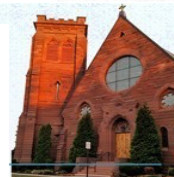


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Gathered by Grace, Sent Forth to Serve



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NFSP Grant Update *by Fred Cole*

In March and April, St. Paul's continued to build 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 organized the "Sounds in Sacred Spaces" concert for Sunday March 30th at 3:00 p.m. It was postponed by a snowstorm to April 13th. Darrius Morton, Kristen and Jimmy Ludwig, Liz Grigio Mahoney, the Kitchel family, Michael Waite, Superior String Alliance musicians, St. Paul's Choir, and other artists performed to a totally packed sanctuary - even the balcony was full! The event raised about \$7,000 toward our grant match (Wow! Thank you, Jan B!) but even more importantly many community members experienced some of the energy and love at St. Paul's.

Lake Superior Community Partnership helped us put out press releases about the grant and the concert 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 also received generous contributions from the Frazier Fund and the Phyllis and Max Reynolds Foundation. We have several other grant applications pending with other foundations. With assistance from the Diocesan Office, we will seek more grants on the state and national level.

Fundraising brochures and pledge cards for the grant have been printed and have been distributed to the congregation. We will also be mailing them out to St. Paul's "alumni" and friends throughout the state and the country, as well as to supporters in the community.

We plan to submit our request for the first half of the NFSP grant funds on **May 1**. We will be working with Northern Restoration to begin restoring our sandstone and to tuck-pointing the masonry on the sanctuary building and Morgan Chapel later this summer.

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 East 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.

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

A letter from Steve Godfrey Concerning May and Indigenous Connections

Friends,

Happy Easter!

As a diocese, we are committed to building and deepening relationships with the Indigenous communities of the U.P. and supporting and amplifying their leadership in addressing the challenges that have resulted from colonial settlement that was encouraged by the church. A few opportunities are coming up in May for us all to participate in these efforts:

Sugarcane is an important new documentary film about the trauma individuals, families, and communities experience due to Indigenous/Native American residential/boarding schools. It will be shown in Marquette on Saturday, **May 10** (1:00 p.m. at Marquette Cinemas), and in Sault Ste Marie on Monday, **May 12** (5:30 p.m. at DreamMakers Theatre at Kewadin Casino). Please attend one of these showings if you can and spread the word among your congregations, families, and friends. Each showing will be free and followed by facilitated conversation to address the very challenging information presented. The topic is difficult and this film is rated R, so this is for adults and older youth with support of parents or guardians. Please register if you plan to attend the Marquette showing, to help us make sure we have enough space (no pre-registration is needed for the Sault Ste Marie showing). We are exploring possibilities for showings in other parts of the diocese in the months to come.

Red Dress Displays: The National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women is **May 5**. Native women, girls and two-spirits endure human trafficking, abuse and murder at a higher rate than any other group in America. For the month of May, Congregations are encouraged to collect and display loaned red dresses throughout the pews, on coat racks, etc., and hang older donated red dresses outdoors surrounding church perimeters. Please invite church and community to donate and/or loan dresses. The diocesan office is also collecting donations and loans that may be available. Contact our Director of Reparations and Justice (leora@upepiscopal.org) or me for more information. A flyer is attached that you can copy to have available. Please let us know if you would like copies sent in the mail and/or if you would like a yard sign if you are displaying red dresses outdoors.

The Walking Together: Finding Common Ground Traveling Exhibit will be on display at the Ishpeming Public Library **May 6-31**. This exhibit was developed by the Diocese in partnership with the Great Lakes Peace Center to uncover, acknowledge, and document the truth about Indigenous experiences in the Michigan Native American boarding schools. If you are near Ishpeming, please consider visiting and inviting congregation members and friends to check it out.

Please watch our web site and Facebook page for updates and let us know if you have questions.

Steve Godfrey (he/him)
Canon to the Ordinary
Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan
131 E. Ridge St., Marquette, MI 49855



Red Dress Display



For Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan is dedicating efforts toward education and advocacy about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW). Native women, girls and two-spirits endure human trafficking, abuse and murder at a higher rate than any other group in America. As a UP wide diocese, it is our responsibility to establish and honor Tribal relationships, appropriately amplify Tribal organizations, understand and aid in prevention, and offer resources and services for search and rescue. This epidemic is represented through the hanging of red dresses. It represents the pain and loss felt by family members and communities for loved ones and survivors. Find more information at niwrc.org/mmiwr.



The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan
*Located in K'chi Namebini-Ziibing (Marquette),
the ancestral homelands of the Anishinaabeg,
Three Fires Confederacy. upepiscopal.org*



Inaugural Fundraiser

by Jan Broderson

To say that the *Sounds in Sacred Spaces* concert was a success is an understatement. It was so much more. It was an event. The community of Marquette showed their support of our fundraising effort with their presence and their generous monetary support.

Our beautiful sanctuary was filled to overflowing (the balcony was even full!) with an appreciative and delighted audience. The performers were amazing. Their singing and playing was inspired and everyone felt the joy that was in the room.

There are so many people to thank. First and foremost, our gifted musicians that gave of their time and talent, without hesitation: Kristen and Jimmy Ludwig, Dani Simandl, Adam Hall, the St. Paul's choir, Liz Grugin Mahoney, Janis Peterson, Jamie and Doug Kitchel, Dave Bett, Michael Waite, Harry South, Cambrey Marquardson, Darrius Morton, and all the special people behind the scenes that helped with the reception, set up extra chairs, directed people to the balcony ... the list goes on and on.

