

# THE EPISTLE

## SEPTEMBER 2025

September feels like a season of turning—toward routines, toward community, toward the gentle structure of fall. Even though the calendar says we still have a little summer left, this is the time of year when many of us reorient. Back to school, back to schedules, back to rhythms that carry us through the changing seasons. In the life of the church, September is also a time of re-engagement. After the slower pace of summer, we begin to look around and ask: Where do I feel drawn this season? What might God be inviting me to learn, or to offer, or to try? This Sunday, we're making space to ask those questions together through our Ministry Fair, a celebration of the many ways St. John's comes alive through your gifts, your presence, and your participation.



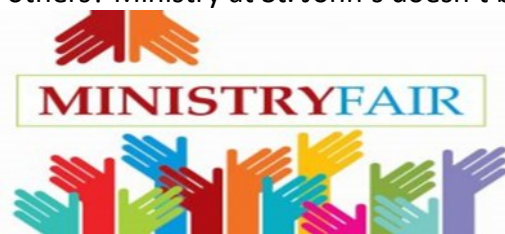
The Ministry Fair offers a chance to see how St. John's puts faith into action, within our walls and out in the world. After both services this Sunday, September 14, the parish hall will be filled with displays and conversations that highlight the work of our many ministries. You'll find opportunities to learn, ask questions, and discover where you might feel called to join in. Whether you're hoping to get more involved or simply curious about what goes on behind the scenes, the fair is a welcoming space to explore. No pressure, just an open invitation to see what's possible—and maybe to glimpse something new about how we serve God together.

Ministry isn't just a church word for "volunteering." It's how we embody the love of God in community. It's how we live out our baptismal promises, offering who we are—our gifts, our time, our presence—for the good of others. Some ministries are public and visible; others are quiet and behind-the-scenes. But all of them matter.

Scripture reminds us that we are members of one body, and the body needs all its parts, not just the flashy ones. When we step into ministry, we're not just helping out. We're participating in something holy: the ongoing work of love, healing, beauty, justice, and welcome. God doesn't ask for perfection; God asks for joyful participation. When we say yes, even in small ways, we step more fully into a life of connection, both with the divine and with those around us.

There's no single way to say yes to ministry. Some people find a clear fit and dive in. Others take time to explore and see what feels right in this season of life. The Ministry Fair is a space for all of that. You might ask a question, strike up a conversation, or jot down your name to learn more. You might try a one-time event or step into a regular role. However you choose to engage, your presence matters. St. John's is shaped by the people who show up—not just to worship, but to serve, to wonder, and to help build something meaningful.

Whether or not you make it to the Ministry Fair on September 14, this season is a wonderful time to ask: Where am I being called? How might I offer what I have—my time, my energy, my presence—for the good of others? Ministry at St. John's doesn't begin and end with a single event. It's woven into the fabric of our life together, and there's always room to step in. Sometimes that means joining a formal ministry. Other times, it looks like offering encouragement, showing up for someone in need, or tending the unseen spaces of community. However you feel drawn this fall, know that your gifts matter. You are part of what makes St. John's whole. And we are grateful to walk this journey of faith with you.





## August 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.**

[8th Sunday after Pentecost \(August 3\)](#)  
[Holy Eucharist](#)

[11th Sunday after Pentecost \(August 24\)](#)  
[Antecomunion](#)

[9th Sunday after Pentecost \(August 10\)](#)  
[Holy Eucharist](#)

[12th Sunday after Pentecost \(August 31\)](#)  
[Holy Eucharist](#)

[10th Sunday after Pentecost \(August 17\)](#)  
[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 | AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

## being & becoming

We're excited to share a new organizing principle developed with the help of dedicated lay and clergy leaders. This statement reflects our faith and helps us live it out more intentionally. **"We are called to embody the love of Jesus Christ with grace, hope and joy. We live out this calling by collaborating creatively to nurture deep and lifelong spiritual growth, build up vibrant and inclusive worshipping communities, respond compassionately to the needs of our neighbors, and honor and care for creation."** Both the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council have embraced this statement, and now we invite you to reflect on it with us. What does it stir in you? How might it guide your own faith and community life? **Join together in a Diocesan Town Hall on Sept. 16 for your feedback, questions, and input.**

scan the qr code to learn more and rsvp for our diocesan town hall



or go to <https://bit.ly/babtownhall>

## noonday prayer with bishop anne

**Let's join together for Noonday prayer with Bishop Anne each Thursday at 12 noon.** This short time of prayer, reflection, and connection is a wonderful opportunity to grow together in community and in Christ.

