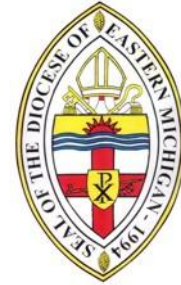


# *The Fabric of St. John's*



Parish News of  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
Alma, Michigan

July Newsletter



## Pastor's Corner

May the Angel of Justice disturb you  
To take the side of the poor and the wronged.

May the Angel of Encouragement confirm you  
In worth and self respect,  
That you may live with the dignity  
That presides in your soul.

.....  
May all the Angels be your sheltering  
and joyful guardians.  
--John O'Donohue 2008

Many of us will be away in July and as you know I will be one of them. I hope during this time we will truly re-create ourselves. This time of year the weather encourages us to slow down and pay attention to the world around us, the beauty of nature as well as how our community is faring.

Meditate on the beauty of the above poem and talk to the angels in your life. These angels of justice, encouragement, and shelter are there to help us on our journey.

There will be no pastor's Corner for August.

God's blessings, I'll see you in August.

Mary+

**Daughters of the King Prayer (1)**  
(Submitted by K. Atchinson)

Bless to me O God  
My soul that comes from on high.  
Bless to me O God  
My body that is of earth.  
Bless to me O God  
Each thing my eye sees  
Each sound my ear hears.  
Bless to me O God  
Each scent that goes to my nostrils  
Each taste that goes to my lips  
Each ray that guides my way.

from: Celtic Prayers from Iona

**Daughters of the King Prayer (2)**  
(Submitted by W. Brown)

Father, I don't know what is going to happen in the next twenty-four hours, but I know that you will give me the strength I need to handle it and deal with whatever challenges I may face. I bless you, Lord! Give me your peace as I look to you for everything I need. Amen.

**Daughters of the King News**  
(Submitted by W. Brown)

Thanks to everyone who helped with our blankets. We are in need of fleece, either 1 1/2 yards or 2 yards, long. It takes two pieces to make one blanket.

Our next workshop is Sat Aug 14 2-4pm. All are welcome.

**Member of the Month Feature**  
(Submitted by A. Holtz)

I am going to give everyone a questionnaire in their box to answer and return to my box. In it I will ask questions that will let us get to know you a little better. Each month I will pick someone new. Participation is optional.

**Trash-2-Treasure/Craft**  
(Submitted with Thanks by B. Anderson)

This event is scheduled on July 24 from 10 am - 4 pm at St. John's Church in the South parking lot, or in the Parish Hall in case of rain.

Trash-2-Treasure is basically a yard sale. If you have any good items you wish to donate, you can bring them to the church anytime before the sale. When choosing your donation items please follow these guidelines:

- DO NOT bring ANY clothing for the yard sale, the only exception is baby clothing in new or excellent condition.
- Welcomed items would be things like books, dishes, furniture, jewelry, tools, gadgets, working appliances, toys, etc.
- Mark your item(s) with a clearly visible price already on it.
- You may have your item(s) back after the sale if it has not sold.

The Craft sale is open for members and non-members of the church. So spread the word to any crafters you know. The table fee is \$10 for the use of one table and two chairs - this fee is waived for church members. The table registration form can be viewed and printed from the Church website, complete with guidelines, and payment instructions; you may also contact Nora or Bev Anderson for a copy.

Volunteers will be needed for setup and take-down of tables and chairs, selling donated items, etc.

We are putting on this event to help raise money for the desperately needed roof repair.

So please help us to make this event a success and help raise money for the roof.

**Episcopal Church Women**  
(Submitted by L. Mitchell)

The ECW met on June 6 for a short meeting to discuss the ceiling tiles in the Nursery Room. Many tiles have been water damaged. Leaks haven't been experienced since the roof repairs. Vestry also looking at doing the ceiling repairs in the Nursery and other parts of the church. A motion was passed to allocate \$300 from the ECW budget towards ceiling repairs. We look forward to an estimate and plan for the repairs to be done soon and encourage everyone to help out however they can. We want our church to look as inviting, healthy, and friendly as possible.

Next regular ECW meeting is September 19 for Fall season planning.

**Saginaw Valley Convocation Meeting**  
(Submitted by B. Gladding)

June 21, 2010 at St. Alban's, Bay City

Attended by Kay Wohlfeill and Barb Gladding.

