



***Welcomes all!***

*St. Paul's is a loving, affirming congregation that welcomes and seeks to serve Christ in every person!*

***St. Paul's Weekly Epistle***  
**3rd Sunday of Lent**  
**Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 10:30am**

***Serving this coming Sunday***

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| <i>Celebrant</i>             | The Rev. Karen Joy Kelly     |
| <i>Acolyte</i>               | Cadence & Julian Phillips    |
| <i>Altar Guild</i>           | Rebekah Westerbeek           |
| <i>Cantor</i>                | J. Barrett Lee               |
| <i>Coffee Hour</i>           | Catherine Thomas             |
| <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i> | Bob Cheek & J. Barrett Lee   |
| <i>Eucharistic Visitors</i>  | Amy Johnson & Diane Davidson |
| <i>Greet/Usher</i>           | Bob Cheek                    |
| <i>Lector</i>                | Catherine Thomas             |
| <i>Nursery</i>               | Bernice Mason & Mary Malesky |
| <i>Organist</i>              | Paul Hochstetler             |
| <i>Violinist</i>             | Ella Westerbeek              |

***Preparing for the Lent 3***

*In order to be prepared to hear the Scripture on Sunday, we will be offering introductions to the lessons.  
(Perhaps this preparation will allow for Bible Study following Coffee hour in January 2023!)*

***Scripture***

**Exodus 17:1-7**, This is the second story about thirst and water in Exodus (see also 15:22-27). For people living in an arid land, thirst was a powerful metaphor for a human's need for God. Moses now uses the staff that made the Nile foul to bring forth clean water. Israel's murmuring is a constant feature of the Exodus narratives. This incident at Massah (meaning "test") and Meribah (meaning "quarrel") became a byword for Israel's faithlessness.

**Psalms 95**, This psalm, like Psalm 81, outlines a liturgy celebrating God's kingship. It was probably used at the great autumnal New Year's festival. The first section (vv. 1-7a) is a processional hymn in two parts. One part is sung in the temple court, praising God as Creator (vv. 1-5), and the other marks the entry into the sanctuary, praising God as Lord of the covenant people. In the second section of the psalm (vv. 7b-11), the people are cautioned against repeating the disobedience and faithlessness of their ancestors.

**Romans 5:1-11**, Paul uses two metaphors to describe God's redeeming act in Christ: justification, the end of a legal dispute, and reconciliation, the termination of a state of enmity. Christ sacrifice demonstrates God's justifying, reconciling love for us. The work of salvation was begun in Christ's ministry, death, and resurrection and is now operative through the Holy Spirit. Whereas justification marks the beginning of this process, salvation marks its future completion. We enter more fully into salvation by participating in Christ's risen life and by anticipating a share in God's glory.

**John 4:5-42**, This is the second discourse in John on the meaning of Jesus as the revelation of God. The Samaritans were descendants of the peoples settled by the Assyrians in the northern area after the fall of Israel (721 BCE). These early settlers worshiped other gods as well as Yahweh. After the Jews returned from exile, enmity with the Samaritans developed and persisted. Though later the Samaritans worshiped Yahweh alone, they had their one center of worship on Mount Gerizim. The woman first recognized Jesus as the Prophet-like-Moses, the figure in whom the Samaritans centered their messianic expectations. She brings up the dispute over the proper place of worship, but Jesus' answers focus on the important issue-on the response to God's gift of life. Jesus' reply finally invites the woman to acknowledge him as the Messiah.

