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Outreach News *by Mary Sullivan*

The Outreach Committee met on Thursday, June 16th. Here are some items that may be of interest:

- *Camp New Day* – this will be the 20th season for CND. This provides the opportunity to reflect and remember that CND had its birthing in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Mi, and especially at St. Paul's. At the mercy of my memory and risk of forgetting someone, I made a list of everyone I could remember from St. Paul's and the Diocese who participated in this endeavor: Jim Kelsey, Tom Ray, Mark and Sharon Engle, Rayford Ray, Kay Payant, Kai Carrigan, Judy Britton, Sonja Wagstaff, Mohey and Kris Mowafy, Chris and Tom Niles, Maria Maniaci, Theresa, Paula and Pam Vincent, Ann and Geoff Smith, Ellen Jensen, Dan & Barb Carpenter, Jacquy Shellenbarger, Bob & Carol Potrzuski, all the fleece-tie blanket makers, the Diocese Youth Camp including Jamie Randall and Susan Harries, and of course, all those who made financial contributions and/or provided transportation to and from camp. I'm sure I'm overlooking more than a few – so I ask your forgiveness if your name is not on the list. But please note how many St. Paul's fingerprints have been on this camp.....
- *FAWM* – here are some stats from the recent distribution on Wednesday, June 15th: 402 households, 986 individuals, 265 children*, 306 seniors, 57 vets, and a whopping 20,100 pounds of food. The next distribution is Wednesday, **July 20th** at the Berry Events Center parking lot. Volunteers are always appreciated. *According to Feeding America West Michigan, the counties within their service area (which includes the U.P.) with the highest rates of children living with food insecurity are: Lake (24%), Chippewa (20.7%), Luce (20.5%), Mackinac (20.2%), and Schoolcraft (18.6%.) Three out of 4 are in the U.P.
- *Habitat for Humanity* – thanks to all who donated food for the building volunteers. Our support is greatly appreciated by the Habitat for Humanity staff/board and volunteers. According to Amy Stephens at HH, “churches make the best lunches!” We will be providing a lunch on Monday, **July 11th** and Monday, **August 22nd**.
- *Outreach of the Month* for July is Trillium House. Trillium House provides compassionate care for those who are nearing the end of their lives, and for the families and friends who care for them. Each year more than 350 residents of Marquette and the Central U.P. are cared for within hospice. While most are able to receive this care at the home, this ideal situation is not possible for all. In these cases, we are fortunate to have Trillium House in our community. Trillium House has been closed since November 2021 (the day before Thanksgiving) when the building experienced a facility-wide flooding due to a malfunction of its sprinkler system. They hope to re-open late-June, early-July. In addition to financial donations to cover the cost items not covered by insurance, volunteers are needed to provide Care Support, Welcome and Office Support Grounds Support and Special Project Support. Visit their website: www.trilliumhospicehouse.org for more information.

- And coming up in August, the *Outreach of the Month* will be Cedar Tree Institute. Jon Magnuson will be our preacher on Sunday, **August 28th** and will speak about the Interfaith Water Stewards II project, a partnership with Interfaith Wild Church, The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan, the Northern Great Lakes Synod (ELCA) and Messiah Lutheran Church. We are especially pleased that Jon can be with us during our Seasons of Creation.

Bob Railey’s Pen

Liturgical changes: Changes will start in July due to relaxation of some Coronavirus precautions.

Communion continues to be by “wafers only.” Presider distributes regular wafers; deacon distributes gluten-free wafers. Sometime in the future we expect to replace the regular wafers with real bread.

Masks are no longer mandated but are strongly recommended for all. Those having speaking parts should do so without wearing masks. All who sing must wear masks while doing so.

We continue to practice social distancing—peace is no-contact; wafers are dropped into recipients’ hands; birthday/anniversary honorees are to remain standing at their pew; collection plates are not passed (the plate is at the usher station until the congregation has mostly exited); note—presider and deacon should model good social distancing by not having presider share in deacon’s duties of set-up and take-down

This quarter, we are approving “minimal, socially distanced coffee hour as follows: Coffee maker will set up coffee pots (regular and decaf) in the atrium area. Coffee hour hosts will provide no more than three foods (our goal is to facilitate socializing rather than to provide a meal); note that we are no longer assigning two different hosts each week. When the weather cools off, we will decide whether to continue by using an indoor location based on our local coronavirus situation.

Liturgical Leadership

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Preside</u>	<u>Preach</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
July 3	Pentecost 4	Bob	Bob	Mary
July 10	Pentecost 5	Marcia	Lynn	Judy
July 17	Pentecost 6	Marna	Marna	Coralie
July 24	Pentecost 7	Jim	Jim	Pat
August 7	Pentecost 9	Marna	Marna	Judy
August 14	Pentecost 10	Marcia	Judd	Coralie
August 21*	Creation 1	Marna	Marna	Pat
August 28	Creation 2	Jim	Jon M.	Mary

*Start of 7-week Season of Creation (through October 2)

An invitation from Dan Carpenter and Family

We would like to invite the congregation of St. Paul’s to come to an Open House on Sunday, **August the 7th** immediately following the church service to help us celebrate Barb’s 80th birthday. It will be held in the Chapel from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

A light lunch and other refreshments will be available, as well as friendship, good wishes, and coffee hour conversations that have been absent during the past two years. We hope to see you then.

