

THE EPISTLE

MAY 2026

May brings Mother's Day (and Father's Day not far behind), and I noted recently that I've been a mother about as long as I've been a priest—I was early in my pregnancy with August at my ordination.

I occasionally get the question of what to call me, and most of the time the answer is "Alissa." But there are occasions when a title is necessary or important, and while there are good arguments for several options and I'm glad for you to use something that's comfortable for you, the honorific I use to refer to myself is "Mother": Mother Alissa.

The fact is, though, that there's very little similarity between parenting children and pastoring a church. Enough similarities to joke about, perhaps, but at the end of the day these are entirely different relationships and vocations.

But there is a very important similarity: both require a foundation of love.

A parent's holds both the present moment and the hope of what's still unfolding. And in a different but still very real way, that same grounding in love is at the heart of ministry. I'll forever remember my seminary preaching professor's #1 preaching advice: "You have to love them (the people to whom you preach)."

So let me say this plainly: I love you. Not in the same way I love my kids (sorry) but I do love you. I love this community: your stories, your questions, your hopes, and the ways you are each finding your path. That love is what shapes how I preach, how I pray, and how I try to walk alongside you in this life of faith.

Because love is at the center of all we do. It's why we're here. It's how we're known. As Bishop Michael Curry so famously says, if it's not about love, it's not about God. And we need love more than ever. Love is the way forward when things are difficult or uncertain or heavy with grief. Love grounds us when the world feels unsteady. Love is an anchor when the world would pull us toward anger, fear, and division.

To choose love is not to ignore what is hard or broken, or to pretend everything is fine. To choose love is to insist, even in the face of all that, that connection matters more than contempt, that mercy matters more than winning, that hope is still worth holding onto. As we move through this season, thinking about the many ways people nurture and care for one another—sometimes in ways that look like mothering or fathering, and sometimes in ways that don't have a name—I'm grateful for all the ways that kind of love shows up among us.





April Worship Service Links



[Maundy Thursday](#)
April 2, 2026



[Easter Day](#)
April 5, 2026



[Second Sunday of Easter](#)
April 12, 2026



[Third Sunday of Easter](#)
April 19, 2026

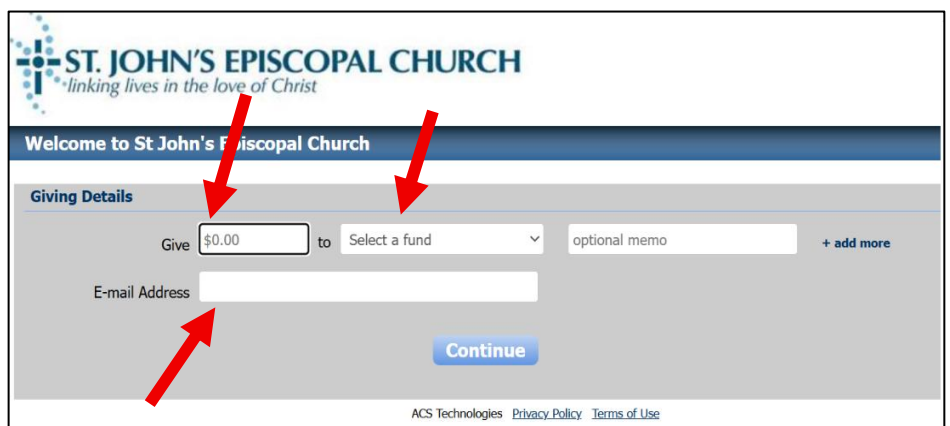


[Fourth Sunday of Easter](#)
April 26, 2026

Older services can be found here:
<https://tinyurl.com/sjeclivestream>

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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. 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...](#) or by pointing your phone's camera at 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

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EASTERTIDE | MAY 7, 2026

help shape our diocese!

Diocesan staff is conducting a short research project to better understand what supports spiritual and discipleship growth and congregational vitality across our diocese. Your experience and perspective matter. We'd love for you to take a short online survey and/or be part of a focus group. Focus groups are small group Zoom conversations and take just about an hour of your time.

