

# THE EPISTLE

## AUGUST 2025

Over the course of six days last month, I spent time immersed in the work of the College for Congregational Development (CCD) alongside Angela Garcia, Denée Koonce, and Kevin Maksym, learning and praying with fellow Episcopalians from around the diocese. It was the second and final year of the program for me (I “graduated”!), while the remaining members of our parish cohort will return next summer to complete their second year.



The College for Congregational Development is a diocesan program that equips lay and clergy leaders with tools to help congregations grow in health, purpose, and faithfulness. It's not just about numbers or fixing problems—it's about noticing how the Holy Spirit is already moving and learning how we might respond with greater clarity and intention. This summer's focus on identity, culture, and systems invited us to reflect on how our churches function, what values shape us, and how we can more fully live out our mission in changing times.

Each CCD team is tasked with bringing something home: an “intervention,” as the program calls it. It's an interesting choice in terms, but it means a project or practice that brings what we're learning into our home congregation. In past years, these have included work with the Welcome Committee and some data-gathering around sources of transformation—something that inspired me so much that “transformation” has a solid place on my (imaginary) “sermon bingo card.”

This year, we're turning our attention to becoming more grounded in our Episcopal identity:

*What does it mean to be an Episcopalian?*

*What do we carry from other traditions, and what are we growing into now?*

*What do we hope people encounter when they walk through our doors?*



Many of us in our congregation did not grow up in The Episcopal Church, but come from other traditions (or no traditions). Some are here specifically because this is an Episcopal church—but many are also here because it's a place where all are welcome, a safe place to ask questions, a wonderful and loving community, or/and a beautiful place for beautiful worship. Maybe you know that this is the place for you, but you're not quite sure what it means to be part of this tradition—or how it connects with the faith you've carried, the questions you hold, or the future you're seeking.

So we're going to explore that together: through worship and preaching, through conversation and social media, and at October's “Second Sunday Sharing” (on the third Sunday due to a second Sunday holiday). We want to invite reflection and conversation: not to hand down rigid answers but to illuminate the richness of our tradition and the grace that holds us all together.

As we move through this season of exploration, our hope is to deepen not just our knowledge of Episcopal identity, but our lived experience of it. The Episcopal way of following Jesus is both ancient and ever-unfolding. It invites us to seek God in the rhythms of worship, the wisdom of community and tradition and mystery, and the beauty and yearning of the world around us. It offers room for questions and difference, trusting that the ability to hold diverse beliefs with grace makes space to hold diverse people with love. At its heart, this tradition believes that God is still speaking and still forming us—and that by walking this path together, we grow more deeply into the church we are called to be. We hope you'll join us in the wondering, the conversation, and the journey.



## July Worship Links

Below are direct links to last month's worship services.  
If viewing electronically, **click on the date to view the video from that day.**

[4th Sunday after Pentecost \(July 6\)](#)  
[Holy Eucharist](#)

[6th Sunday after Pentecost \(July 20\)](#)  
[Holy Eucharist](#)

[5th Sunday after Pentecost \(July 13\)](#)  
[Holy Eucharist](#)

[7th Sunday after Pentecost \(July 27\)](#)  
[Holy Eucharist](#)

You can find older services on this page:

<https://www.youtube.com/@st.johnsepiscopalchurchmid8944/streams>

## WE APPRECIATE YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT!

St. John's depends on the generosity of our friends and members. Pledges and gifts to St. John's can either be made by check and sent via US Mail to 405 N. Saginaw Rd., Midland, MI 48640, or by visiting [tinyurl.com/Give2SJEC](https://tinyurl.com/Give2SJEC). This link will take you to a screen where you will enter the amount of your donation, and

designate a specific purpose or fund. Enter your email address as well, and you'll receive an electronic receipt.



You can also access electronic giving from the upper right-hand corner of our [webpage](#), from the pinned post on our [Facebook page](#), or by pointing your phone's camera to this QR code.



If you have any questions about your continued financial support of St John's, please call the church office and your call will be directed to the appropriate staff person. Thank you for your generosity!



# the feast bite-sized

ORDINARY TIME | JULY 30 - AUGUST 13, 2025

## budget town hall

virtual event august 12 & 14

All members of the diocese are welcomed and encouraged to attend one of the 2025 Budget Town Hall meetings. These town hall meetings are separate from the pre-convention meetings in the fall and are intended to give everyone an opportunity to review the proposed budget, understand how it works, and voice their questions, concerns, and other feedback with Finance Committee.