Bible Study after roll call concentrated how to keep churches open in this Diocese. Calvary, Saginaw was the latest to not answer roll call due to its closing recently. The questions raised were:

- Why does God have you where you are?
- What action can be taken to continue?
- What does it mean to be a church?

A lively discussion followed. Would a retreat of all convocation vestries be a means to this exchange? One idea offered - since Episcopalians are "uncomfortable" with evangelism - consider a Needs Based Evangelism - find a community need and get the whole church behind it - not just one or two individuals although an "agitator" helps.

During the Treasurer's Report, a request from Camp Chickagami was read. A motion was made and approved to send an additional \$1200.00 to be used for camp scholarships. (Earlier in the

year the amount of \$500.00 was sent to their general fund.)

A request for the following nominations was presented and representatives were encouraged to take the requests back to their congregations.

1. Nomination of Convocation Lay representative to the Diocesan Standing Committee. (This committee meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. with lunch provided.)
2. Nominations for General Convention Deputies - 1 lay and 1 clergy.

General Convention 2012 will meet in Indianapolis. Deputies will be voted on at Diocesan Convention this fall so that they will have ample time to prepare for 2012.

3. Nominations for 2 at large Trustees - Preferably with an understanding of finance and good stewardship.

Other old business included

1. The election of Convocation President and Vice-President at the Convocation November 22 meeting. Nominees for these offices need to be in by the October 18 meeting
2. Someone to serve as secretary at convocation meetings.

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:30 p.m.

**July Birthdays**

July 6 - Jackie Warsop and Tom Trimmer  
July 12 - Angie Ballard  
July 19 - Phil Warsop  
July 20 - Alex Radzibon  
July 23 - Loreen Smith  
July 25 - Margaret Trimmer

## July Schedule

- Thursday, July 1  
8:30 am Spiritual Growth Group
- Sunday, July 4 (Independence Day)  
9:00 am Christian Education  
9:15 am Choir Practice  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist and Sermon -  
Rev. B. Preston  
11:30 am Potluck Dinner (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)
- Thursday, July 8  
8:30 am Spiritual Growth Group  
10:00 am Diocesan Standing Committee  
at the Diocesan Center, Saginaw
- Sunday, July 11  
9:00 am Christian Education  
9:15 am Choir Practice  
10:00 am Morning Prayer  
11:30 am Vestry Meeting
- Thursday, July 15  
8:30 am Spiritual Growth Group
- Sunday, July 18  
9:00 am Christian Education  
9:15 am Choir Practice  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist and Sermon -  
Rev. C. Curtis
- Monday, July 19  
7:00 pm Saginaw Valley Convocation at  
St. Alban's, Bay City
- Thursday, July 22  
8:30 am Spiritual Growth Group
- Sunday, July 25  
9:00 am Christian Education  
9:15 am Choir Practice  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist and Sermon -  
Rev. B. Preston  
11:30 am Daughters of the King Business  
Meeting
- Thursday, July 29  
8:30 am Spiritual Growth Group

### Reminders:

- No ECW meetings or Sunday School until  
September.
- No Building Committee Meetings at present.  
Rev. Mary will be absent in July, but we have  
two guest priests gracing us this month.

### Please Keep These People in Your Prayers for Healing and Guidance:

- Caitlyn Vanderlip (Friend of J&W Brown)  
Lori Feltman (Niece of J. Crispin)  
Marci Proulx (Friend of J&W Brown)  
*Serving in the Military:*  
Billy Roberson (Nephew of C. Eckhoff)  
Catherine (Zilch) McDonald (Daughter of C&L  
Zilch)  
Karl Ruschman (Grandson of A. Radzibon)  
Tony Dill (Relative of J&S Hamilton)

**UTO Reminder** - don't forget to add coins to  
your United Thank Offering box when you have  
something to be thankful for - and we all know  
God gives us gifts every day. ☺

### A Bit of Humor:



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Sunday Eucharist: 10:00 a.m.  
Christian Education (all ages): 9:00 a.m.

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#### VESTRY

Jake Hamilton (Senior Warden), Kenalee  
Atchinson and Nancy Mills (Junior  
Wardens) Doug Ballard (Treasurer), Chris  
Berry (Secretary), Bev Anderson, Alex  
Radzibon, and Kay Wohlfeill