You can join live on Zoom and be part of the conversation, or you can watch along with the livestream on Youtube. You can also watch the prayer and conversation time anytime on our YouTube page.

Go to [greatlakesepiscopal.circle.so](https://greatlakesepiscopal.circle.so) for information and links.

## healing services

**holy eucharist with a liturgy of offering wounds to God**

The Standing Committee, in recognition of the hurts and wounds that many in our diocese are carrying related to church, bishops, and broken trust, **invites you to four opportunities to participate in a healing service across the state, with two locations on Saturday, September 20, and two locations on Saturday, September 27.**

View our calendar on [greatlakesepiscopal.circle.so](https://greatlakesepiscopal.circle.so) for all information and locations.



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)



**[CLICK HERE to read the most recent full issue of THE FEAST ONLINE](#)**



# Community

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Friday, September 12  
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



MINISTRYFAIR



Sunday, September 14, is our **MINISTRY FAIR** in Williams Hall! Representatives from a wide range of St. John's ministries will be available after both services to offer information and answer questions. Come and find a new way to share your time and talent!

Make plans to join us on **Sunday, September 28**, at 2:00 pm on our south lawn for **The Blessing of**

**the Animals** to honor St. Francis and to kick off Neighboring Week! Bring your pets in a crate, on a leash, in an enclosure, etc. If bringing your pet is difficult or anxiety provoking, you can bring a photo of your pet for a blessing. We will have adoptable pets from the Midland Humane Society present, and donations of wet or dry pet food, cat litter, blanket/towels, and/or cleaning supplies are always appreciated!



**SAMS**  
Pantry

**SAMS Pantry is completely out of the following items.** They were also not available from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan or Aldi. If you are able to donate cans or packets of tuna and cans of red kidney beans and also ravioli we would be grateful! You can drop off at the church office at 405 N. Saginaw Rd. or at the MCFAN back door at 503 S. Saginaw Rd. (enter off Cambridge) in the drop box. Thank you!

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QUESTIONS?  
Contact  
(989) 486-9393

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Contact  
(989) 486-9393

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*We would love to have you*  
join us at the 1st Annual

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
Midland, MI

# *Ladies Prayer Breakfast*

**Fundraiser for River Jordan, Inc**

**Sponsored by St. Martha's Guild**

**November 1, 2025**  
**9-11:00 am**

**Tickets: \$35 individual, \$200 for a table of six**  
Tickets may be purchased on Sundays after our 10 am service,  
in the church office, or online via the QR code.



Sisters in Christ! We would love for you to join us at St. John's Episcopal Church, Midland, MI for the 1st Annual Ladies Prayer Breakfast Fundraiser where we come together to celebrate faith, friendship, and community.

Start your day with inspirational prayers and a delicious upscale brunch provided by Flying Trout Catering surrounded by uplifting women. This event is a fantastic opportunity to connect with others and to support River Jordan, Inc., a local organization that supports youth in and young adults who have graduated from the foster care system in our area.

We strongly believe in giving back to our community, and River Jordan helps empower these young people and gives them skills to keep them off the streets, and also operate a home for former foster young adults as they learn to make their way in the world.

**"God is fair. He will not forget what you have done. He will remember the love you have shown Him. You showed it when you helped His people. And you show it when you keep on helping them."**  
Hebrews 6:10



## August/September Children and Youth



**EYE Youth group** had a long break for the summer. We started back up September 7th and saw many youth during services, which was great. We hope to see a few join us for our twice a month youth groups. Our next will be on September 21st from 4-6pm in the Activity Room (you enter through the office and head downstairs). We will work out some plans for the year that the youth want to take on.