A draft recommended budget will be made available as soon as possible so that folks have time to review it before each Town Hall.

register for one (or both!) of  
the town hall meetings on  
our circle page:



<https://bit.ly/4mmNGYk>

## dismantling racism online training

This discussion-based training uses the ChurchNext curriculum "**Becoming Beloved Community.**" Before each session, participants will view informative videos to learn about the pervasiveness of racism, not only in our national history, but also in the Episcopal Church. Then we will meet on Zoom to engage in small-group conversations to help each other understand our respective roles in this work that is before us all, and provide insights that will strengthen our resolve to dismantle racism in its many forms. Go to [bit.ly/4l5MzeC](https://bit.ly/4l5MzeC) to register and learn more. Begins August 28 at 12:00 noon.

## webinar: exploring the impacts of H.R. 1

Join the Office of Government Relations August 1, 2:00 PM for a pop-up webinar covering some of the anticipated impacts of the recently passed H.R. 1 legislation (also known as the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act").

This webinar will cover the consequences of H.R. 1 on the environment, immigration enforcement, healthcare, and addressing poverty in the United States. We hope this will help prepare you for the changes ahead and encourage you to learn more.

Go to <https://shorturl.at/bu4Q2> to register.



Scan to keep up to date on events and announcements at our online home for people, parishes, and ministries, [greatlakesepiscopal.circle.so](https://greatlakesepiscopal.circle.so)



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# Community



*Friday, August 8*  
*7-10 pm*

St. John's Episcopal Church  
405 N Saginaw Rd, Midland, MI



**Play our games or bring your favorites! Bring your friends or join in with us! All ages welcome!**



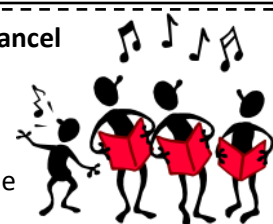
## 2nd Sunday Sharing



The August **2nd Sunday Sharing** will be **August 10** after the 10 am worship service in Williams Hall. The theme will be "*Safe Church*," with guests Linda Germain and Mo. Alissa. We will be discussing *Safeguarding/Safe Church* training and policies as well as general safety policies and procedures at St. John's.

All are welcome to join the **SJEC Chancel**

**Choir** as we kick off our year with a covered dish meal after church on Sunday, **August 24**, in the McNab Room, followed by a rehearsal in the Sanctuary. We will then reconvene on Sunday morning, **September 7**, at 8:30am in the Choir Room for our first Sunday of the season. We hope to see you there! Please direct all questions to **Dr. Amon Eady** at [amon@sjec-midland.org](mailto:amon@sjec-midland.org)



**LADIES, SAVE THE DATE!** St. John's *First Annual Ladies Prayer Breakfast* will be **November 1**. Contact Denée Koonce ([deknee@me.com](mailto:deknee@me.com)) if you'd like to express your creativity as a *Table Captain*.



SAMS Pantry continues to serve families in our community who are experiencing food insecurity. As the need grows, so does our need for support.



We are currently in need of the following items:

- ◆ Cereal/snack bars (back to school is upon us)
- ◆ Canned soup
- ◆ Jello, pudding
- ◆ Spices (salt, pepper, garlic powder, chili, etc)
- ◆ Flour, baking powder, baking soda, corn starch
- ◆ Cake mix, frosting
- ◆ Aluminum foil, zipper storage bags, tissue paper



Donations can be dropped off in the collection bin at the back of the church. If you'd prefer to give financially, please mark your donation as SAMS Pantry in the memo of the check or on the envelope and place it in the offering.

Let's continue being the hands and feet of Christ by helping feed and care for our neighbors in need.

**"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...." - Matthew 25:35**

Thank you for your faithful support and generosity!