We especially still need participants in a few groups:

- **Millennials and Gen Z (born 1981–2012)**
- **People who came to The Episcopal Church as adults without a childhood faith background**

If you or someone you know fits either of those descriptions, we'd especially love to hear from you. Find more information and the links for the survey and focus group sign ups, go to greatlakesepiscopal.org/research2026

time is running out to register for camp!

Camp registration is filling up fast and we don't want you to miss out! We have access to incredible scholarship support that allows us to sponsor up to 100% of camper fees for youth programs. That is not a typo! For families and individuals who don't have access to the kind of congregational support, many in our diocese have, we don't want cost to be the reason someone misses camp. The scholarship funding exists in addition to what congregations already do, and it's especially for those who would otherwise go without. Spread the word and go to greatlakesepiscopalcamping.org for all the information!

deadline: college for congregational development

Don't miss the opportunity to gather this summer with fellow leaders from across the diocese for the College for Congregational Development. CCD equips congregational teams to look honestly at their current reality, discern God's leading for their future, and work on strategies, goals, and actions to get there. We will be gathering in Midland July 19–24 and although that may seem to be in the distant future, you have only until May 30 to register your congregation team. Learn more at greatlakesepiscopal.org/ccd2026



Scan to keep up to date on events and announcements at our online home for people, parishes, and ministries, greatlakesepiscopal.circle.so



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



Charlotte Miller

granddaughter of Geoff and Karen Newhouse, is graduating from the University of Georgia – Athens with a Bachelors degree.



Anna Albright

daughter of Vic & Toshia Albright, is graduating from Siebert Elementary School and will be attending Jefferson Middle School in the fall.



Lydia Miller

granddaughter of Geoff and Karen Newhouse, is graduating from high school and will be attending college in the fall.



Abigail Garlinghouse

daughter of Chad and Emily Garlinghouse, is graduating from Auburn Elementary School and will be attending Western Middle School in the fall.



Angelo Ribot

nephew of Adam and Sara Philo, is graduating from Dow High School and will be attending their post-secondary program next year.



Nathan Germain

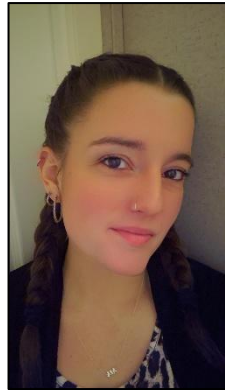
son of Tony and Linda Germain, is graduating from 5th grade at Chestnut Hill Elementary in June. He will be attending Northeast Middle School starting in the fall.



Patrick Schrock

son of David and Danielle Schrock, is graduating from 5th grade at Gladwin Intermediate School in June. He will be attending Gladwin Junior High starting in the fall.





Jenni Stoll

graduated from Central Michigan University on May 9 with a B.Ed in Early Childhood Education Birth-Kindergarten and a major in Special Education.



Gabriel Vogt

grandson of Charles and Marnie Bash, is graduating from Forest Hills Northern High School in Grand Rapids, MI. He will be pursuing education in videography and sound engineering.



Airman Kierstien Weiss

granddaughter of Ellen Woodard and a 2025 graduate of Midland High School, completed Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX, in January and Technical Training at Ft. Sam Houston, TX, in May. She will be stationed at Joint Base Charleston in North Charleston, SC, serving as a Mental Health Technician.

May

SAMS
Pantry

May asks for SAMS Pantry are gluten free items because those only get stocked through donations (GF bread, flour, pasta, etc) and snacks of all kinds, both healthyish and sometimes treats. Family-friendly cereal is a perpetual need.



St. John's will be hosting an in-person **Safe Church** training session on **Wednesday, May 20, at 1 PM** in Williams Hall. If you are unable to attend and still need to complete the training for volunteering at St. John's, please reach out to Linda Germain (linda@sjec-midland.org) for alternate options.

