

THE EPISTLE

OCTOBER 2026



In just a couple of weeks, clergy and lay delegates from across the Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes will gather for our annual Diocesan Convention, where we'll undertake a particularly important task: electing our first diocesan bishop.

This is a significant moment in our shared history. In 2024, the former Dioceses of Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan came together in a juncture to form the Diocese of the Great Lakes, after a years-long process of discernment. Since then, we've been doing the practical work of bringing two dioceses together. Now we're preparing to call the person who will help lead us into our next chapter.

But what exactly is a bishop, and what does a bishop do?

The word episcopal comes from the Greek episkopos, meaning overseer or guardian. Bishops have been part of the Church's leadership since its earliest centuries, and in our tradition they are entrusted with the spiritual leadership and oversight of a diocese, a geographic community of congregations and ministries.

The Book of Common Prayer describes a bishop's ministry in terms of reconciliation, building up the Church, and ordaining others to continue Christ's ministry. Bishops are pastors, teachers, and guardians of the faith. They oversee clergy and congregations, help guide diocesan priorities and resources, and share responsibility for the Church's worship, teaching, and common life. When a bishop visits St. John's, we see some of this ministry firsthand as they preach, celebrate the Eucharist, and confirm or receive people into The Episcopal Church.

But a bishop's ministry is about more than the responsibilities of an office. A bishop reminds us that the Church is larger than any one congregation. St. John's has its own history, traditions, relationships, and particular calling in Midland, but we don't exist in isolation. We belong to a wider community of Christians, with whom we share resources, responsibilities, and a commitment to the gospel. Our bishop serves as a visible sign of that connection, helping us remain accountable to one another and attentive to the needs of the Church beyond our own walls.

In The Episcopal Church, bishops are elected by the clergy of the diocese and elected lay delegates from its congregations, voting in separate orders. On October 24, I will join St. John's lay delegates and representatives from across the diocese to elect one of the candidates on our bishop slate. Following the election, the wider Episcopal Church must give its consent before the bishop-elect can be ordained and consecrated. The new bishop is expected to begin work in January, with consecration scheduled for May 8, 2027—and a Confirmation service at St. John's (tentatively) later that month!

I encourage you to learn more about our four candidates and to keep them, our delegates, and the whole diocese in your prayers as we prepare for this election.

THIS SUNDAY

Conversations About Our Next Bishop

As the Diocese of the Great Lakes prepares to elect its next bishop later this month, you are invited to join wardens and delegates for conversation this Sunday, October 11. We'll gather at 9am and during coffee hour following the 10am service to reflect on the bishop candidates, share our hopes for the diocese, and help our delegates listen to the congregation as they prepare to vote. Everyone is welcome, whether you've been following the bishop search closely or are just beginning to learn about it! (You still have time to check out the bishop candidates here: <https://greatlakesepiscopal.org/bishop-search/candidates/>)

A note about worship: Mother Alissa will be away this Sunday, and we look forward to welcoming her back next week. Both services will be *Antecommunion*, following the form of our familiar Sunday liturgy without the celebration of Holy Eucharist.

Why Antecommunion?

In the Episcopal tradition, the consecration of the Eucharist is reserved to bishops and priests of our church or churches in full communion with ours. When someone else leads Sunday worship, we can still gather for scripture, prayers, and praise, but without Communion.

Morning Prayer is another beautiful option, and a rich part of our Anglican tradition, but its structure is quite different from our usual Sunday worship. Because we don't regularly use Morning Prayer at St. John's, Antecommunion allows us to maintain a familiar pattern of worship, especially for visitors and those still learning our liturgy.

Building Improvements and Temporary Closure: October 19–28

We're excited to share that St. John's will be getting some much-needed updates this month! Beginning October 19, we'll be replacing carpeting throughout much of the building, including offices, hallways, and meeting rooms. This project will refresh the appearance of our building while also addressing important safety concerns, particularly in areas where the existing carpet has wrinkled and can no longer be stretched or repaired.

Because this is a major project involving furniture moves and limited access to much of the building, St. John's will be **closed to regular foot traffic from Monday, October 19, through Wednesday, October 28**. We anticipate resuming normal building use on Thursday, October 29.