**Blessing of the Backpacks**  
**Sunday, September 7, 10am Service**

**It's back to school time!** We will send you off with lots of prayers & many blessings! Bring your backpack, laptop bag, purse, cell phone, briefcase or other bag you carry, & get a tag & a blessing that will remind you God is with you throughout the day & school year. **St. John's wishes ALL of the students & teachers a wonderful school year!**



Please consider signing up to host a fellowship hour on an upcoming Sunday. A signup has been posted on the bulletin board outside Williams Hall with available Sundays through the end of the year. Guidelines for hosting are also posted. If you have



any questions about hosting please feel free to contact Tony Germain at 989-430-0210 or via email at [germainaj@gmail.com](mailto:germainaj@gmail.com)

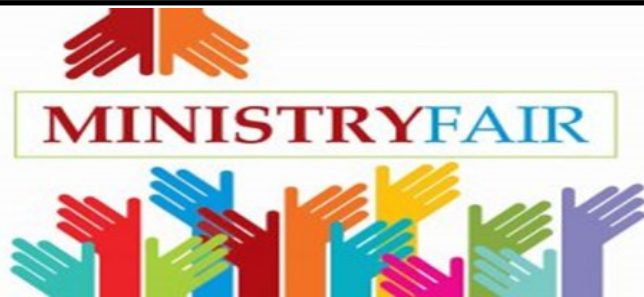
Nathan Germain is a cub scout in pack 3768 and an active member of St John's children's group. He will be selling cub scout popcorn after both services on **Sunday, September 7**, to support his scouting adventure.



The popcorn offerings range in price from \$20 to \$25 and the prices include a built in donation of over 70% to scouting. Cash, check, and credit cards are all accepted. Donations of any amount are also accepted and will be used to purchase popcorn for first responders and military personnel.

If you would like to support Nathan's sale but are not able to attend in person, please contact Tony Germain via email at [germainaj@gmail.com](mailto:germainaj@gmail.com) or phone at 989-430-0210.

**Tai Chi** and **Christian Meditation** continue to meet on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 and 6:30, respectively. Tai Chi will take the Wednesday after Labor Day off then begin anew on September 10 with **Tai Chi for Arthritis** in Williams Hall. Come join us!!



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**2nd Sunday Sharing** on **September 14** will be a **MINISTRY FAIR!** All committees and groups at St. John's are invited to participate. Table sign-ups will begin in August (see below), but if you would like more information or want to help with organizing, contact Deb Blackhurst.



**SIGN UP NOW!**

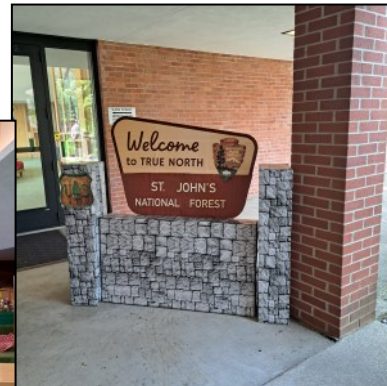
**MINISTRY FAIR 2025** will take place on **September 14** during the Fellowship Hours following the services. If you would like your St. John's ministry to be represented, contact Deb Blackhurst to reserve table space. ([dablackhurst@aol.com](mailto:dablackhurst@aol.com) / 989-859-3214)





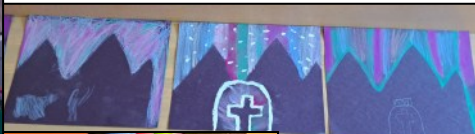
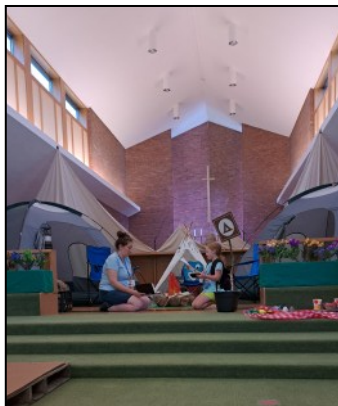
## Summer Fun and School Year Announcements

**Summer Childcare** is going well this summer. The children enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere and bible lessons. We worked on some of the crafts left over from VBS and made some sand art throughout the summer.



**Vacation Bible School** was an absolute fun filled week with our True North Campers. Mother Alissa, Linda Germain, Nykkoa Lurie, and Denée Koonce collaborated to create a week of music, bible study, arts and crafts, activities, and snacks. Our theme, **True North**, as it was, fit perfectly with our Michigan summers. Each day had a different approach to trusting in Jesus. We wondered about trusting in Jesus through feeling alone, feeling powerless, through hope, and when we need help. We had four groups of kids ranging from Pre-K to middle school. Each group had fun bonding and enjoying the events of each day together. We couldn't have had such a successful VBS without all our wonderful volunteers and behind the scenes help! Everyone that volunteered did amazing regardless of if you helped one day, all four, or in between every day helped to keep things running smoothly.

