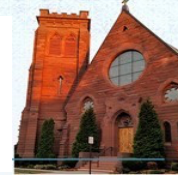


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Holy Week

by Marcia Franz and Mary Sullivan

The altar guild will be making palm crosses at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, **April 12th**, the day before Palm Sunday down in the Great Room. They will also be decorating the church with palms. We welcome anyone who would like to join us.

Palm Sunday service April 13th: 10:30 a.m.

Gathering: we will gather in the atrium for the Liturgy of the Palms and then process into the Sanctuary for the Liturgy of the Word. As is traditional, we will then read the Passion

according to Luke. All participate in the reading of the Passion, along with assigned parts. **We need volunteers for the Liturgy of the Word and for the assigned parts in the Passion.**

Maundy Thursday, April 17th service will be at 6:30 p.m. in the church with handwashing (instead of foot) and eucharist to follow.

The **Easter Sunday** service will be on Sunday, **April 20th**. We are in need of volunteers for this service, as well. The sign-up sheets for both Sundays are on the parking lot entry table.

What Is a Good Friday Prayer Pilgrimage? By Marna Franson

On **Good Friday** this year, **April 18th** from 12 noon to approximately 3 p.m., St. Paul's will host a Prayer Pilgrimage. We will meet in the parking lot at St. Paul's and travel to seven destinations that relate to seven concerns that are on our hearts at the moment: 1.) How Medicaid changes might affect long term care, causing hardship for our disabled and aging siblings; 2.) The termination of employment for thousands of federal workers; 3.) The undercutting of environmental protections and the downsizing of national parks; 4.) The lack of safety for the LGBTQ+ community, especially the trans community; 5.) Education and the defunding of essential programs; 6.) Veterans and how their legacy and their support are being undermined; 7.) The dismantling of DEI initiatives across the nation and the protection of immigrants.

At each of these seven locations we will gather in parking lots and will stand in silence, sinking into our concerns and "standing with" those who are being affected by current government policies and initiatives. We will say a prayer. We might sing a song. Then we will move to the next location. Our intent is to create a liturgical response to the concerns of our hearts. We choose Good Friday from noon to three for this Prayer Pilgrimage because this was the time in the Easter Story when Jesus was actively dying. It seems an appropriate time to take our hearts on the road together so that our hearts of concern and pain can beat together.

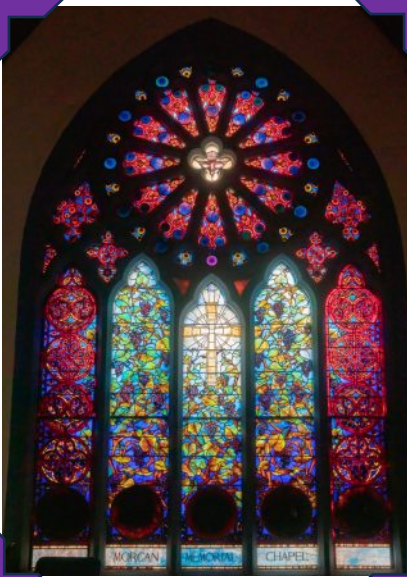
We will gather at **12 noon** at St. Paul's in the parking lot and ride together (if we want) from place to place. We will complete our pilgrimage at St. Paul's, coming full circle and remembering that we go out from and come home to a community that is trying to love one another and care for the world.

Holocaust Remembrance Service *by Aaron Scholnik*

Temple Beth Sholom and the Marquette Interfaith Forum invite all to the annual Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Service hosted by St. Paul's Episcopal church. The service will start at **6:00 p.m.** on Monday, **April 14th.** (Note the earlier start time.)

The guest speaker is Irene Miller, author of the historical memoir "Into No Man's Land." She will tell the story of her family's survival after escape from Poland ahead of the Nazi invasion. After being deserted in the fields between the Nazi and Soviet forces, her family struggled to survive in the Soviet labor camps and endured separations, followed by eventual reunions. Ms. Miller experienced additional hardships under the Soviets, eight years in orphanages and eventual freedom in the USA. Ms. Miller is an active member of the Zekelman Holocaust Center in Farmington Hills, Michigan and is a Docent at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Choral presentations by the Marquette Senior High School and the Marquette Male Chorus, with additional contributions from other speakers will round out the program. A reception will follow the service, at Temple Beth Sholom diagonally across Ridge Street, on Blaker Street.



