | Dan W. / TBD / Taylor DuBois | Randy F./ Dan W./ The Flynns | Don L. / Randy F./ Sally Stump | Evan W. / Don L. / Taylor DuBois | Dan W./ Randy F./ Leah Williams | Evan W. / Dan W./ The Bowmans |
| LECTOR | Karen Dielman | Gretchen Lucky | Erika Dielman | Dylan Williams | Leah Williams | Karen Dielman |
| LAY MINISTER | Mary Jane Zako | Karen Dielman | Wally Stansbury | Mickey Bridge | Erika Dielman | Howard Bates |
| 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 |
| COFFEE HOUR HOSTS | The Greenwells | Brenda F. & Ginny P. | Christmas Fellowship | No Coffee Hour | The Ostranders | The Greenwells |



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



ALTAR GUILD

DecKaren Dielman
JanKaren Dielman
Feb.....Gretchen Lucky
March....Liz Ostrander



December



Wedding Anniversaries



John Ostrander 12/6

Bonnie Bridge 12/7

Sam Bridge 12/17



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: | ~ 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 December 23rd.



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 ~ October 31, 2024

| | October | | | Year to Date | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Difference | Actual | Budget | Difference |
| Offering | 13,233.50 | 15,145.00 | (1,911.50) | 132,228.24 | 151,450.00 | (19,221.76) |
| Other | 2,371.35 | 1,986.00 | 385.35 | 41,130.80 | 19,860.00 | 21,270.80 |
| Income | 15,604.85 | 17,131.00 | (1,526.25) | 173,359.04 | 171,310.00 | 2,049.04 |
| Expense | (18,239.07) | (15,955.00) | 2,284.07 | (177,493.93) | (163,084.00) | (14,409.93) |
| Difference | 4,682.67 | 1,113.00 | 3569.67 | (4,134.89) | 8,226.00 | (12,360.89) |
| Assets | | | | \$572,053.18 | | |
| | | Jan. 1, 2024 | Donations | Expenses | Difference | Sept. 30, '24 |
| 211 Fund | | 124,445.27 | - | 11,390.33 | 11,390.33 | 113,390.33 |
| 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 | 6,004.41 |
| St. Francis CD | | | Deposit | | 175,000.00 | 181,004.10 |

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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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IN NORTH AMERICA

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*The meaning of Christmas
wraps us
in its own packaging:
no marked down prices here,
the crèche set forth,
centered, to view
the promised gift
from God.*



BES

Parish Notice:
New Life
Anglican Church
~ 2025 ~
Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 19th
following
the service at
NLAC
219 State St.
Petoskey, MI