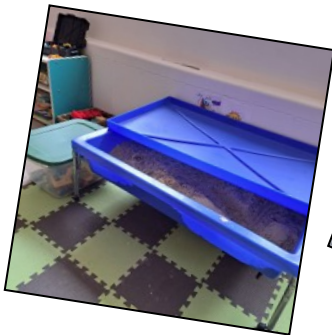
The youth are looking forward to some new bible study, volunteering, social time, and community events. Looking forward to a great year of social and spiritual growth.

**Sunday School and Nursery** have started their normal weekly schedule as of September 7th. We kicked off the program year with a Blessing of the Backpack event. Many students and teachers returning to class and wanting some extra encouragement and support from our church. Good luck this school year teachers, students, parents, staff, and volunteers!



We have had several generous donations this year for our children and youth programs. We have had several yard games donated, which will be used all the time by our active group of kids. We also got a donation of cars, a car ramp set, trucks, and construction vehicles donated by Nathan Germain. He was ready to see them leave

his room, but not ready to completely part with them! Best of both worlds out of my house and downstairs to the children's room for all to enjoy! Thank you Jenni Stoll for the sand/water table and easels donations from the Learning Tree Cooperative Preschool extra stuff. Jenni is one of our regular nursery care employees and now is the director for Learning Tree Cooperative Preschool as of this year. We look forward to a collaboration with the preschool this year, lets see how much stuff we can trade!



Ms. Linda and Ms. Alicia look forward to seeing our young friends return for upper and lower elementary lessons. Ms Linda will be enjoying bible study and fun with our oldest group for Sunday School the upper elementary, 3-5th graders. Ms. Alicia is looking forward to a year of Godly Play stories. The staff and volunteers are looking forward to a year of new adventures. Please join us starting at 9:45am until the end of church service on Sunday mornings.

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED** September 28 during the 10am service for Sunday School. We unfortunately are short staffed that day and need a second adult. If we don't get a volunteer...sadly we can't have childcare or Sunday School. Contact Linda Germain if you can help ([linda@sjec-midland.org](mailto:linda@sjec-midland.org)).

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)



### Organ Project Update

Exciting progress is continuing to be made on our Organ Project! The new instrument is scheduled to be completed by October, and we can't wait to hear it fill our sanctuary with music. As of Sept. 3, we've raised **\$303,331.84** of our \$330,660 goal, which includes \$80,000 from Endowment—thank you to all who have given so generously! We're still accepting donations through *The Mair Alsgaard Memorial Organ Fund*, and every contribution brings us closer to the finish line.



### Attention: Worship Servers

It's that time again to consider your availability. We'll be scheduling dates for October through December 2025. Please state your ministry/ ministries (greeter/usher, lector, etc.), service times (8 am and/or 10 am) and the Sundays you are NOT available. Please submit to me at my email [kbnew40@yahoo.com](mailto:kbnew40@yahoo.com) or place in my mailbox outside of Williams Hall as soon as possible but no later than **Wednesday, September 17**.

Thanking you in advance, *Karen Newhouse*

### FUN FACTS ABOUT THE BUDGET

Earlier this year, Mother Alissa and the Vestry established a Budget Committee, which is responsible for recommending a budget to the Vestry and monitoring it during the year. Its members are: Mother Alissa, John Adams, Eric Carlson (chair), Angela Garcia, Michelle Johnson, Dave Schafer, and Lowell Youngquist

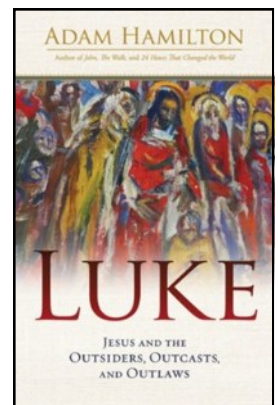
## Women Journeying Together

And...we're off! Our new year began Sept 4, and our study is *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*, a study from Adam Hamilton. The first couple of weeks include introductory/background material to Luke and the *Luke/Acts* studies we'll do this year. We'll actually get into our book on Sept 18.