Morning Prayer:

Sunday, April 27, 10:30 a.m.

Chapel

Community Meal:

Wednesday, April 30th, 6 p.m.

Great Room



NFSP Grant Update

by Fred Cole

In the last few weeks, St. Paul's has been building momentum in our efforts for the National Fund for Sacred Places grant. We are both honored and humbled to have been one of 24 congregations selected from nearly 500 applicants nationwide for this historic preservation grant.

Jan Brodersen and Janice Peterson have organized the "Sounds in Sacred Spaces" concert for Sunday, **March 30th** at 3:00 pm. Darrius Morton, Kristen and Jimmy Ludwig, Michael Waite, Superior String Alliance musicians, the NMU Arts Chorale, St. Paul's Choir, and other artists will be featured.

Lake Superior Community Partnership helped us put out a press release about the grant to local media. St. Paul's and our grant efforts have received good coverage in the Mining Journal and on local TV stations.

We have received a \$15,000 matching grant from the M.E. Davenport Foundation, with special thanks to Mary Sullivan. We received an unsolicited \$500 grant from the Francis Farwell Fund (part of the Marquette Community Foundation). We have also applied to the Phyllis and Max Reynolds Foundation, the Frazier Fund, the Marquette Community Foundation, the Cleveland Cliffs Foundation, and the Evans Graham Historic Preservation Award from the Michigan Architectural Foundation. With assistance from the Diocesan Office, we will seek more grants on the state and national level.

Fundraising brochures have been printed and we will share them within the congregation and throughout the community. We will also be mailing them out to St. Paul's "alumni" and friends throughout the state and the country.

Local historic preservation architect Ken Czapski conducted a thorough building assessment of St. Paul's as part of the grant process. He also assessed the building in 2007. This new assessment will help us focus our efforts on the most critical needs for St. Paul's as we move forward toward the next 150 years for our building.

Popular local radio personality and amateur historian, Jim Koski, has agreed to host one of his popular "History Walking Tours" this summer featuring St. Paul's, our history in the community, and the 150th anniversary of our sanctuary. We will keep you posted when a date has been confirmed.

If you would like to help St. Paul's reach its fundraising goals for the NFSP grant, you can write a check to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Please note "Building Restoration" in the memo and send it to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 201 E. Ridge Street, Marquette, MI 49855.

If you prefer to make an online donation, you can donate here. Please select "Building Restoration" from the menu.

Or you can go to <https://tithe.ly/give?c=5527881> to donate online. Please select "Building Restoration" from the menu. You can also scan the QR code below to donate online.

Thank you for your support of St. Paul's as we move forward into the next 150 years for our sanctuary building!



Crafting in Community

Mark your calendars for Friday, **April 4th**, for the first of First Fridays Crafting in Community: in St. Paul's Sanctuary.

- From 6 to 8 p.m.
- Tech Free Space
- Bring a project or share your talents with others.
- Hosted by St. Paul's
- Presented by UP Wild Church



April Birthdays

Marna Franson	4
Peggy Frazier	9
Andrew Goodrich	12
Sonja Soderberg-Wagstaff	12
Jack Bullock	14
Bill Sheehan	15
Ann Smith	27
Jan Brodersen	29
Jim Sorenson	29



Creative Aging Lunch and Learn *by Kris Mowafy*

This project is going very well. The response to our previous speakers has been overwhelmingly positive!! This past month, we had representatives from TRIAD, who explained the File of Life, Smart 911, Life Tracker, and how we can best protect ourselves from scams. This is all such important information for us!! Next month, on Wednesday, **April 16**, Chris Harkness will be bringing her expertise concerning cognition to discuss strategies for keeping our brains sharp and to talk with us regarding shifting our perspectives regarding aging.

Our gathering is from noon to 1, in the Chapel. Many participants bring a lunch; coffee and water are provided. This past month, Marna started a new incentive!! If you bring a friend, you will get a gift card to a local coffee shop, and we had a door prize for two lucky winners! This is relaxed, informative, and important, so I encourage all to check it out. Hope to see you there.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DEADLINE:

**May Messenger; Friday,
April 25, Suppertime**

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