**Thank you all!**



**Sunday School and Nursery** will begin normal weekly schedule on September 7th. We will continue with our split classroom approach of having the lower elementary (K-2nd grade) children enjoying Godly Play stories with Ms. Alicia and the upper elementary (3rd-5th grade) children enjoying lessons with Ms. Linda. Our nursery care team of Ms. Jenni and Ms. Leah will continue to engage our youngest friends with their morning fun. The staff and volunteers are looking forward to a year of new adventures. Please join us starting at 9:45 am until the end of church service on Sunday mornings.

### Things to look forward to this fall

**September 7th** - *Blessing of the Backpacks* during the 10am service

**September 14th** - *Churchwide Ministry Fair* (find out about volunteering) after the 10am service

**September 28th** - *Blessing of the Animals* at 2pm

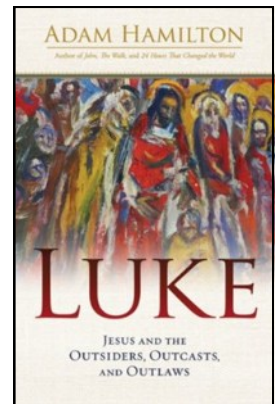
**October 18th** - *2nd Annual Trunk or Treat* from 3-5pm

formation

## Women Journeying Together

*Women Journeying Together* is prepared for the coming school year with a variety of interesting and important studies. Our main focus will be on the *Gospel of Luke* and the *Acts of the Apostles*, the two volume work of the evangelist, Luke. But along the way, we'll also do a study called *Half Truths*, with Adam Hamilton, a look at some very common sayings, supposedly from the Bible, which are not the best response to situations. We'll also do, during Lent, a study of *The Final Days*, an examination of the passion of Jesus in each of the gospels. All of these studies come with a video component in addition to our reading. We're looking forward to lots of interesting and fun discussions with these studies.

Our new year will begin on **September 4**, the Thursday after Labor Day. Our first study will be *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*, a study from Adam Hamilton. Our first meeting will be catching up with one another after the summer as well as some introductory/ background material to the *Luke/Acts* studies. We'll gather at 1:00 downstairs in the Activity Room. Come and join us!



*Women Journeying Together* meets each Thursday afternoon during the school year from 1:00 to about 2:30. We gather in the Activity Room, at the bottom of the stairs across from the church office. We study, share, pray for and with each other, laugh frequently, and occasionally have lunch together. Women of all ages are welcome to join us, for a special study or "forever". If you have questions, please contact me, Marnie Bash, at [mpbash@ameritech.net](mailto:mpbash@ameritech.net).

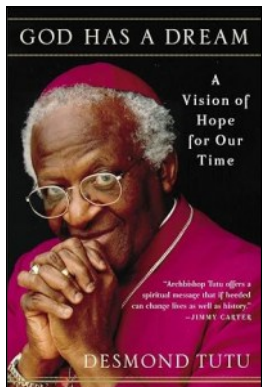


## Library News

by Marnie Bash

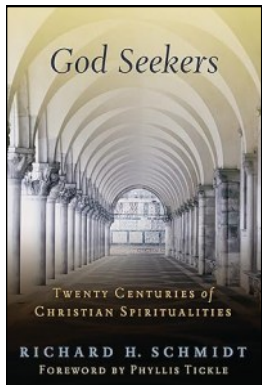
Books currently on the Feature Shelves are an eclectic group by Episcopalian and Anglican writers. Several are by former Presiding Bishops of the Episcopal Church, one by a former rector of St John's, and others by well known Anglicans. A few are about the Episcopal Church directly, and several look at other writers in the Christian/Anglican traditions. Lots of interesting and fun stuff!

Our Presiding Bishops need to get their ideas across to the other bishops and to the people in the pews; this often results in published books. Frank Griswold wrote *Going Home: An Invitation to Jubilee*; Katharine Jefferts Schori gave us *The Heartbeat of God, A Wing and a Prayer*, and other books; and Michael Curry reached out with *Crazy Christians*, all fascinating reading.



