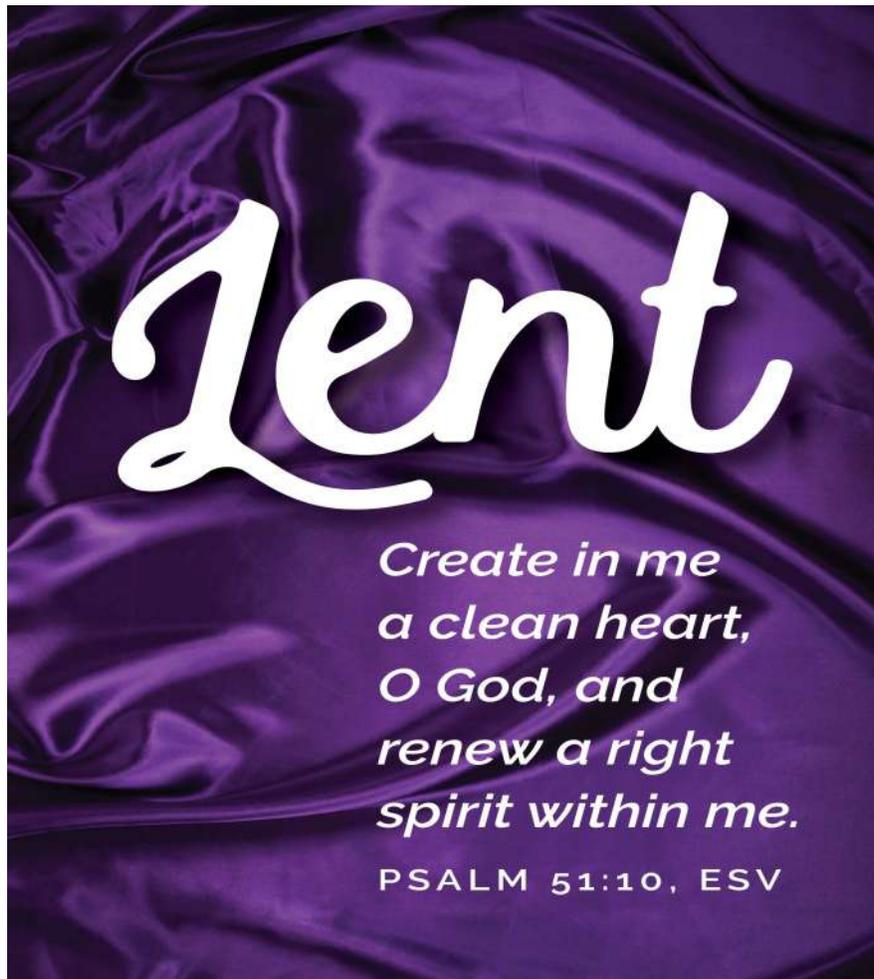
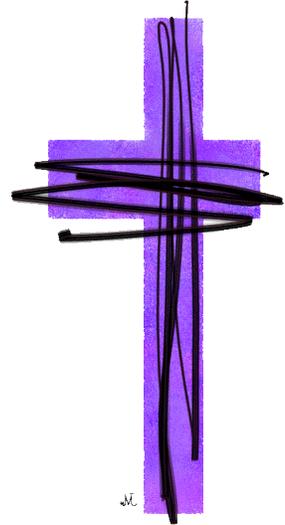


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Rector's Corner



Friends,

If you're like me then you might have already blown one of your Lenten disciplines. Then like me you hopefully confessed that disappointment to God and received forgiveness and mercy through prayer and reading of scripture. That is our pattern and God knows each and every turn of the battle between heart and habit as we try to align them closer together. Take courage, Jesus is with you every step!

Many have asked when will we come back to in person worship and I just don't know. Our Michigan bishops are using the Covid map put out by Harvard and the CDC to look at rates of infection. Once we hit 7 days in the yellow or green zones we'll be able to open again at 25% capacity. I know it seems this is never ending but we're doing much better in Michigan than many other places and let's pray that trend continues. As soon as we know, we will let you know. We'll write it in the sky if necessary!

My hope for you as we get into the meat of Lent is that you will put your hand in the hand of God and open yourself to new insights. You are wonderfully and fearfully made, imperfect and beloved. Let God show you the broken places so you may be healed and the strong places that long to be revealed. You belong and have purpose in this world and I pray your purpose is revealed in the depths of your heart this Lent. Please reach out to me if I can be of help to you by way of recommended reading and prayer together. I ask for your prayers for my Lenten journey as well.