Our schedule:

- Sept 11** – Introduction to the Gospel of Luke with Luke Timothy Johnson
- Sept 18** – Chapter 1, Adam Hamilton – *Lifting Up the Lowly*
- Sept 25** – *Simon, Do You See This Woman?*
- Oct 2** – *Parables from the Underside*
- Oct 9** – *On the Journey to Jerusalem*

Come and join us some Thursday. And don't miss our display at the Ministry Fair on September 14, after worship; see all of our studies planned for this year!



*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 [mpbash6064@gmail.com](mailto:mpbash6064@gmail.com).

## Library News

by Marnie Bash

Books on the Feature Shelves this month are by what I call “Favorite Authors”, a group of prolific, contemporary authors, both male and female, who tend to write with a fairly light touch while still getting their point across. If you haven’t met them yet, I encourage you to try them this month.

Who doesn’t love John Ortberg, especially with all the crazy titles he uses for his books? *If You Want to Walk on Water, You Need to Get Out of the Boat*, *When the Game Is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box*, and *All the Places to Go*. He’s friendly, caring, and yet clearly makes his points. Then there’s Ann Lamott: *Traveling Mercies*, *Plan B*, and *Grace (Eventually)*, plus some newer books; some out of the ordinary observations of Life and our realization of God’s place in and with us.

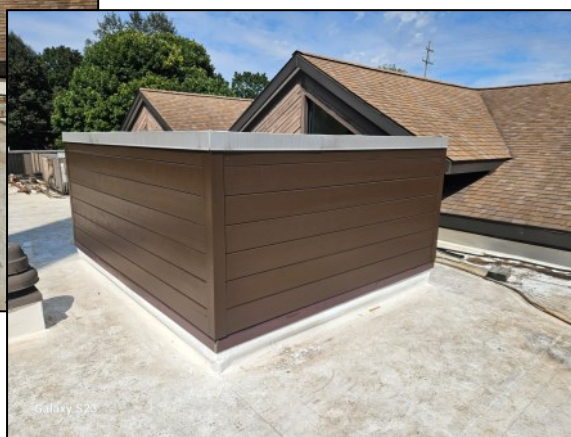


Barbara Brown Taylor is an Episcopal priest who has had a variety of experiences and has written about them as she experienced them. *Leaving Church* and *An Altar in the World* follow her experiences as she leaves serving a small church in Georgia and shows how she finds God in her daily life after that. *Holy Envy* talks about her teaching about major religions of the world and what she and her students took away from learning about other faiths. *Learning to Walk in the Dark* and *Always a Guest* are some of her other books. Rachel Held Evans, on the other hand, describes finding a church where she is comfortable in *Reaching for Sunday* and *Wholehearted Faith*. *A Year of Biblical Womanhood* is her story of trying to live like a woman as described in the Bible (both Old and New Testament), and it is quite a romp; lots of fun. *Inspired* is her discussion of how to read – and question – the Bible.

Other favorite authors include Philip Yancey and Adam Hamilton. I’ve also included a couple of novels that I think offer insights and questions. Enjoy looking at our “favorite authors” this month and perhaps add one or more to your list of favorite authors.



Elevator Shaft





The Book of  
Common Prayer



1979

## BCP Spotlight

by Ellen McVey

### Saint Michael and All Angels – September 29

*Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (BCP, p. 244)*

The Episcopal Church designates specific days to honor significant events, doctrines, or holy people important in the life of the Church. September 29 is dedicated to Saint Michael and All Angels and is a major feast (festival) day in the church year. White is the liturgical color symbolizing joy, purity, and truth.