No presents please. Your presence will be your present.

Meanwhile, the Re-formation had Begun

by Jim Sorenson

As I pointed out earlier, it was never King Henry's plan to separate from the Church of Rome. The divorce question forced the issue and, once that had been decided and England was cut off by Rome, the field opened for further reformation of the Church of England.

Cranmer approached Henry about constructing an English service, based upon the Latin ones held previously, but Henry refused permission to do so feeling the Church would re-unify once the Pope discovered the error of his ways. But, regardless of Henry's feelings, work had begun toward what would be an English Prayer Book. When Jane Seymour died, following the birth of Edward, her funeral was the first to be conducted in English. Also, Henry granted Archbishop Cranmer permission to publish a work called, "The Great Litany" for use in the Church. Contempt of the Pope may be found in the words of one of the petitions in that Litany as it read,

*"From all sedition and privy conspiracy,
from the tyranny of the bishop of Rome
and all his detestable enormities,
from all false doctrine and heresy,
from hardness of heart,
and contempt of thy word and commandments:
Good Lord, deliver us."*

(I've "modernized" the spelling to present day standards.)

Henry died on the 28th of January, 1547 and his male heir, Edward (VI) was crowned king at the age of nine years on the 20th of February, 1547.

Due to his age and inexperience, Edward was placed under the care of Court Advisors, who were mostly followers of Reformation beliefs and practices. Two years later, Archbishop Cranmer was given permission to publish an English Prayer Book. The first English Book of Common Prayer was published on January 15, 1549 and introduced to the Church of England.

There was controversy over the publication as some felt the architects had not gone far enough in "reforming" the beliefs of the Church: much of the book was primarily an English version of the Roman Liturgies. A second, more "Protestant" book was released in 1552. A comparison of the two books reveals the change of thought in the clergy's words of administration of the elements in Communion:

1549 – "The Body of Our Lord, Jesus Christ which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life." And "The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

1552 – "Take and eat this in Remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving." And "Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for thee, and be thankful."

The change was from Real Presence, to symbolic action, a more Protestant stance.

Reforming of the English church continued until the death of Edward, who died at the age of fifteen years in 1553. Next in line to the throne was Mary Tudor, daughter of Henry and Catherine of Aragon, a devout Catholic of the pope's line.

Once enthroned, Mary set about to destroy all of the changes brought on by the reformation. This meant Protestants were hunted down and, if they refused to recant their teachings, were executed.

Archbishop Cranmer initially recanted, but upon further thought, retracted. He was sentenced to be burned at the stake. As the flames leapt up around him, it is said he held out the hand with which he had signed the agreement to recant and plunged it first into the flames.

Mary's attempt to restore the catholic church to the realm was marked with beheadings, burnings, and slaughter; hence, earning her the nickname, "Bloody Mary". After a bloody five-year reign, she died in November, 1558, making way for her half-sister Elizabeth to become queen.

St. Paul's Church
Parish Financial Report
(Jan. 1 through May 31, 2022)

<u>Financials (as of 5/31/2022)</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Income	\$47,702	\$42,842
Expenses for Operations	\$63,545	\$63,688
Net Church Operational Loss	(\$15,843)	(\$20,846)
Non-Routine Bldg. Repair Expenses	\$2,029	\$2,029
Net Overall Church Loss	(\$17,872)	(\$22,875)

<u>Trust Asset Status (as of 3/31/2022)</u>	<u>1/1/2022</u>	<u>Investment</u>	<u>Trust Exp. & Gains</u>	<u>Distributions</u>	<u>3/31/2022</u>
	<u>Beg. Balance</u>	<u>Gain</u>	<u>from Interest</u>	<u>To the Church</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
St. Paul's Trust (Church Operational Focus)	\$481,089	(\$27,619)	\$599	\$0	\$454,069
Shiras Trust (Bldg. Maint. Focus)	\$178,839	(\$10,267)	\$222	\$0	\$168,794
Total	\$659,928	(\$37,886)	\$821	\$0	\$622,863

Important Note: We withdrew \$70,000 from the St. Paul's Trust in 2021 to cover church operational financial deficits into early 2022. This is approximately 15% of the St. Paul's Trust 2021 beginning value. Prudent financial management indicates we should withdraw only around 4% to 5% annually if needed. We have not drawn funds from the trusts in 2022. However, we anticipate a withdrawal within the next two months to cover operational deficits.

July Birthdays

Peter Frazier	1
Hermiz Mikhael	1
Kathy Binoniemi	2
Lin Frazier	16
Toni Landick	20
Jim Jajich	21
Betty Komula	25
Claude DeYoung-Patrie	26
Trudy Gray	26
Kim Carpenter	30

August Birthdays

Barb Carpenter	3
Sierra Larson	3
Christopher Maynard	15
Peter Goodrich	16
Peter Frazier, Jr.	20
Jacquey Shellenbarger	20
Mark Engle	21
Kay Payant	25

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