Faithfully, Sarah+

"There is something in every one of you that waits and listens for the sound of the genuine in yourself. It is the only true guide you will ever have. And if you cannot hear it, you will all of your life spend your days on the ends of strings that somebody else pulls."

— Howard Thurman



"Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

— Howard Thurman

As soon as we know whether Holy Week services will be in person or online, we will send out a schedule via email and regular mail (for those without email). Feel free to call the office if you have any questions.

(517-787-3370)

Curate's Report



My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

-Psalm 73.26.

We have made it to that time of year when we quiet ourselves and turn inward to seek a deeper relationship with God. We make note of where we can do better, seek out a greater significance in our relationship with God, or perhaps make a change in routine of our spiritual practices. With that, our young families will be exploring Lent through packets made by Illustrated Ministry, new for this year, as we continue to endure the parameters of the pandemic. The theme is what is important to our hearts. What do we need to shed? What do we overemphasize as important? What do we think is important that in the greater scheme of things really isn't important at all? For each week in Lent the packets contain a section of scripture, a reflection, a discussion, a coloring page, family activity, and prayer. Parents are encouraged to tailor it to the needs of their family.

When we think about what is truly important to our hearts we realize that experiences are important. With so much of what we would normally be doing curtailed due to the pandemic, the importance of experiences looms large. The children and youth of our parish have come together for some pandemic safe experiences. In late January we had a Zoom game night that drew thumbs up from the kids that participated. For February we endured colder than normal temperatures to go sledding on the steep side of the hill at Cascade Park. A wild time was had by all as conditions for sledding were super-fast!



February also brought the young families to do a service project sending Valentines to many of our more isolated parishioners. It was a way to share God's love, (now *that* is important), to some people who aren't able to be out and about as much. Feedback from those who received the Valentines were that they were unexpected and greatly appreciated.

It's exciting how our young families have continued to be involved in the parish community as well as building community with each other. So many others in the parish have stepped up to help out as well. And when our bodies and minds are worn out, from taking on more involvement or simply just getting through the day, God's love and grace remain there for us to look to for strength, even when we know we've fallen short. This Lent I hope we all strive to have God at the center of all we do. May it be so.

Faithfully,

Melissa





From Our Sr. Warden...

For those of you who may not know me, I am Debbie Batchelder and I have been your Junior Warden for the past year. Of course we have not been to church in person for most of the past year, so it has been hard to connect with many of you. Being Senior Warden seems a daunting task to me, but I will do my best to serve Sarah and all of you. If you have questions or concerns over the year, please feel free to contact me.

The past year has been a struggle, but it looks like we may get some relief from the COVID 19 restrictions. First the Bishop needs to evaluate the situation, and then the Vestry needs to decide if we feel it is safe for our congregation to return to in person worship. Regardless of the outcome, we will still be offering our services through Facebook, which will allow those uncomfortable meeting in person the ability to join us online.

As we enter the Lenten season, it is always a good time to reflect on our lives and where we are and where we want to be. It is a very personal time for each of us and I hope you take the time to delve into your inner self. Am I where I want to be? Am I doing what I want to do? Am I who I want to be? How can I do better? Way too heavy to think about today, but we have 6 weeks to make our reflections. Good luck!

Hoping we have an early spring!

Debbie Batchelder
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Live
Lent
with Love

Jr. Warden...



Dennis Marsh is our new Junior Warden on Vestry.

Thank you Dennis for your willingness to continue to serve St. Paul's!

The Women of St. Paul's Episcopal Church

ECW

It's hard to believe that our last meeting together was a year ago in February, 2020 when we heard a presentation from the leaders of the Get Real Program as they shared their stories and a delightful video. In March we would have followed Dr. Lori Tate on a journey "Into the Wilderness", a spiritual retreat on Jesus' journey into the wilderness and a time to reflect on our own journeys in the wilderness. To me, at times, it seems that we have been in a wilderness for the past year. Spending some time during Lent to reflect on that journey seems to me an excellent way to enrich our spiritual understandings of what it means to be a Christian in dark times when we are away from one another. There is so much sadness and yet so much quiet, peaceful joy to be found. I pray that each one of us has a blessed and holy Lent and that some day soon we will all be face to face again and can embrace one another and share our stories again.

I have attached a Lenten prayer for your reflections. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Yours in Christ,
Sandra Kilian,
President, ECW

Lord,

Let everything I do this day and in this season of Lent come from you, be inspired by you.

I long to be closer to you.

Help me to remember that nothing is important in my life unless it glorifies you in some way.

It's so easy to get caught up in the day to day of my life and keep saying, "Tomorrow, I will spend more time in prayer," but now my longing meets your love and I want to do it now.