During this time, staff will continue working in a hybrid format and will continue monitoring phones and email, though some interruptions in service may occur as equipment—and staff!—are relocated. Meetings and gatherings will be coordinated individually, with some moving online or to alternate locations. **Ellen will be in touch with groups and other regular building users** to coordinate arrangements.

A few important schedule notes:

- **Sunday, October 25:** Worship services will take place as usual, with regular access to the sanctuary, Williams Hall, and restrooms.
- **Wednesday Eucharist, October 21 and 28:** Canceled on both dates.
- **Samaritan Fund, October 20 and 27:** Canceled on both dates.

Additional flooring improvements are also planned for our stairwells and restrooms. Materials for those areas are currently backordered, so that work will be completed at a later date once they become available. We appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility as we make these improvements! We're looking forward to welcoming you back to refreshed, safer spaces that will serve our parish and community for years to come.



September Worship Service Links



[15th Sunday after Pentecost](#)
[September 6, 2026](#)



[16th Sunday after Pentecost](#)
[September 13, 2026](#)



[17th Sunday after Pentecost](#)
[September 20, 2026](#)



[18th Sunday after Pentecost](#)
[September 27, 2026](#)

Older services can be found here:

<https://tinyurl.com/sjeclivestream>

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. 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.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
linking lives in the love of Christ

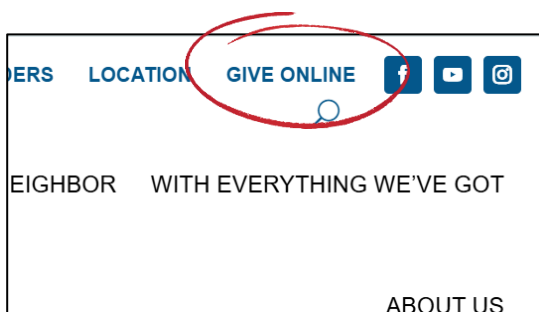
Welcome to St John's Episcopal Church

Giving Details

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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 bite-sized

ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

week of bishop candidate meet and greets concludes

The busy week of Meet and Greets with the bishop candidates was a great success, thanks to the faithful work of the Transitions Committee. A YouTube playlist of all Meet and Greet recordings is available at greatlakesepiscopal.org/search-playlist, and recap posts can also be found on Circle. As you prayerfully consider which candidate God is calling to be our first bishop diocesan, we recommend downloading the Meet and Greet Guide at greatlakesepiscopal.org/guide as you navigate your reflections and conversations.



faithful citizenship

We are, as the Apostle Paul says, citizens of God's kingdom. As election season approaches, how are we being called to pray, learn, and act? This is a moment of uncertainty in our nation, as division and strife threaten to overwhelm us. Participation in civic life is part of making the Risen Christ known "not only with our lips, but in our lives."

Please read this theological reflection from the Standing Committee as an orientation and guide for the coming election season: greatlakesepiscopal.org/faithful-citizenship.



pre-convention meetings

Voting delegates and all members of our diocese are invited to join one or more online pre-convention meetings to prepare for the business sessions of our convention on **October 6, 13, and 15**. Pre-convention meetings will be recorded for later viewing for those unable to join live. You must RSVP separately from your convention registration to participate in a pre-convention meeting. Visit greatlakesepiscopal.org/convention-iii for details.



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.](#)

Please consider service in



Altar Guild plays a critical role in the Eucharistic services at St. John's Episcopal Church by preparing the Lord's table for the Eucharist. There is a training period that provides support while one learns and the time commitment allows individual flexibility.

We are scheduled about every five to six weeks depending on the availability of the team members. The schedule is established approximately every six months, so members can indicate availability and then know in advance their scheduled dates to serve in order to plan their personal lives around their commitment to Altar Guild. We are a very cooperative, flexible group so if your plans unexpectedly change, you can arrange to swap the date with another team member.

We are assigned a week that begins on Monday and ends on Sunday, and we're responsible for altar setup/cleanup for Eucharistic services during that week. This includes Wednesday noon chapel service, both Sunday services (currently 8:00 and 10:00 am) as well as any other special services that may occur during our scheduled week, such as a wedding or funeral. Setting up for a typical service takes about 30 to 45 minutes once you're familiar with what is involved. Holidays are a little more involved, but two members of the team are usually assigned for Christmas and Easter.