**Hymns** (*Please come early and join us for a run through of Sunday's hymns: 10 a.m.*)

H-686 Come, thou fount of every blessing, S-102 Trisagion, H-455 O love of God, how strong and true, H-319 You, Lord, we praise in songs of celebration, S-124 Holy, holy, holy Lord, S-156 Christ our Passover, H-700 O love that cast out fear, H-495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus



### *Calendar*

**Book Club every Tuesday, 10 a.m. at church**

**Ladies' Lunch Bunch 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday RSVP (269) 983-4761 by Wednesday at noon.**

**Every Sunday before church at 10 a.m. *Come practice hymns with Paul.***

**12 Sunday, Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.**

**15 Wednesday *Becoming Beloved Community* (Pray) Lenten Soup Supper & Compline 6 p.m. St. Augustine's. Presenter: Barrett Lee**

**17 Church Women United/World Day of Prayer ZOOM meeting 1 p.m.**

- 19     **Sunday, Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.**  
       **Vestry Meeting following the service.**
- 22     **Wednesday *Becoming Beloved Community (Worship)* Lenten Soup Supper & Compline 6 p.m. St. Augustine's**
- 26     **Sunday, Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.**
- 29     **Wednesday *Becoming Beloved Community (Bless)* Lenten Soup Supper & Compline 6 p.m. St. Augustine's**

#### **April**

- 02     **Palm Sunday Procession of Palms, Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.**
- 05     **Wednesday *Becoming Beloved Community (Go & Rest)***
- 06     **Maundy Thursday Foot Washing and Holy Eucharist, 7 p.m. at St. Paul's**
- 07     **Good Friday 7 p.m. at St. Augustine's**

#### ***Birthdays***

March 16, Mary Phillips

#### ***Anniversaries***

March 15, Henry & Ann Mora

#### ***Prayers***

We pray especially for our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry; the Standing Committees and Diocesan Councils of Eastern and Western Michigan, Bishop Provisional Prince Singh; Bishop of Northern Michigan, Rayford Ray; and Bishop of Michigan, Bonnie Perry. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer Jerry Lasley, Rector of St. Christopher in Grand Blanc, Mike Clark, Senior Warden of St. Philip's in Beulah, Bruce Banghart, Senior Warden, and the members of St. Augustine of Canterbury in Benton Harbor; the Academy for Vocational Leadership, Jennifer Frechette, diaconal postulant, and Chris Veldheer, intern and postulant for priesthood at Church of the Mediator, J. Barrett Lee, our intern and postulant for the priesthood, our Interim Rector, Karen Joy Kelly and our Discernment Committee.

We especially pray for Amber and Daniel and their family, Beth, Kate, Betsy Trescher, Jeri Spitzer, Kitty, Ibrahim Parlak and his family, along with all those suffering from earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, Judy Moran, Sarah Woolcock, Mary Fedison, Kim Fedison, Pat McKee, Ethan, Karen B., Cecile, Tim, Jean, Paul, Amy, Ed, Greg, Carl and all in St. Paul's and St. Augustine's who are in need of healing of any kind.

***And this week we pray for our members:*** Liz Andrews, Peg Adkins, Jean Bartz, Carl Bixby, Karen Bixby, Robert Boyce, Mary Malesky, Bob Cheek, Barb Cheek, Phil Coffin, Kris Coffin, Randy Colburn, Bill Davidson, Diane Davidson, Chris Dixon, Tom Dixon

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### ***From your Interim Rector***

So, how is your Lenten journey going?

Are you in need of a word of encouragement? Affirmation along the way?

Lent is *our* time ... our intentional time with God as we walk with Jesus to Easter morn.

I sometimes worry that we in the western world have been so insulated and removed from what it means to have a Rule of Life, or a discipline that can help us become better disciples as we passively consider Lent a quaint old sentimental tradition rather than one that can shake us to our roots and move us out of our comfort zones to become members of the Beloved Community. We have been “cracked open” and there’s no turning back. We must wrestle and struggle with what it means to be the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement in 2023 ... which is different than it was in 2018.

We need to wrestle and struggle with this individually, together as companions on the way and within the greater community. Our faith gives us what we need to go into the unknown and the Spirit guides us on the way.

So, how is your Lenten journey going? If you need encouragement or affirmation, just give me a call.

Praying for each of you to find your way through this amazingly holy, intentional, gift of time that we have been given.