Help me to rely on you for help.

The prayer asks you that I reach perfection.

Please, Lord, remind me that "perfection" isn't the crazy, "successful" way I try to live my life, but a perfection of my most authentic, real self. My "perfection" might be holding my many flaws in my open hands, asking you to help me accept them. Heal me, Lord, and help me to find you in the darkness of my life.

Let me reach out in this darkness and feel your hand and love there to guide me.

Lord,

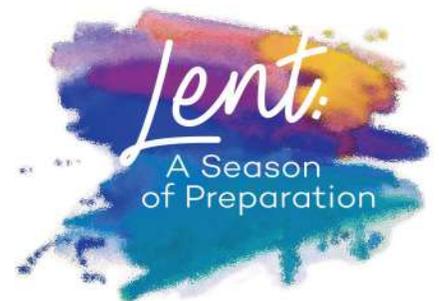
I know how much you love me.

It's hard for me to feel it sometimes,
but I know your love is always with me.

Help me to use your love as a way
to persevere in my Lenten intentions.

I am weak, but I know with your help,

I can use these small sacrifices in my life to draw closer to you. Amen.



*Source: "One Prayer a Day for Lent"/

<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/Daily-prayers-00.html>



Sunday, March 14th

10:30 am



We're excited to welcome back the Foxtree Band from Ann Arbor!

They will be joining us online for our 10:30 am service to play some hymns and special music for us the Sunday before St. Patrick's Day.

You won't want to miss it!



If you haven't already, please take a moment to watch Pastor Sarah's video on our St. Paul's Facebook page:

"When Can we Go Back to Worship?"

To see the map referred to in Pastor Sarah's video/

Harvard Global Health Institute COVID Risk Level map:



<https://globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/>

A Note of Thanks...

"We are filled with gratitude for the wonderful meals, prayers, notes, calls and cards from our loving friends at St. Paul's. You all have been so kind to us during this time of Nancy's loss of her mother, and issues with her brother's Parkinson Disease, and we are grateful for you.

Your tangible expressions of love, compassion and kindness have touched us deeply.

Thank you."

-Garry & Nancy Trammell

THANKS
FROM THE
HEART



Join us each Sunday at 10:30 am for the Facebook Livestream of our service from inside our sanctuary!

<https://www.facebook.com/stpauljxmi>

Sunday Worship Bulletins are on our website at <https://stpauljxmi.org/>

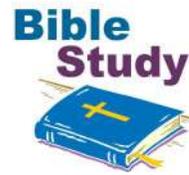
You can also view the service later on Facebook.



Diana Sinclair is faithfully collecting names for our prayer list, so please call

(517-250-9729) or

email her at finnikki96@aol.com to add anyone for whom you'd like the Church to pray. We are so grateful for the prayers of this Church family and join with you in asking God's blessing on those we love and all who are fighting to keep us safe and healthy.



Pastor Sarah's Weekly Zoom Bible Study **Wednesdays at 10am**

Follow this link to Zoom in: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83005898502>
No Password required



Join Pastor Sarah each Wednesday at **8pm on Facebook live** <https://www.facebook.com/stpauljxmi> for the service of Compline from the Book of Common Prayer with the commemoration of saints that day.

Adult Forum

Note the new time:
9:00 am-10:00 am on Sundays
via Zoom-

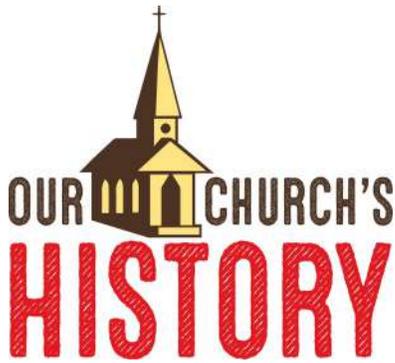
All adults are welcome to join!
For the Zoom meeting link and more info contact:

Eric R. Magnusson,
Email: emagnusson75@gmail.com

Cell: 248-842-1859

Meeting ID: 992 3997 8197

Passcode: Adult Forum



“I would like to continue this month with a little more history on our tenth rector, The Rev. Edward M. Parrott”...

On August 03, 1921 – The Rev. Parrott of Lake George, New York was invited to preach at St. Paul's. He was among two other candidates. The next month, September 8th the Vestry extended a call to Rev. Parrott to be the new rector of St. Paul's. On the 18th of that same month, it was reported to the congregation that Rev. Parrott had accepted, by telegraph, the call.