Since we work individually, there is a lot of flexibility as to when you setup for a service as long as it's done about 30 to 45 minutes before the service start time, although it's usually set up the day prior. For example, if setting up for the noon Wednesday service, it can be done on a Tuesday afternoon or evening but others on the team may set up early Wednesday morning if that fits their schedule better. For the Sunday services, most team members set up sometime Saturday for the 8:00 am Sunday service than they do the "switchover" between the 8:00 and 10:00 am Sunday services. If you have a commitment on the Saturday of the week you're scheduled, the altar could be set up Friday afternoon. Altar flowers are delivered on Friday and Altar Guild is responsible for putting the flowers on the high altar. As far as cleanup, it can occur whenever it fits best into your schedule after a service has ended.

New team members can work alongside another member for as long as they feel comfortable before they're scheduled to work on their own or if a person wants to "job shadow" to see if Altar Guild is a way they'd like to serve, that's okay as well.

For more details and to express interest, contact:

Dr. Marcy Kirksey (989-878-5118)

Margo Nielsen (989-631-7027)

OCTOBER

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 18
3-5 PM

GAMES - CANDY - FUN!



The **3rd Annual Trunk or Treat** will be on **Sunday, October 18, from 3-5 pm** in the church parking lot. We will need families and ministries to sign up to host trunks and hand out candy. Please contact Denée Koonce or any member of the Welcoming Committee with questions. We will have food trucks return this year to help make our event even better!

BLESSING OF THE TRICK OR TREATERS

Sunday, October 25, during the 10 AM worship service, followed by fun activities after worship.



**Children's
Grief Center**
GREAT LAKES BAY REGION

Register Here!



2026 Hearts of Hope Luncheon

Thursday, November 5, 2026

12:00-1:00 pm

(Doors Open 11:30 am)

Great Hall, 5121 Bay City Road, Midland



Contact Jan Marcou (janmarcou50@gmail.com / 989-430-2563) if you are interested in joining a group attending the Hearts of Hope Luncheon.

Community

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October **Game Nights** are Friday, October 9 and 23, in Williams Hall. Play our games or bring your favorites! Bring your friends or join in with us! All ages welcome!!

Grove Music Festival Bayberry String Quartet

October 16, 7:30 PM

in the Sanctuary at

St. John's Episcopal Church

Tickets \$10 at the door



Ladies Prayer Breakfast

**Fundraiser for Independent Community Living
Sponsored by St. Martha's Guild
November 7, 9-11 AM**

Tickets—\$35 Individual, \$200 table of six—can be purchased on Sundays after the 10 am service in Williams Hall or in the church office.

George Fee Lecture: Opera as a Window into the 18th Century

October 18, 1:30 PM, in the Community Room at the Midland Center for the Arts.

**Presentation is FREE
but tickets are required**

cart.midlandcenter.org/33157



St. Alban's Episcopal Church 2026-2027 Concert Series Open Doors – A Welcoming World of Music

October 18, 4:00 PM

"From Queen to Ellington"

Midland Saxophone Quartet

Reserve your free seat at:

www.stalbans-baycity.org/concert-series.html

105 S. Erie, Bay City, MI



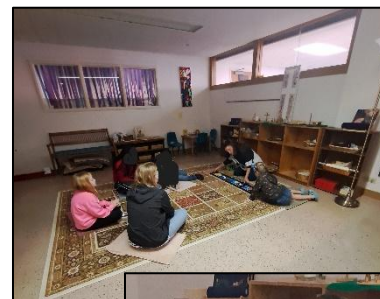
September Children & Youth



EYE Youth group started back up September 13th. We hope to see more join us for our twice-a-month youth group on Sunday mornings at 9am. Youth are welcome to bring a friend. At our first two youth group meetings we got to know each other. We got into a groove of social time and Bible study. The favorite activities were ping pong and trivia. We started a series, *Dealing with Change*. This is a fitting series as the youth are starting brand new schools, entering a final year at a school and/or just adjusting to a new school year. So far, we have talked about how our thoughts and emotions are changing. While we don't always understand our emotions, embracing them and handling them makes it easier. A trivia game we played that referenced the *Inside Out* movies helped bring our emotions conversation full circle. We discussed how as pre-teens and teens, the thought process grows and changes and the understanding of growing wiser helped to see how this could be stressful but manageable. Bringing real world ideas with how God can help us grow and change is a key to *Dealing with Change*. Our next youth group meeting

will be on October 11th, and we will work on ideas for decorations for our children and youth trunk for the Welcoming Committee's annual Trunk or Treat on October 18th from 2-5pm. We will continue our series on *Dealing with Change* through the month of October.