Blessings,

*Karen*+

### ***St. Paul’s NEW Facebook Page***

## **St. Paul’s Episcopal Church – St. Joseph, Michigan**

*Check it out ... invite your friends to “like” and help grow our community!*

### ***Session 1 of The Way of Love: Creating Beloved Community Video***

Here is the link if you wish to watch:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/641fCdantz8l>  
[/rec/share/6RedFQJsZRf5OvjGw53czu6OJvN6aMcOv6YY-0jB3FCqcerNvwwA\\_jKUa-l1EXBh.WY-](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/641fCdantz8l)

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## *Lenten Series Session 2 – Learn*



Fifteen of us gathered together to “Learn”, the second step of The Way of Love: Becoming Beloved Community.

We enjoyed delicious soup, salad, breads (including Elaine’s homemade cornbread) and fruit. We listened, we prayed, we sang and we meditated creatively.

We talked not only about the learning through scripture but asked how we could learn to take that learning out beyond the

doors of our parishes, out into the community as we become the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement in Benton Harbor and St. Joseph.

Some shared their thoughts.

Come join us next Wednesday when Barrett talks about the third step, “Prayer”

"I am happy because my God is watching over me! My praise for God goes beyond these walls, and my joy is given to those I meet! His eye is on the sparrow and I know he is watching me! Thank you Lord!! Help me to spread my joy in loving you, God, to those in my path! Thanks be to God!" *Elaine Shoemaker, St. Augustin's*

*And, from Carol J. Haney, St. Paul's:*

My little room of quiet, Thank you...  
Where do you want me to go? How will I get there?  
What shall I do as I go and when I arrive?  
You have always been with me, I trust.  
I do not go alone, in the past, now, and in the future.

I see my teaching what I have learned in my heart  
and what I can do.  
I see gardens, food and flowers and trees,  
I see children playing.

I hear music, nature, and people singing.

I feel love, compassion, harmony, and comfort.



*Elaine Shoemaker sharing her words.*

I feel the warmth of the sun, the coolness of the shade  
and gentle breezes moving it throughout the world.

My energy is Yours not mine, my desire is Yours not mine, my life is Yours, not mine.... Thank you. Amen  
Let me add goodness to the lives of others.  
Let me feel the sadness of the world and wrap my arms  
around each one I seek in warmth.

There is so much that needs to be done.  
Let us join with each other so we can  
give larger, stronger hugs.

Seeing the results of our work would be most rewarding,  
but not required to keep wanting to do more.

Let us teach the young how to care, better than we do now.  
Let us be a blanket of love that covers the earth  
that heals the earth and smothers evil. Amen

Listen, see, feel, follow your heart first,  
use your head, share your wisdom.



## ***2023 Wednesday Lenten Series***

*St. Augustine of Canterbury & St. Paul's Episcopal Churches  
Sharing in Christian Formation and breaking bread together*

### **The Way of Love: Creating Beloved Community**

**March 15 Pray:** *Dwell intentionally with God each day. J. Barrett Lee*

**Hymn** "Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me"

**Scripture:** Luke 11.1 *He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."*

**Prayer:** Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (BCP, Proper 22, p. 234)

6:00 Gather for Soup Supper and fellowship

6:45 Program begins with

Hymn

Scripture

Prayer

**Presentation – Pray: Barrett Lee**

7:10 A time for reflection (feel free to engage in “art” or meditate in the sanctuary)  
7:30 Sharing “aha” moments  
8:00 Compline

**ZOOM link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84945547877?pwd=eTNmb3JqU3lWQVZTdFFtSldYVU5Ldz09>

Meeting ID: 849 4554 7877 Passcode: 068130



### ***The Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen @ the Salvation Army March 25!***

Time to volunteer! The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway. Thank you!