At eight o'clock, Thursday, 3 November 1921, at the Parish House, a reception for the new rector and his family was held. Every person interested in St. Paul's was asked to be at the Parish House on that date to welcome them. Nearly three hundred people attended the reception. A bouquet of Chrysanthemums was presented to Mrs. Parrott by the Gates sisters. Vestry members - Higby, Bloomfield and Field; the Rev. Hedley G. Stacey, Vicar of St. Timothy's Chapel; Dr. Frederic Spence of the First Methodist Church and the Very Rev. Warren I. Rodgers of St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, gave short addresses of welcome, to which Mr. Parrott responded in part: “You have opened your hearts and homes and met me with outstretched hands at your doors. I am rejoicing at your welcome and am glad that St. Paul's is large enough to keep a healthy pastor busy and not too large for individual friendships and knowledge of each person. The Parish cannot be stationary. We should know not only our own strength but the numbers of those who need such strength as we can give – the children not affiliated with our own or other church schools, groups in the community not touched by church influences. St. Paul's splendid organization challenges us to go forward toward filling the Church's place in the Kingdom of God.”

While serving as rector, his duties would include St. Paul's Church and St. Timothy's Mission that had been started in the spring of 1921, on East Ganson Street, Jackson. In Michigan church records he is listed as Priest-in-Charge of both.

Mrs. Edith May (Miner) Parrott, wife of Rev. Parrott, died in Jackson, Michigan on December 8, 1923. The funeral was held at St. James Episcopal Church, New York the next week. She had been in ill health since the summer before, when the couple visited at Lake George.

Edith was born in North Adams, Massachusetts, and received her early education in the schools of that city. She was graduated from the Deaconess School in NY, under Bishop Potter, in 1897. A few years previous she was graduated from Wellesley College. The couple married in North Adams, Berkshire Co., Massachusetts, November 3, 1898. At the time of their marriage, Edward was already a clergyman in the Episcopal faith. They had six daughters, the first dying the year she was born. The ages of the other five ranged from about 20 to 11 when the family was in Jackson.

Rev. Parrott returned to Jackson after the funeral to continue his ministry at St. Paul's. He was successful to the degree that at the time of his departure there remained in the way of debt only the mortgage indebtedness of \$7,500 owed on St. Timothy's Chapel, a reduction of approximately \$12,000.

The parish history says: "He liked nothing better than to befriend unfortunates; those needing to have their soul windows opened, and those needing material aid. He was indifferent to worldly possessions. He resigned in 1925 to go to his farm on the shores of Lake George, to found a hospice. He left with his family in a touring car with his household effects piled high on a model T truck."

We know by records that he did return to his ministry at St. James Episcopal Church in New York and he did remarry. He and Ruth (Lee) were married 7 December 1925. They had three daughters and a son by 1935.

Rev. Edward Moore Parrott born 26 October 1873 NY, and there he died 9 August 1944.
-Respectfully submitted by Janet Wesch, St. Paul's Ministry



Deaconess Edith May Miner
 (1870-1923)

Photo: <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/memories/L4XR-MB9>

*Note: "My first thought was did Edith Parrott succumb to the effects of the flu pandemic of 1918/19? My limited knowledge of what a deaconess might do is 'help women in need and the poor'. When they went home to Lake George the summer of 1922, was she suffering the remnants of contracting the flu? I did find her death certificate recorded in Jackson, but with no image, so I couldn't find cause of death."

-Janet Wesch, St. Paul's archivist

A Year of Thanks

-by Curate Melissa

For the calendar year of 2021 I'd like to emphasize a year of thanks to some of those ministries which help make St. Paul's be all that it is. Each month this year you will see me highlight one or more of the ministries and thus ministers of our parish community. Stay tuned to see if your ministry is one highlighted!

The ministry I am highlighting this month is acolyting. At St. Paul's this is a ministry where both youth and adults participate regularly. Acolyte duties are wide in variety and include crucifer, torch bearer, server, lighter of candles, thurifer (carries incense in thurible), boat boy or boat girl (assists the thurifer and carries the extra incense in the boat), and player of the Sanctus bells. What's key about being an acolyte is to know the order of the service and what comes next. Some of our acolytes have much of the service memorized word for word!

A big thanks goes out to St. Paul's acolytes:

Bill Boody

Sue Hammett

Leah Holsinger-Friesen

Samuel Holsinger-Friesen

Sandra Kilian

Joe Lathrop

Dennis Marsh

Melaina Magnusson

Zoë Magnusson

Loren Swanson



There have also been some other youngsters of the parish who have helped with some of our special services and their past service is also appreciated.