Sunday School and Nursery kids have started to return as our school year programming started back up on September 13th. Ms. Alicia has led several Sunday school lessons from Godly Play for the younger kids in attendance. Ms. Jenni did a great job leading the *Creation* story for Godly Play in Ms. Alicia's absence. Ms. Linda started a series with our upper elementary children called *Be An Influencer*. The first lesson covered *being intentional* with how we influence others. Teaching them to be an influential person you must be intentional about how you act and be aware of those actions as they affect others. How we intentionally enter a situation whether it be a game of soccer, stopping name calling, or just being intentionally kind makes a huge difference. Many examples in the Bible such as Paul went a long way to explain some of these intentional actions. We will continue through our series *Be An Influencer* and more *Godly Play* stories throughout the fall.



Exciting news! In September one of our Nursery care staff took time off to get married! Congratulations Ms. Leah we are so happy for you and Jeremy!

Women Journeying Together

by Marnie Bash

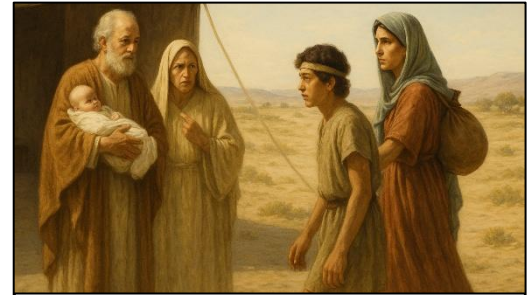
We are continuing our study of the book of Genesis, finishing the study of the primeval myths of the first 11 chapters and moving on into the stories of the Patriarchs – and Matriarchs – found in Genesis. This month we will be focusing on Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, and Isaac; lots of food for discussion. Our schedule:

Oct 8 – Abraham

Oct 15 – Sarah and Hagar

Oct 22 – Isaac

Oct 29 – we'll break for a lunch before launching into Jacob's story in November



Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Hagar, and Ishmael

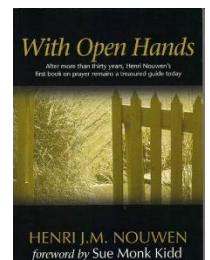
Women Journeying Together is a group of women who gather Thursday afternoons, 1:00 to about 2:30. Our discussions each week are mostly independent of one other, so you can come or miss as your schedule permits. We meet in the Activity Room on the lower level, just below the church office. We study, read, share, laugh a lot, and pray with and for one another. Occasionally we go out to lunch together. Women of all ages are invited. Come and join us for a particular study or “forever”. Questions? Contact Marnie Bash, mpbash@ameritech.net or 989-839-9364.

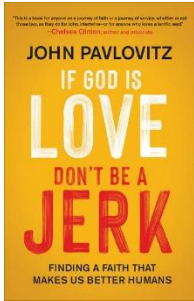
Library News

by Marnie Bash

Books on the Feature Shelves for this month and the early part of next month are books by some of our favorite authors – men this time. We've featured some of our favorite woman authors previously; now the men get their turn. And this is a mixed bag; some of the authors are well known with multiple books available and others are books I personally like. So, what's out there?

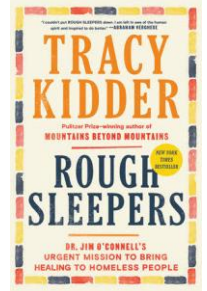
One of our best known “favorite authors” is C.S. Lewis, and many of his books are out, including *Basic Christianity*, *the Screwtape Letters* (both book and study guide), and *A Grief Observed* plus several others. Another well-known, well-loved author is Henri Nouwen. His books out include *Behold the Beauty of the Lord*, a book about using icons for prayer, *Our Greatest Gift*, and a “best seller” *With Open Hands*, about spirituality and serving others. Wonderful, gentle, and caring reading. A more current, and thoroughly enjoyed author is John Ortberg, he of the looong book titles and a gift of humor. Included are *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat* and *When the Game Is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box*. Other of his books are *God Is Closer than You Think* and *All the Places to Go: How Will You Know*. The writing is light, humor is frequent, and yet Ortberg still gets his points across; pick up and enjoy one of his books. And Lewis Smedes has *The Art of Forgiving* and *Forgive and Forget*, books about deep hurts and dealing with them.