Plainsong Farm Blessing of the Fields

On Sunday, May 17, Mo. Alissa will be participating in the Blessing of the Fields at Plainsong Farm in Rockford. This annual liturgy marks the beginning of the growing season with prayers for the land, the farmers, and all who will be nourished by its harvest. St. John's has supported Plainsong Farm through endowment grant funding in the past, and we are grateful for this ongoing connection.

While the farm is a bit of a drive, all are warmly invited to attend this family-friendly gathering from 4:30-6:30 PM. The evening includes a prayerful walk through the fields, music, hands-on time in the soil, and a shared potluck meal. You are encouraged to bring a dish to share and come ready to participate. To learn more about Plainsong Farm, check out www.plainsongfarm.com.



A blessing of the garden boxes will be held on **Sunday, May 17**, after the 10 AM service.

Community

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May Game Nights are Friday, May 8 and 22, in Williams Hall. Play our games or bring your favorites! Bring your friends or join in with us! All ages welcome!

It's time for the 2nd annual *St. John's Episcopal Church Handbell Retreat!*

Have you been curious about ringing? The retreat will be Saturday, May 23, from 11am-5pm, and the weekend will culminate with all retreat participants ringing at the 10am service at St. John's on Sunday, May 24. Beginners are welcome and highly encouraged to join! No prior musical knowledge or experience is needed. The cost for the entire retreat is \$5, which will cover the materials you will need for the Handbell Retreat as well as lunch. If interested, please fill out a registration form by scanning the QR code, or email Nykkoa at nykkoalurie@gmail.com and ask for the registration link



A HUGE THANK YOU for the generous donations to the annual *Mother's Day Giving*. All items will be distributed to local organizations this week.

April Children and Youth



Gods Best Kids & Upper Elementary Kids started April with Easter Sunday enjoyment for all ages. Lilly Stoll processed for the first time during a service as a small crucifer. It is great to see our youngest kids start to show interest and experience new things related to the church. Introducing them to how the church operates in ways other than Sunday school can be eye-opening for the children. Lilly did amazing and was very proud to serve along with Nathan and Abby Germain as acolytes. During Easter service children were welcome upstairs for the Sunday service or to attend childcare downstairs. We had many children Easter Sunday, which made Ms. Alicia's Godly Play Easter lesson even more special. After service the church hosted an Easter egg hunt in the Sanctuary, Williams Hall, and the courtyard. Just because the weather doesn't cooperate doesn't mean the kids can't have fun hunting for eggs. This is a great tradition to bring young and old together for a fun event. Some of our youngest even enjoyed finding an egg or two with help from others.

In the middle of April the Albright family brought some visitors to Sunday school. They brought in their bunnies that they are raising for the Midland County Fair this year. This has been a fun tradition for our Sunday school and the Albright family to share. Thank you Albright family for sharing.



The end of April brought a free activity day as well as more Godly Play fun. Sometimes things don't go as planned and you need to improvise even in Sunday school. Thank you staff and volunteers for your flexibility and just going with the flow of children's imaginations on those days that just end up that way. I feel sometimes this is God's way of saying, slow down and appreciate what is in front of you without the pressures of getting a message to the children in story form.



In May we look forward to celebrating with our many friends graduating but especially several fifth graders that will be moving to our youth group come fall. Those include Anna Albright, Abigail Garlinghouse, Nathan Germain, and Patrick Schrock. We hope all our graduates were able to attend church on May 10th to receive a blessing and to be celebrated during and after the 10am service. We have one special shoutout to one of our dedicated nursery staff, Jenni Stoll for receiving her Bachelors of Education in Early Childhood Education and Special Education Major from Central Michigan University this May! Way to go Ms. Jenni! We will continue our Sunday school year through the end of May.



Get Ready for a great week
of fun this summer!

You are invited to join us on an epic quest to discover God's Kingdom. Experience games, music, crafts, and more during this week of adventure.



August 3 to 6
2-5pm



St John's Episcopal Church

Women Journeying Together

We are spending this month examining early Christian materials that are not in the Bible. It has been fun and informative. Our last meeting for this year will be May 14, but we are planning a picnic lunch sometime during the summer. We will resume meeting in early September for our next study, *Genesis*; see the August Epistle for more information.