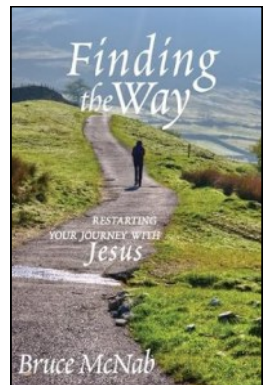
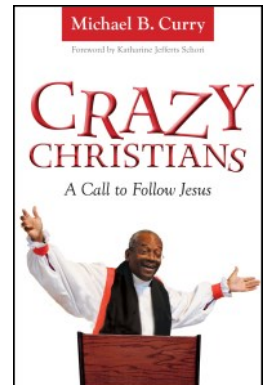
On a totally different topic, Anglican writer Alister McGrath wrote *In the Beginning*, a story of the development of the King James Bible, about all the translators and all the difficulties of pulling them - and the translation - together. Other Anglican writings include Bishop Tutu's *God Has a Dream* and *Made for Goodness*, N T (Tom) Wright's *Surprised by Joy*, and Rowan Williams' *Lost Icons* and *Tokens of Trust*.

Two books about Episcopalians by Episcopalians are Andrew Doyle's *Unabashedly Episcopalian*, and Jay Johnson's *Dancing with God*. Our former rector, Bruce McNab, weighs in with *Finding the Way*, and Nurya Parish, a priest of our diocese, offers *Resurrection Matters*.



Three books give us a wonderful overview of Christian/English spirituality through the ages, with brief discussions of writers and their spiritual visions and excerpts from their writing. *God Seekers*, by Richard Schmidt is subtitled: *Twenty Centuries of Christian Spirituality*. The Little Goddings Community created *The English Spirit: the Little Gidding Anthology of English Spirituality*, and Richard Schmidt also edited *Glorious Companions: Five Centuries of Anglican Spirituality*. Dip into any of these books and learn about folks with whom you're familiar, and then meet some new and interesting people.

As mentioned, this is a very eclectic group of books, but they provide a lovely way for us, as 21<sup>st</sup> century Episcopalians, to dip into our heritage and learn more of where we come from and how we came to our current beliefs and understandings. Enjoy!





## BCP Spotlight

by Ellen McVey

The Book of  
Common Prayer



1979

The Episcopal Church (TEC) Glossary says that the Bible translation authorized by TEC for use in worship is the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) published in 1989.<sup>1</sup> But, you may have noticed that the Psalms in the BCP are not the same as the Psalms in the NRSV. Why?

In the 1960's The Episcopal Church (TEC) decided that the Psalms in the 1928 BCP needed a makeover. The Psalms in use had been translated by Myles Coverdale for inclusion in The Great Bible of 1540 (A.D.!) - the 1<sup>st</sup> Bible authorized by Henry VIII to be read aloud during church services. (This version was used in the King James bible published in 1611.) In the ensuing 400+ years, scholarship found that as beautiful as those Psalms were, mistakes had been made in the translation, words were now obsolete, etc.

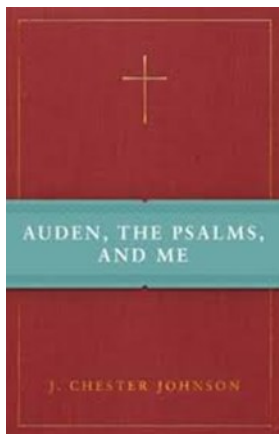
So, TEC formed a Psalter Drafting Committee that included Old Testament scholars and people familiar with ancient languages. Since the Psalms are poetry, it was of vital importance that a poet also be on the committee. W.H. Auden, a world-renowned American poet and Episcopalian agreed to be on the committee. Auden served for about 3 years before returning to his home in England. He was then replaced by another Episcopalian and renowned American poet, J. Chester Johnson.

Although no longer an official Committee member, Auden continued to influence the work of the Committee through personal letters to Johnson, the Committee Chair, and through various articles he authored.

This Committee strove to draft Psalms that would not only correct translation errors and modernize the language, but also capture the rhythm and impact of the original Psalms. Their drafts were reviewed with about 300 consultants (all-volunteer) before being presented to the Standing Liturgical Committee for approval. It took the Committee about 12 years to complete the retranslation now included in the 1979 BCP. During the subsequent 40+ years, this retranslation has become a standard and has been adopted by other denominations for use in their service books and liturgies.

This story of the retranslation effort has been chronicled in a book by J. Chester Johnson published in 2017 by Church Publishing called "Auden, the Psalms, and Me".