And then there are some of my favorite books. Scott Peck weighs in with *The Road Less Traveled*, an older and encouraging book that gently leads us on a Christian path of love and caring. Well worth reading, even if you've read it before. A much newer book, but one I thoroughly enjoyed is John Pavlovitz's *If God Is Love, Don't Be a Jerk*; With a light touch, he talks about living with and accepting ALL people, including LGBT+, street people, immigrants and non-whites, and even those we just don't like! 😊 Interesting and worth reading.

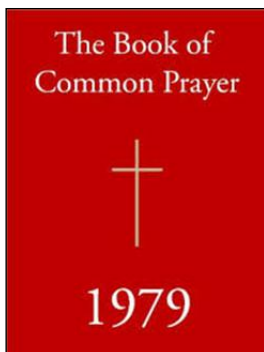
One of the most interesting books I have read recently is *Rough Sleepers* by Tracy Kidder; it follows a doctor in the Boston area who joined a team of professionals who cared for the street people in the area. He gets to know them, their habits, where they went and what they did. The book follows his career and association with these people over many years; it is upbeat and fascinating and well worth reading!



There is truly a wide variety of books out this month, appealing to different people. Pick up one by your favorite author or search for someone new to learn from and enjoy. Maybe you'll come up with a new "favorite" author. Have fun looking.

BCP Spotlight

by Ellen Mc Vey



Prayers for a Church Convention and for the Election of a Bishop

The following prayers may be used before and during our diocesan convention on October 23–24. As a delegate, I can assure you that your prayers are deeply appreciated.

12. For a Church Convention (p. 818, Prayers)

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in Muskegon for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

13. For a Church Convention (p. 255, Collects: Contemporary, Various Occasions)

Almighty and everlasting Father, you have given the Holy Spirit to abide with us for ever: Bless, we pray, with his grace and presence, the bishops and other clergy and the laity here (or now, or soon to be) assembled in your Name, that your Church, being preserved in true faith and godly discipline, may fulfill all the mind of him who loved it and gave himself for it, your Son Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

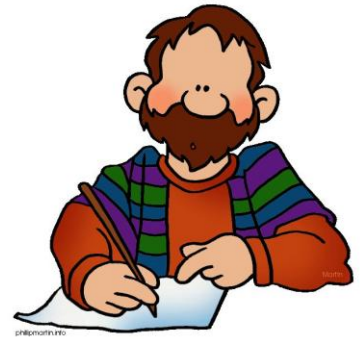
13. For the Election of a Bishop (p. 818, Prayers)

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Church History in Three Minutes (or Less)

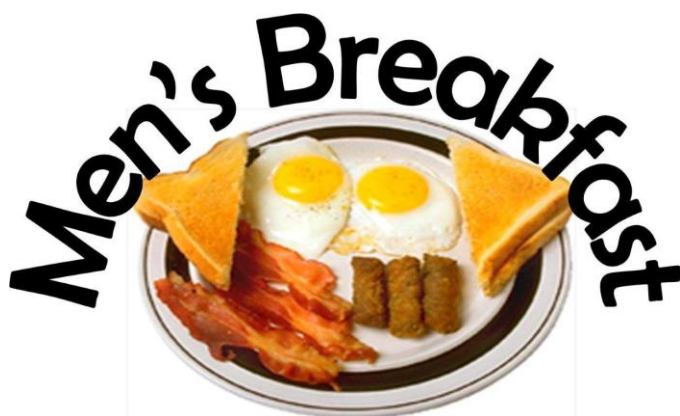
by Eric Carlson

Listening to the “Meet & Greet” sessions with our bishop candidates on YouTube, I was struck by how often they raised making the Eucharist available more regularly for small priestless parishes. Until relatively recently, in historical terms, weekly or frequent Eucharist was neither expected nor considered desirable in our tradition. Before the Reformation, priests celebrated Mass daily (in theory) but typically only they received Christ’s Body and Blood. Ordinary folks attended Mass weekly as required (again, in theory) but weren’t communicants, due to the church’s obsession with “unworthy reception” of the sacrament. According to church law, lay people were required (after extensive preparation) to confess their sins to their parish priest annually, usually during Holy Week, after which they would receive communion. More frequent communion meant more frequent confession—behavior associated with saints or the eccentrically devout.