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

Library News

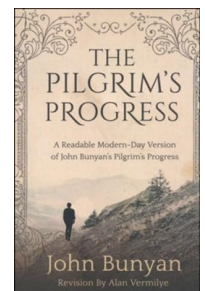
by Marnie Bash

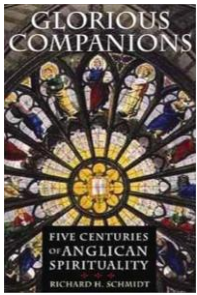
Women Journeying Together has spent the Easter season looking at early Christian writings that are not a part of the Bible; it has been interesting and informative, and it has inspired the books out on the Feature Shelves this month. There have been many writers on spiritual topics and on Christian beliefs and practices through the past 2000 years. I have pulled out many of them for you to peruse during May and June.

The writings this month are in a variety of forms. There are a few that are the complete work of an author, but most of them are collections of excerpts from famous works that include an introduction to the writer, excerpts of their work, and often reflection questions for the reader.

Complete works include Eusebius' *The History of the Church* (to the 400's AD), *Pilgrim's Progress* (in modern English) by John Bunyan, *The Complete English Works of George Herbert* (mostly poetry, but also includes *The Country Parson*), *The Way of a Pilgrim*, and *The Complete Works of E.M. Bounds on Prayer*.

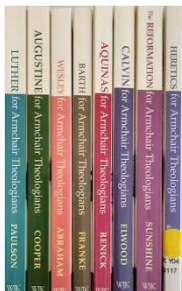
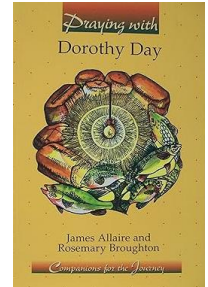
The compilations of writers come in many forms. Two books I especially like are Richard H. Schmidt's *God Seekers* (2000 years of Christian writing) and *Glorious Companions*, which





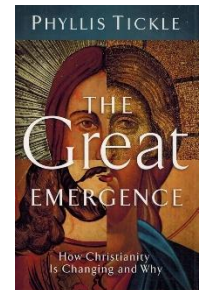
focuses mainly on Anglican/Episcopal writers since the Reformation. For each inclusion he writes first about the writer and then provides short outtakes from several of their works. A quick and easy introduction to some of the finest Christian writings through the ages. Other compilations include *The Early Christians in their Own Words* by Eberhard Arnold, and *Spiritual Classics* and *Devotional Classics*, both from Richard Foster; these books include study and reflective questions along with excerpts from each author's work.

The "Praying with" series of books each feature one saint to focus on. The book begins with a short biography followed by individual chapters that relate something specific about the saint, a piece of their writing, and then questions for reflection; these make very nice short devotionals to work with over a couple of weeks. I have put out several, but there are many more in the library itself, if this series appeals to you. Ones out include *Praying with Elizabeth Seaton*, *Dorothy Day*, *Thomas Merson*, *Martin Luther*, *Francis de Sales*, and *Vincent de Paul*.



Another interesting series is the "Armchair Theologians" series. These books tell the story of theologians across the ages, explaining the background against which they are writing, and giving us some understanding of what the theologians are trying to get across to the public; the books also include some lovely cartoons. Out on the shelves are *Augustine for Armchair Theologians*, *Aquinas, the Reformation* (several theologians in this one), *Karl Barth*, and *Bonhoeffer*. If you're familiar with the names and would like to know a bit about who they were and what they thought, this is a good series that won't take you too deep yet make their thought understandable.

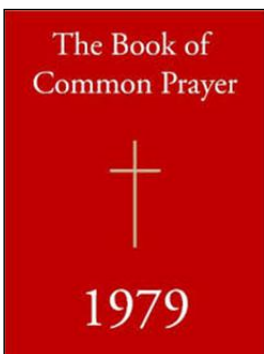
Finally, there are some "stand alone" books that relate to some of the topics covered by the various writers. *Great Harry* (about Henry VIII) and *First Elizabeth*, both by Carolly Erickson, are biographies of two people who greatly influenced our Anglican/Episcopal heritage. And Phyllis Tickle takes an overview look of Christianity in her books, *The Great Emergence* and *Emergence Christianity*. Fascinating stuff!