The collects (prayers) for Holy Days can be found on pgs. 237-246 of the BCP. While some Holy Days commemorate key New Testament events (The Annunciation, The Transfiguration, etc.), most Holy Days commemorate disciples or other key mortals from the New Testament (Mary, Mary Magdalene, etc.). But Saint Michael is different – he is the Archangel, the leader of the angels in victory over the dragon (identified with Satan). Michael is often portrayed with a sword fighting or standing over a dragon. Observance of a day in honor of Michael dates from the fifth century and was expanded in 1549 to include all angels. <sup>(1)</sup>

The collect (above) for Saint Michael and All Angels “emphasizes beautifully the scriptural ideas concerning the ministry of angels: their service and worship of God in heaven and their help and protection of those on earth.” <sup>(2)</sup>

So, this September perhaps we reflect on and give thanks for the “Angels and Archangels and all the company of heaven” with whom we join our voices in worship and who also continue to help and defend us here on earth.



Ring in your ears? Our **Handbell Choir** began its Fall season on Sunday, September 7, after church in the Bell Zone and we want you to join us! No previous experience in music is required! The Fall season will program through Christmas, and our current ringers will be happy to welcome you into the fold! We accommodate all players. Please see Nykkoa Lurie for more information, or you can email them at [nykkoalurie@gmail.com](mailto:nykkoalurie@gmail.com).



## Church History in Three Minutes (or Less)

by Eric Carlson

For centuries, the Latin (Vulgate) Bible was the only version available in Western Europe. Until the late 1300s, French was the language of educated and upper-class people in England; English was the peasants' tongue. In 1381, England had a major peasant revolt, which caused authorities to be paranoid about anything that could undermine them—such as people reading the Bible for themselves. In 1404, the Archbishop of Canterbury banned translating any part of it into English. (Fearing peasant Bible-readers was not unjustified. In 1525, armed German peasants used the German Bible to justify their revolutionary demands.) By the mid-1400s, however, using English was a patriotic thing to do, had spread beyond the lower classes, and provoked less anxiety.



After the English Reformation began, dumping the Vulgate for an English Bible was inevitable. The Dutch scholar Erasmus had exposed numerous errors in the Vulgate, and academic study of Hebrew and Greek made consulting earlier texts possible. Henry VIII rejected Latin because of its association with Rome. Already in 1526, an English New Testament prepared by William Tyndale had been printed in Germany and smuggled to England. It contained some translations that church authorities found threatening, so they tried to suppress it. For example, the Greek *prebyteros* was translated “elder” not “priest” and *ekklesia* was “congregation” not “church.” Tyndale’s translation has significantly affected English usage: he coined such now-common phrases as “the powers that be” and “my brother’s keeper,” as well as the words Jehovah, Passover, scapegoat, and atonement.



Title page of the  
1539 English Bible

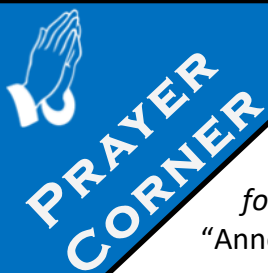
In 1535, Miles Coverdale cobbled together the first complete English Bible but the translation was terrible and had the misfortune to be endorsed by Queen Anne Boleyn shortly before her fall from grace and execution. “Matthew’s Bible” (1537), a hybrid of Tyndale’s and Coverdale’s translations, might have been officially approved except for printed marginal notes (a common 16<sup>th</sup> century way to explain difficult texts) too radically Protestant for the king’s taste. Instead, Coverdale was assigned to revise “Matthew’s Bible,” resulting in “The Great Bible” (1539). It was approved by Henry, who had himself shown on the cover page giving the English Bible to his people. Ironically, he is handing out Bibles with a Latin title: *Verbum Dei* (the Word of God)! Next month, I will explain how we got from that translation to the “King James Bible” (1612).

## Men’s Breakfast — Monday, October 6, 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, Lynn Miller, Linda Johannsen, Bernice, Ed Patterson, Marnie Bash, Teri, Heather, the family of Linda Knight, and Don & Sue.