### ***Fund Raiser for the Soup Kitchen! ... You can help! Sunday, March 26!***

The 2023 Gillespie Soup Bowl will be held Sunday, March 26th at Striker's Bowl in Saint Joseph. \$120.00 will qualify your foursome (or fivesome) to win prizes and enjoy all the Silver Beach Pizza you'd like. Bid on auction items, win door prizes, and enjoy an afternoon of fun. Doors open at Noon, bowling starts at 1:00. Come early to scope out the auction items! Contact [kcgast@yahoo.com](mailto:kcgast@yahoo.com) for more info.

We guarantee you will have a great time at the Gillespie Soup Bowl, even if you can't bowl – just come for the FUN! Register here: <https://igfn.us/form/jDgR4w>

### ***Spoofed again!*** Parishioners have been getting a strange text message supposedly from me:

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+1 (830) 266-9234 >

Text Message

Today 12:45 PM

(Your name) I need a favor from you please get back to me once you get this

Rev. Karen Kelly

The sender is not in your contact list.

***Please do not respond! Report, block and delete! I only have one telephone number and you already have that.***

## ***News from the Pews***



### ***And she does it again!***

Ella earned the title of State Champion at the Michigan YMCA State Meet this past weekend, finishing in 1st place in both the 200 Yard Freestyle and the 500 Yard Freestyle.

The team also finished in 1st place in the “small team” categoryGo BHSJ Dolphins! 🐬

Ella set big goals for herself this season, and she worked so hard to accomplish them. She'll finish her season in two weeks at the Great Lakes Zone Championship.

Not only that, she is a member of St. Paul's Sunday ministry team as a reader, acolyte *and* violinist!

***We are blessed ... and we are grateful!***

*To Carol & Dennis Haney and Freya Gilbert for hosting Coffee Hour  
this past Sunday!*



### ***An invitation from Church Women United***



***CHURCH WOMEN UNITED***  
*is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom*

***WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023.***

***Time: Friday, March 17, 2023, 01:00 PM Eastern Time***

***Join Zoom Meeting***

***<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82708733102?pwd=VXpqYW5McFNhK2hQQkd6Z0hlYm1yZz09>***

***Dial in by phone: 1 646 931 3860 Meeting ID: 827 0873 3102 Passcode: 167401***

### ***Interfaith Action***



***From Vicki Shroeder ...***

Universal Background Checks, Safe Storage and Extreme Risk Protection Order bills are in State House and Senate hearings again this week.

The State House Judiciary will meet Wednesday and are expected to vote the Gun Safety bills out of committee. The State Senate Judiciary will meet Thursday and are expected to vote the Gun Safety bills out of committee.

The floor votes are expected to be next week. That means that next week we could have bills with a vote in the House and Senate and to the Governor to sign. New polling last week shows Michigan remains committed in the 90% to having common sense gun laws.

Gabby Giffords will be at the state capitol next week. It will be worth seeing this all happen if you can make it. Finally, a huge thank you for your support and efforts in all this. We have a long way to go in this work but this really feels like a moment!



Thanks for all you are doing and in support, Vicki

### ***RALLY WITH GABBY GIFFORDS IN LANSING MARCH 15!***

Please join us in Lansing at the Capitol on March 15th for a major rally. The event will be headlined by Gabby Giffords, the former member of congress who survived an assassination attempt and has gone on to become one of our nation's leading voices against gun violence. Gabby will be joined by students, survivors and local leaders in the movement against gun violence. We're close to passing background checks, extreme risk protection orders, and safe storage. But we need to keep the pressure on in Lansing and show that the whole state is united behind this movement.

Please, if there's a moment when we need you to show up and speak out, that time is now.

The event, organized by the Giffords organization, is co-sponsored by End Gun Violence Michigan, Giffords Gun Owners for Safety - Michigan chapter, March For Our Lives Michigan, Moms Demand Action - Michigan chapter, and Students Demand Action - Michigan Chapter.