I hope you will enjoy yourself over the next couple of months, learning about how we got here, 2000 years after Jesus' resurrection, and enjoying the possibilities offered in the various books.

BCP Spotlight

by Ellen Mc Vey



The Body Language of Worship - Part 6 (and likely the final): The Prelude & Postlude

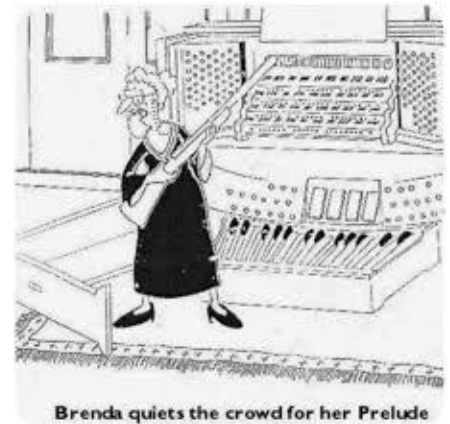
Recently, I was asked about "proper" behavior during the postlude—whether it is customary to stay quietly in the sanctuary until the final note has been played (or the last candle extinguished), or permissible to chat with others or leave for coffee hour. The BCP offers no guidance on this. So, I consulted Google and found a related online discussion at "Episcopalians on Facebook": [\(20+\) Episcopalians on Facebook | I have a question about organ postludes | Facebook](#).

In summary, practices vary significantly. It is good to consider what contributes positively to your worship experience and respectfully acknowledge that others may choose differently.

Below are selected perspectives from the online discussion:

The Prelude is:

- Considered the initial act of worship, establishing the atmosphere and inviting participants into sacred communion with God and each other. Some use this time to greet and re-connect with others, while some prefer quiet introspection. Regardless, the prelude is intentionally chosen to invite engagement in worship rather than just serve as background music signaling that the service is about to begin.



The Postlude is:

- Regarded as music for departure: a joyful, uplifting tune intended to energize and send us out “rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.” It is not considered as a concert requiring our full attention; while some may choose to listen, remaining to the end is not required.
- An opportunity to greet one another and share the joy of Christ with one another.
- A time to do as your heart leads or your schedule demands. There is no judgment or offense involved with not staying to the end.
- Not designed to showcase the organist’s abilities, but to serve as a spirited conclusion to worship, marking its end just as the prelude marks its beginning. It is the loud and enthusiastic “Amen” to worship!
- Technically not part of the liturgy, but it still serves a purpose. Music stirs the soul in powerful ways, and the postlude can stir us up and strengthen our resolve to do the work God has given us to do.
- Considered as music accompanying departure, providing continuity and alleviating awkward silence as we leave the sanctuary.



When I began attending SJEC, the postlude was treated as “traveling” music. Over time, particularly during organist Mair Alsgaard's tenure, increased appreciation led to more people staying in the pews. Personally, I consider the applause and cheering following the postlude as a spontaneous gesture of gratitude for the music and all those involved in creating a meaningful worship service. I also think of it as a joyful “Yea, God!” moment!

At the more contemplative Wednesday noon service, we typically remain standing and silent between the dismissal and the extinguishing of the last candle. This provides a moment of reflection before transitioning to taking the headcount for the fellowship lunch at Lanny's. 😊

Church History in Three Minutes (or Less)

by Eric Carlson

Due to controversial comments by Vice President JD Vance about the pope needing “to be careful when he talks about matters of theology,” I decided to write this month about one aspect of papal theological authority: the well-known but less-understood doctrine of papal infallibility. In 519, Pope Hormisdas declared that “the Roman church has never erred and will never err.” He was referring to the church as a whole. For most of the church’s history, inerrancy was applied only to decrees of church councils, which were (theoretically) meetings of all bishops.