After the Reformation, the English church made structural changes to Sunday worship that ensured lay reception remained rare. Rather than a service in which the priest consecrated and consumed Christ’s Body and Blood before an audience of non-communicants, the regular services which people were required by law to attend each week were Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer—liturgies of psalms, prayers, and preaching adapted from the daily prayer cycle of pre-Reformation monks and nuns. Sermons, typically lasting between one and two hours (!), were the centerpiece of these services. (The reason for this change of emphasis requires its own article. Stay tuned!)

The *Book of Common Prayer* included a doctrinally Protestant eucharistic service to replace the Mass, but it was rarely used. In 1571, Pope Pius V authorized killing Queen Elizabeth, so Catholics were considered potential traitors (or worse), and since the Pope also had forbidden Catholics to receive Protestant sacraments, the government could root out Catholics by making everyone receive communion—which was then legally required, but only three times per year. “Unworthy reception” was still a concern, but since mandatory confession had been abolished, the clergy focused instead on testing knowledge of prayers and basic tenets of Christian faith. It was only after the 1830s, thanks to the Oxford Movement (also worth an article soon) and its push to bring many Catholic devotional practices into the Anglican church, that weekly Eucharist began to replace Morning Prayer as the main Sunday service in some parishes. This change gradually spread, but even in the mid-20th century it was still far from universal in both the Anglican and Episcopal churches.



Monday, November 2, 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, Henry Youngquist, Julie, Vicki Leigeb, Bob Estabrook, Ed & the Patterson family, Daina A., Gordon E., Mary Jo Hudson, John Adams, Chris Schuster, Arie Goudswaard, Bob Stoney, and Chris Lauckner.

Give thanks with those celebrating Oct. Birthdays...

1 – Jane Lacher	16 – Dave Kempzell
Jackie Leigh	19 – Leyna Gruhzit
Ryan Moeggenberg	24 – Alice Stoll
Roni Rogers	26 – Avonlea Anderson
2 – John Checkley	Sara Philo
Dick White	27 – Gabby Robinson
8 – Wendy Thompson	28 – Lizzie Albright
11 – Joyce Anderson	29 – Mark McCartney
Linda Leckrone	30 – Kate Robinson

Contact the church office

989-631-2260 / office@sjec-midland.org

- 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 Oct. Anniversaries...

4 – Adam & Sara Philo
15 – James Stefanski & Jason Wright
23 – Jerry & Margo Nielsen
31 – Kristina Mason & Kate Robinson

Let's
Pray!



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 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).



How to Connect with Mother Alissa

Schedule a time via Calendly

[CLICK HERE](#)



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

During the month of
October, you'll find her
at Live Oak Eastside
(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

OUR VESTRY – OUR ELECTED LEADERS

Clergy

The Very Rev. Alissa G. Anderson*Rector*

Staff

Travis Fader.... *Organist & Interim Director of Music*
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*
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 Eucharist	Sanctuary
8:30am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
9:00am	Fellowship Hour	Williams Hall
9:00am	Youth Group (EOW)	Activity Room
10:00am	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary & YouTube
11:00am	Fellowship Hour	Williams Hall
11:30am	Handbell Choir Rehearsal.....	Bell Zone
5:00pm	NA.....	McNab Room
6:30pm	Bible in the Basement (1 st /3 rd).....	Activity Rm

Monday (Parish Office open 9am-3pm)

8:00am	St. John's Men's Breakfast (1 st)	Big Boy
12:00pm	AA.....	McNab Room
6:00pm	Popup Bible Study	Library

Tuesday (Parish Office open 9am-3pm)

10:00am	St. Martha's Guild (2 nd)	Activity Room
10:00am	Samaritan Fund Clients	Library
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, The 24 Forms	Williams Hall

Thursday (Parish Office open 9am-3pm)

9:00am	Alissa's Drop-in Coffee Office Hrs.	Live Oak
10:00am	Love Knots (2 nd /4 th)	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 (2 nd /4 th)	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:
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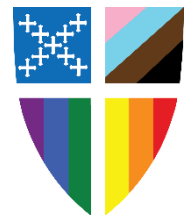
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