From The Great Bible of 1540 to the 1979 BCP, The Anglican/Episcopal Church has provided the world with the rich treasure of the translated Psalms that we recite repeatedly during our services. "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures for ever." (Ps 136:1)



<sup>1</sup>[New Revised Standard Version Bible \(NRSV\) – The Episcopal Church](#)

## Church History in Three Minutes (or Less)

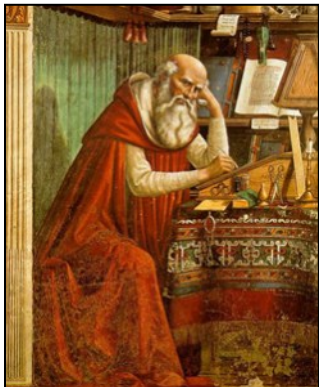
by Eric Carlson

As Ellen McVey reminds us elsewhere in this issue, our Psalms text is a translation which has changed over time. My preview of her article inspired me to plan to start a series of articles about the emergence and evolution of English Bibles, and Bible reading and ownership by lay people.

The Christian Bible has *always* been a work of translation. The *Tanakh* (Hebrew Bible) was translated into Greek in Egypt in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century BCE, because almost no one spoke or read Hebrew at the time. Due to the tradition that 72 translators worked on the text, it was called the *Septuaginta* (Latin for ‘seventy’) several centuries later. For early Christians, the Septuagint was their text of what we call the Old Testament. Greek was the language of educated people in the Roman Empire. Paul wrote his letters in Greek to people who read and spoke Greek. But Jesus and his followers spoke Aramaic. The Gospels, originally written in Greek, translated their words.



As Latin replaced Greek in the western Empire, people needed Latin Bibles. Fragments of an early version, called *Vetus Latina* (Old Latin), survive. It must have been inadequate, since in 382, Pope Damasus



Fresco by Domenico Ghirlandiao, Church of Ognisanti, Florence (1480)

commissioned a new translation, known as the *Biblia Vulgata* (commonly-used Bible) or Vulgate, from the scholar-monk Jerome. Jerome did his best to produce an accurate translation, working with older Hebrew and Greek manuscripts where he could, but he made errors. Although it is still the official Latin text for Roman Catholics, Jerome’s Vulgate has been officially revised and corrected a few times. The Catholic Church also ignores it (with good reason) occasionally. In translating the Lord’s Prayer, Jerome produced the incomprehensible phrase “*panem nostrum supersubstantialem*” (“our supersubstantial bread”); liturgically the church adopted and still uses the *Vetus Latina*’s “*panem nostrum cotidianum*” (“our daily bread”). (Some fun trivia: Since Jerome was Pope Damasus’s secretary, it was later thought he must have been a Cardinal and so he was usually painted dressed as one—but Cardinals didn’t exist yet. Also, in recognition of his labors squinting over illegible manuscripts, he is the special saint for people with failing eyesight.) For about 1,000 years, the Vulgate essentially cornered the Bible market. Next month, I’ll write about how that ended with the first English Bibles.

## Men’s Breakfast — Monday, September 1, 8:00 AM

fellowship

Join us at the Big Boy Restaurant at 1513 S. Saginaw Rd. for our monthly **Men’s Breakfast**. Once in the restaurant, walk through the big room to the smaller room located at the southeast end of the restaurant to find our table.

**JOIN US for food and fellowship!!**



Each month the *Prayer Corner* includes the church's prayer list as well as the anniversaries and birthdays for the month. The prayer list is updated weekly and included in the Sunday morning worship service bulletins, along with the *Daily Prayers for the Wider Church*. The most recent version can be found at any time by clicking the "Announcements" link on the SJEC web page:

<https://www.sjec-midland.org/>



**Please keep the following people in your prayers...**

Cathy Chang & Juan Lopez, Susan & Bob, Dean, Char Bakeman, Betty Kirkley, Ronnie, Henry Youngquist, Chris, Yvonne, Charlene Adams, Ruth Krotzer, Amy Worden, Levi, Lynn Miller, the family of Matthew Barnes, Eva, Bill, Linda Johannsen, and Bernice.

**Give thanks with those celebrating August Birthdays...**

1 - William Kirksey	19 - Glen Chateaufneuf
4 - Louise White	24 - Janna Luebker
5 - Patty Zettle	Judy Youngquist
6 - Travis Fader	27 - Bob Trautman
8 - Bob Estabrook	Patrick Ward
14 - Greg Zettle	29 - Stacy Daniels
15 - Kathy McCreedy	Tony Germain
17 - Jason Spindler, Jr.	Linda Germain
19 - Charles Bash	30 - Taryn Vielma

Since the publication of our last Epistle, we have marked the following passage:

July 26.....Matthew Barnes

*Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

Members of the congregation who have received Pastoral Care training are available all year for friendly visits. Members who are in the hospital, nursing homes, or homebound may request a visit from our team to receive communion, a comforting prayer shawl or a pocket cross.