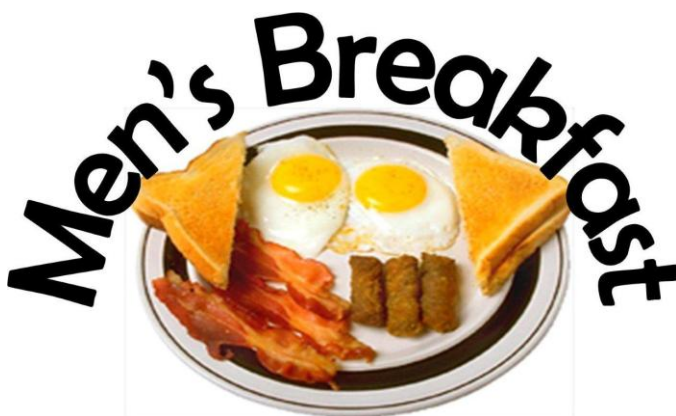


Ironically, the first significant arguments in favor of papal infallibility were made to *limit* papal power. In the early 1300s, a faction within the Franciscans advocated the radical view that Jesus and the apostles owned no



property, implying that the church shouldn’t either. They argued that in 1279 Pope Nicholas III had affirmed Christ’s absolute poverty, that papal decrees were infallible, and that later popes could therefore not reverse this decree. Pope John XXII condemned their views on property ownership and called the idea of papal infallibility a “work of the devil.” On the other hand, it was commonly believed that the Holy Spirit gave divine guidance to popes. Fast forward to the First Vatican Council (1870), which decreed in the Dogmatic Constitution *Pastor aeternus* that when the Pope, in carrying out his “office of Pastor and Teacher of all Christians, by virtue of his supreme Apostolic authority, defines a doctrine of faith or morals, he is possessed of that infallibility with which the divine Redeemer willed that His Church should be endowed.” All such papal definitions were “irreformable.” Although the council approved this with a massive majority, there were dissenters. In Germany, they formed a breakaway church: the Old Catholics.

Papal infallibility has only officially been formally invoked twice: retroactively for Mary’s Immaculate Conception (1854), and for her bodily assumption into Heaven (1950). In 1998, the Vatican issued a teaching that some doctrines taught in papal documents that were “founded on the written Word of God, and constantly preserved and applied in the Tradition of the Church,” although never formally pronounced infallible teachings, were also to be believed as absolutely true and unchangeable. These include the immorality of abortion and euthanasia, and the impossibility of ordaining women. It’s still a short list. As Pope Benedict said in 2005, “The pope is not an oracle; he is infallible on very rare occasions.”



Monday, June 1, 8:00 AM

Join us at the Big Boy Restaurant, 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, Char Bakeman, Ronnie, Henry Youngquist, Chris, Yvonne (Denée Koonce's mom), Charlene Adams, Phillip, Julie, Dennis, Mike, Steve Jacquain, Vicki Leigeb, Duane, Linda & Dan, Wendy Thompson & the family of Bronda Smeltzer, Shelby, and Eric Carlson.

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- To add someone to the prayer list
- Request receipt of the weekly Worship++ email
- Request receipt of the monthly Epistle
- To update your membership directory info

Give thanks with those celebrating May Birthdays...

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| 1 – Bruce Ellis | 17 – Jan Morden |
| 4 – Alissa Anderson | Andy Roberts |
| 5 – Jeanne Black | 19 – Aimee Dupuis |
| Chris Lauckner | HJ Smith |
| 7 – Deb Blackhurst | 20 – Charlotte Bakeman |
| 8 – Brandon Angell | 22 – Julie Smith |
| Alicia Watt | 24 – Bonnie Haefele |
| 10 – Anthony Dizon-Webb | 25 – Lori Pung |
| 12 – Esme Latocki | Mary Jo Schuetz |
| Lee Smith | 27 – Mary Ann Tolly |
| 13 – Toshia Albright | 28 – Olga Fagan |
| Fred Stoll | Karen Roberts |
| 17 – Rachel Leonard | 30 – Jenni Stoll |