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

2 - Ava Massey	21 - Josephine Thompson
3 - Jack Philo	25 - Emily Garlinghouse
6 - Jerry Nielsen	Brenna Gruhzit
11 - Anna Albright	Jim Jackson
12 - Mona Cline	Paul Tolly
Denée Koonce	28 - Molly Miller
13 - Deanna Bryant	29 - Ellen McVey
Carol Daniels	30 - Stephanie Kretz
15 - Janice Anderson	Jim Massey
17 - Eileen Germain	Shawn Wilson, Jr.
20 - Tessa Kent	

**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 September Anniversaries...**

2 - Stephen & Charlotte Jacqmain  
 5 - Mike & Michelle Spencer (*just married!*)  
 6 - Vic & Toshia Albright  
 13 - Jeff & Sheila Mesler  
 18 - Charles & Marnie Bash  
 19 - Fred & Chris Schuster  
 21 - Tony & Linda Germain  
 24 - Jacques Randolet & Lynn Pottenger  
 26 - Denny & Jan Morden  
 28 - Geoff & Karen Newhouse



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)**.





**St. Alban's Episcopal Church Announces Inaugural Concert Series: *Listen to Love – Music & Words to Heal a Heart*** a celebration of music, community, and spirit. This four-part series, presented on select Sundays at 4:00 p.m., will showcase performance artists and celebrate St. Alban's 60th Anniversary.

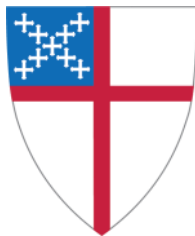
- **September 28, 2025 – Kevin Cole, Pianist**  
*The Best of Gershwin*
- **November 16, 2025 – The Jim Pagel Trio**  
*Jazz Guitar Combo*
- **January 18, 2026 – Betsy Scott, Vocalist**  
*Broadway/Contemporary Songs*
- **March 8, 2026 – Carol Kappus**  
*Award-winning Celtic Harpist & Storyteller*

**St. Alban's Episcopal Church**  
INAUGURAL CONCERT SERIES  
**LISTEN TO LOVE**  
**KEVIN COLE IN CONCERT**  
WORLD PREMIERE OF  
**"YOU WON'T BELIEVE YOUR EARS!"**  
**THE BEST OF GEORGE GERSHWIN**  
**SEPTEMBER 28, 2025, 4PM**

Reserve your free seat: 

Free-will Offering to be collected  
105 S. Erie, Bay City, MI; Office: 989-892-4135  
[www.stalbans-baycity.org/concert-series](http://www.stalbans-baycity.org/concert-series) & Facebook

<p><b>How to Connect with Rev. Alissa</b></p>	<p>Schedule a time via Calendly</p> <p><a href="#">CLICK HERE</a></p> 	<p><b>Drop in Coffee Shop Office Hours</b> <b>Thurs., 9-11 AM.</b> This month you'll find her at Grove Tea Lounge (2405 Abbott Rd.)</p> 
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**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
8:30am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room
9:00am	Fellowship Hour.....	Williams Hall
10:00am	Holy Eucharist.....	Sanctuary & YouTube
11:00am	Fellowship Hour.....	Williams Hall
11:30am	Handbell Choir Rehearsal.....	Bell Zone
4:00pm	Youth Group (every-other week).....	Activity Rm
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	Pop-up Bible Study.....	Library

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

10:00am	Samaritan Fund Clients.....	Library
10:00am	St. Martha's Guild (2nd).....	Activity Room
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.....	Williams Hall
6:30pm	Christian Meditation.....	Activity Room

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

9:00am	Alissa's Drop-in Coffee Office Hours.....	Grove
10:00am	Love Knots (2nd & 4th).....	Williams Hall
1:00pm	Women Journeying Together.....	Activity Rm

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

12:00pm	AA.....	McNab Room
5:45pm	Peer Support Meeting.....	McNab Room
7:00pm	Community Game Night (2nd)...	Williams Hall

### Saturday

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

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<https://www.youtube.com/@st.johnsepiscopalchurchmid8944/streams>. A live service will have a prominent "LIVE" badge on the video thumbnail or title indicating the video is currently being streamed live. Previous services can also be viewed here at any time.



***We joyfully gather to pray, worship, learn and serve as we seek to follow Jesus, and invite all to join us on a sacred journey of hope and transformation.***

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