Team members include:

**The Rev. Alissa Anderson** and parishioners

Chris Esquivel

Pat Roush

Chris Lauckner

Chris Schuster

Jan Marcou

Fred Schuster

Call the parish office (989-631-2260) with a pastoral care request. In the case of a pastoral emergency outside office hours, please contact **The Rev. Alissa Anderson at 616-540-9102 (cell)**.

**Contact the church office**

**631-2260 / [office@sjec-midland.org](mailto:office@sjec-midland.org)**

- to add someone to the prayer list
- inform us of your marriage date
- inform us of your birth date
- inform us if you've been baptized

**Give thanks with those celebrating August Anniversaries...**

1 - William & Denée Koonce  
4 - Andy & Wendy Thompson  
7 - Bob & Jenny Estabrook  
9 - Robbyn Prange & Carol Sullivan  
12 - Jim & Melanie Massey  
14 - Dick & Louise White  
15 - Thomas & Judith Monto  
27 - William & Rebecca Wieland  
28 - Roger & Anne Moll  
31 - Jim & Brenna Jackson







**St. Swithin's**

by the Rev. Jay Sidebotham

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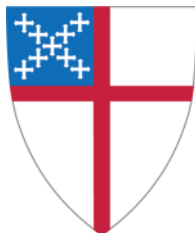
**How to Connect  
with Rev. Alissa**

**Schedule a time via Calendly**

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**Drop in Coffee Shop Office Hours**  
**Thurs., 9-11 AM.** This month you'll find her at Grove Tea Lounge (2405 Abbott Rd.)



**HEAD OF THE CHURCH - JESUS CHRIST**  
**MINISTERS - ALL OUR MEMBERS**

To get in touch with any Clergy, Staff Member or Member of the Vestry, call or email the parish office:

(989) 631-2260  
[office@sjec-midland.org](mailto:office@sjec-midland.org)

**OUR VESTRY - OUR ELECTED LEADERS**

**Clergy**

The Rev. Allissa G. Anderson ..... *Rector*

**Staff**

Dr. Amon Eady ..... *Director of Music*  
Travis Fader ..... *Organist*  
Linda Germain ..... *Children & Youth Director*  
Colleen O'Dell ..... *Bookkeeper*  
Ellen Woodard ..... *Administrative Assistant*  
Nick Lowthian ..... *Sexton*  
Vickie Densmore ..... *Janitor*

**Class of 2026**

Deb Blackhurst  
Angela Garcia, *Co-Warden*  
Gail Hoffman

**Class of 2028**

John Adams  
Doug Germain  
Ann Wright

**Class of 2027**

Eric Heglin, *Clerk*  
Susan Rye  
Fred Schuster, *Co-Warden*

## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S

### Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist..... Sanctuary  
 9:00am Fellowship Hour..... Williams Hall  
 10:00am Holy Eucharist..... Sanctuary & Facebook  
 11:00am Fellowship Hour..... Williams Hall  
 11:30am Handbell Choir..... Bell Zone  
 5:00pm NA..... McNab Room  
 7:00pm Bible in the Basement (1st & 3rd)..... Activity Rm

### Monday (Parish Office open 9am-3pm)

12:00pm AA..... McNab Room  
 6:00pm Popup Bible Study..... Library

### Tuesday (Parish Office open 9am-3pm)

10:00am Samaritan Fund Clients..... Library  
 1:00pm Knitpickers..... Williams Hall



### Wednesday (Parish Office open 9am-3pm)

10:30am Women's Bible Study..... McNab Room  
 12:00pm Holy Eucharist.... Chapel (use office entrance)  
 1:00pm AA..... McNab Room  
 5:30pm Tai Chi in the Garden..... Courtyard  
 6:30pm Christian Meditation..... Activity Room

### Thursday (Parish Office open 9am-3pm)

10:00am Love Knots (2nd & 4th)..... Williams Hall

### Friday (Parish Office open 9am-noon)

12:00pm AA..... McNab Room  
 5:45pm Peer Support Meeting..... McNab Room

### Saturday

12:00pm AA..... McNab Room  
 7:00pm NA..... McNab Room



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 and invite all to join us on a sacred journey of hope and transformation.*

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