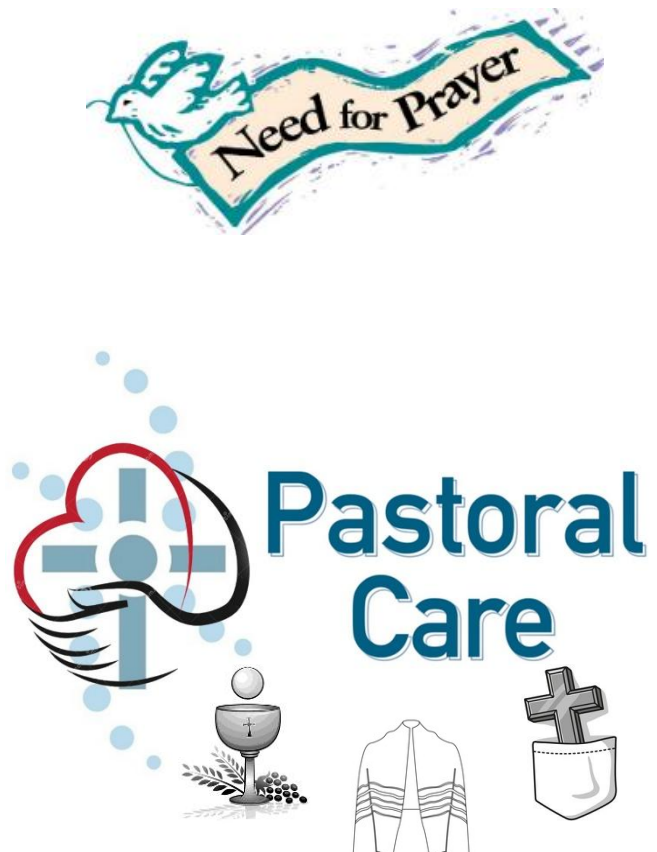
Give thanks with those celebrating May Anniversaries...

31 – Isaac & Nykkoa Lurie

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:

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| The Very Rev. Alissa Anderson and parishioners |
| Chris Esquivel Chris Schuster |
| Jan Marcou Fred Schuster |
| Pat Roush Michelle Spencer |
| Dave Schafer |



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 Very Rev. Alissa Anderson** at 616-540-9102 (cell).



ACT UGANDA 2025 ANNUAL REPORT - 2025 was a busy year full of exciting steps forward for ACT. Students attended and graduated from University, primary and high students were educated, healthy babies were born, and new adventures began for the future of ACT. Please take some time to read our 2025 Annual Report to learn about all these accomplishments. You can access the report on our website (actuganda.org) in the "nonprofit data" section under the **About ACT** pulldown. While you're on our website, enjoy shopping at our online store! Thank you.

How to Connect with Mother Alissa

Schedule a time via Calendly

[CLICK HERE](#)



Drop in Coffee Shop Office Hours Thurs., 9-11 AM.

Beginning May 21, you'll find her at Live Oak Midtown (711 Ashman St.)



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

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OUR VESTRY – OUR ELECTED LEADERS

Clergy

The Very Rev. Alissa G. Anderson*Rector*

Staff

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

Class of 2027

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

Class of 2029

- Nykkooa Lurie
- Mike Spencer

Class of 2028

- John Adams
- Doug Germain
- Ann Wright, *Co-Warden*

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday

8:00am Holy EucharistSanctuary
 8:30am Chancel Choir RehearsalChoir 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)Activity Rm
 5:00pm NA..... McNab Room
 6:30pm 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
 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.....Library
 12:00pm Holy Eucharist.. Chapel (use office entrance)
 1:00pm AA..... McNab Room
 5:30pm Tai Chi Williams Hall

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

9:00am Alissa's Drop-in Coffee Office Hrs. Live Oak
 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
 6:00pm Community Game Night (2nd & 4th) .. Wms Hall

Saturday

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

The 10:00 am worship service is livestreamed on YouTube. At the time of the service, go to: <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.

The next edition of **The Epistle** will be published in early May. The final deadline for submissions is Monday, May 4. Please consider submitting stories of your group's activities, or news of coming events and activities.

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