Are you curious to know more about acolyting and its history in the church? Check out this website: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/acolyte/>

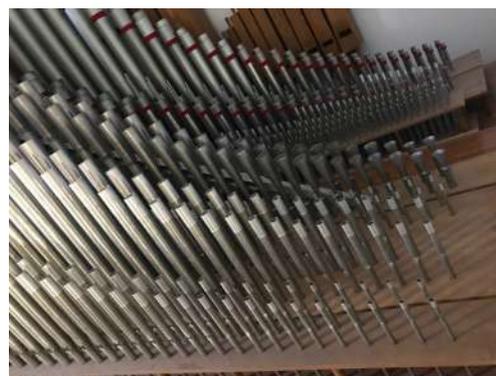
Are you interested in learning more about acolyting at St. Paul's? Contact Curate Melissa at Melissa@stpauljxmi.org or 517-410-2328.

Organ Pipes, Stops, and Registrations



The St. Paul's organ has pipes from each of the five basic pipe categories. The first is "Principals." The pipes of a Principal stop do not try to imitate any other instrument and give the organ its basic, unique sound. Principals are the stops, perhaps combined with others, that are most often used to accompany congregational singing. Another type of pipes is the Flutes, which imitate the sounds made by the various flute and piccolo instruments.

The "Strings" imitate the sounds made by the string section of an orchestra and the very distinctive. "Reed" pipes imitate either the brass instruments or the woodwind reed instruments like the clarinet, oboe, and bassoon. The last category would be "hybrids", which combine the tone qualities of two of the other types of pipes (flute + string, for example). To get all of these different sounds, pipes are usually made of wood, lead (a pipe metal alloy of 90% lead), or a 50% metal mix (a pipe metal alloy of 50% tin and lead).



An organ "stop" is the part of the pipe organ that allows the wind to flow into a rank of pipes. By turning these stop knobs on (pulling them out) or off (pushing them in), the organist can control which ranks of pipes will be able to sound. "Registration" on the organ is the art of combining just the right collection of stops that makes the music sound as it should. The phrase "pull out all the stops" comes from the action of the organist who pulls on all of the stops of the organ to make the loudest, fullest sound possible. Organists need to know the sounds that each stop makes and recognize the names, which are usually in German, French, or English.

Our organ has many ways to change registrations. There are rows of pistons (small buttons under the keyboard edges) that can change the registration with the push of that button by the organist's thumb as she plays. There are also toe pistons that the organists can use if the hands are particularly busy and a foot can sneak away from the pedal part for a second. On organs without pistons, the organist's hand(s) have to leave the keyboards to pull out or push in knobs to change the registration. (An alternate method involves having one of your children stand by the organ and learn which stops to pull and when to pull them.) Our pistons can be set to remember twenty-four different combinations at one time and can be easily changed as needed. Since I've played far more than 24 pieces, I also have a small file box filled with "registration slips" that have circles matching the 55 stop knobs, so I can just check off the stops that I'm using for a piece and then record the title and composer.

- Julie Baglien, St. Paul's Organist



Barb Duke	March 3
Bob Duke	March 5
Betty Thomas	March 8
Ed Greene	March 9
Zoë Magnusson	March 12
Suzanne Gould	March 16
Greg Darling	March 23
Leah-Holsinger-Friesen	March 25
Marianne Fowler	March 26
Rhonda Rudolph	March 29
Thomas Draper	March 29



Increasing My Faith

Day 1: Luke 17:5	Day 22: John 1:12
Day 2: Romans 10:17	Day 23: Mark 10:52
Day 3: Galatians 5:6	Day 24: Romans 1:17
Day 4: Hebrews 11:1	Day 25: 1 Peter 1:21
Day 5: James 2:17	Day 26: Titus 1:2
Day 6: 1 John 5:4-5	Day 27: 1 Corinthians 16:13
Day 7: John 6:29	Day 28: Mark 11:24
Day 8: Hebrews 11:6	Day 29: 1 Timothy 6:11
Day 9: James 1:6	Day 30: 1 Thessalonians 1:3
Day 10: Psalm 37:5	Day 31: 1 Peter 1:7
Day 11: Proverbs 3:5	
Day 12: Matthew 6:30	
Day 13: Matthew 17:20	
Day 14: 2 Corinthians 5:7	
Day 15: Acts 26:18	
Day 16: Ephesians 6:16	
Day 17: 2 Timothy 4:7	
Day 18: Matthew 14:29-31	
Day 19: John 20:29	
Day 20: 1 John 5:13	
Day 21: Galatians 3:22	



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Nathan & Christy Randall - March 21



Daylight Savings time to spring forward is

Sunday, March 14th!!!