**Please RSVP here for the rally so you can get updates.** *Limited transportation may be available.*

### ***A response to Vicki from our Bishop***

Dear Vicki, Your steady leadership, along with several others, is significant in why we are where we are! Thank you! I pray that hearts will move and the bills indeed pass! It is hard to believe that we are at the cusp of a significant moment in Michigan's 40-year gun legislation history. Let us pray and act to bring our lawmakers to be good Michiganders and do the right thing! With my prayers! *Prince*

### ***Diocesan Update***

A special Lenten Message from our Bishop Provisional.

<https://youtu.be/8PspPEHUrWA>

***Did you know?***

***(Episcopal 101)***

***About the Season of Lent?***

“Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord’s passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance.” *BCP p. 264-65*

The season now known as Lent (from an Old English word meaning “spring,” the time of lengthening of days) has a long history. Early Christians observed “a season of penitence and fasting” in preparation for the Paschal (*Passover*) feast. Originally, in places where *Pascha* was celebrated on a Sunday, two days of fasting preceded it. Eventually the fasting became attached to 40 days, in imitation of Christ’s fasting in the wilderness. This was of particular importance to those mentioned in the BCP invitation above. For Episcopalians, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and runs through Holy Saturday (Easter Eve) with the exception of Sundays. (*Resource: An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church>A User-Friendly Reference for Episcopalians* by Don S. Armentrout, Robert Boak Slocum, Church Publishing, 2000, p. 299.

## ***From TEC Our National Church***



### ***Rest in Peace Bishop Griswold***

The Most Rev. Frank Tracy Griswold III, who served as the 25th presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church from 1998-2006, died Sunday, March 5, 2023, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at the age of 85.

Bishop Griswold died Sunday, March 5, 2023, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A renowned preacher known for his warmth and wit, Griswold served as the 25th presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church, leading the Protestant denomination from 1998 to 2006. Griswold also co-chaired the Roman Catholic-Anglican Commission from 1998 to 2003 and made significant contributions to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and to its practical use in the liturgical life of the church.

Griswold’s private spiritual practice was deeply informed by the early mothers and fathers of the church, and he championed Eastern traditions of the open-hearted and healing power of God’s love.

Born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, in 1937, Griswold earned a Bachelor of Arts at Harvard College and a Master of Arts from Oriel College at the University of Oxford. He was ordained as an Episcopal priest in 1963. He married his beloved wife, Phoebe Wetzel, in 1965, and they raised two daughters in Philadelphia and Chicago, where Griswold was elected as Episcopal bishop in 1987.

Griswold practiced a wide ministry of teaching, writing, lecturing, and leading retreats, nationally and internationally. After completing his term as presiding bishop, he served as a visiting professor at seminaries and universities in South Korea, Cuba, and Japan, as well as at the Episcopal Divinity School, the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Virginia Theological Seminary and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. He also served as bishop visitor to the Society of St. John the Evangelist. His books include “Going Home” (Cowley Publications Cloister Book), “Praying our Days: A guide and companion” (Church Publishing Group), “Tracking Down the Holy Ghost: reflections on love and longing” (Church Publishing Group), and, co-authored with the Rev. Mark McIntosh, “Seeds and Faith” and “Harvest of Hope” (Eerdmans).

He is survived by his widow, Phoebe, his two daughters, Hannah and Eliza, and three grandchildren.

## *Lakeshore Collaboration*

### *The Church of the Mediator Schedule for Lent & Holy Week as an option*

#### *Lenten Book Study*

**Tuesday, February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28 & April 4**

10:00 am Holy Eucharist in Chapel

10:30 am Book Study in the Parish Hall

noon Light Lunch

**Wednesday, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5**

7:00 pm on ZOOM <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2694696794>

***Maundy Thursday with Foot washing & Stripping of the Altar April 6 @ 5:30 pm***

Garden of Repose in the Chapel - vigil following the service

***Good Friday with Reserved Sacrament April 7 @ 5:30 pm***

#### **Know your Vestry**

Please contact a vestry member if you have questions or concerns;

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