We are planning another event in the fall that will feature the music and history of the Alfred Burt carols. We'll keep you posted!



Three Sopranos and a Tenor

Friday, June 13: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Marquette

Saturday, June 14: Rozsa Center for the Performing Arts, Houghton

Tuesday, June 17: Crystal Theatre, Crystal Falls

Kathryn Summersett, soprano

Maitri White, soprano

Julia Janowski, mezzo-soprano

Darrius Morton, tenor

Jon Ensminger, piano

A thrilling evening of opera's most breathtaking moments! From heart-wrenching drama to sparkling comedy, this concert showcases a dazzling mix of beloved classics and hidden gems. Featuring stunning arias, duets, and ensembles performed by two sopranos, a mezzo-soprano, and a tenor, the program highlights the power, passion, and beauty of the operatic voice. Whether you're a lifelong opera lover or new to the genre, this is a night of unforgettable music you won't want to miss!



May Community Meal

Wednesday, May 28th 6:00 p.m. — All are welcome

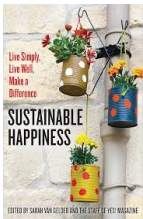
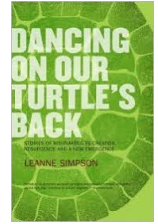
Morning Prayer

Sunday, May 25th Chapel – 10:30 a.m.

First Wednesday Book Group *by Charlie West*

May 7 *Something* by Leanne Betasamosake Simpson

As We Have Always Done: indigenous freedom through radical resistance or Dancing On Our Turtle's Back: Stories of Nishnaabeg Re-Creation, Resurgence, and a New Emergence

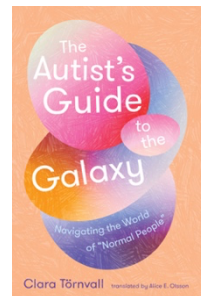


June 4 *Sustainable Happiness* by Sarah Van Gelder (Yes Magazine)

In this volume, they (folks at Yes Magazine) marshal research, in-depth essays, and personal stories that lead to a life-altering conclusion: what makes us truly happy are the depth of our relationships, the quality of our communities, our opportunities to make a contribution, and the renewal we receive from the natural world.

July 2 - *The Autists Guide to the Galaxy* by Clara Tornvall

A playful guide to understanding the ways of 'normal people', The Autist's Guide to the Galaxy flips our usual scripts about neurodiversity. Following on from her internationally successful memoir, The Autists, Clara Tornvall has written a fun, comprehensive, and accessible explanation of neurotypical, or 'normal', behaviour. Full of facts, tips, and tests, and developed with input from other autists, this book places the difficulties autists face in the context of a world built for the neurotypical majority. It will help neurodiverse people - and their families, friends, and loved ones - navigate this world, nurture stronger relationships, and thrive. or The Autists by Tornvall (or watch a season of Astrid!)



**BROWN
BAG**
*Lunch
Series*



CREATIVE AGING LUNCH AND LEARN FOR MAY

"bring a friend and win a prize"

May 20th

12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

The Messenger Team

Editor Meg Goodrich

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May Birthdays

Julie Frazier	1
Karan Hendricks	10
Jeff Hendricks	10
Sandra Howes	12
Judy Britton	17
Sam West	17
Chris Franz	17



The Messenger

Deadline June Messenger
Friday, May 23rd, 6 p.m.

The Messenger

Church Spring Clean-up will happen
on Sunday, **May 4th!**



Bring your gloves, rakes, and shovels
to tidy up the grounds around St. Paul's.

In case of inclement weather,
we will go Saturday, **May 10th.**

Questions--Bob Potrzuski

St. Paul's Church Parish Financial Report

(January through March 2025)

			Total
<u>Financials</u> (as of 3/31/2025)	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>
Total Income	\$36,581	\$27,050	\$112,700
Expenses			
**Program & Missions	\$34,168	\$31,706	\$127,820
**Bldg. Occupancy	\$22,933	\$15,392	\$52,450
Church Operational Expenses	\$57,101	\$47,098	\$180,270
Non-Routine Bldg. Repair Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0
Church Operating Gain/Loss	(\$20,520)	(\$20,048)	(\$67,570)

	12/31/2024		3/31/2025
<u>Trust Asset Status</u> (as of 3/31/25)	<u>Beg. Balance</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
St. Paul's Trust (Operations)	\$415,109	(\$36,646)	\$378,463
Shiras Trust (Major Bldg. Maint.)	\$210,307	(\$8,433)	\$201,874
Imogene Miller Trust	\$983,548	(\$39,441)	\$944,107
Total	\$1,608,964	(\$84,520)	\$1,524,444

Important Notes:

1. So far in 2025 we have withdrawn \$20,000 from the St. Paul's Trust for church operations, and anticipate further withdrawals in 2025. Prudent financial management indicates we should limit our withdrawals for operations.
2. Note, we are expecting an operating loss of **-\$67,570** at St. Paul's in 2025.
3. Trust data is updated through 3/31/25. The next update will be 6/30/25. Year to date trust returns as of 3-31-25 are **-3.86%**



**SUPERIOR
String Alliance**
Chamber Players



SPRING CONCERT



Saturday, May 31, 2025
7:00 – 8:00 PM
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Marquette, MI

Performers:

Maitri White, soprano
Dani Simandl, violin
Ben Campbell, violin
Eric Marta, viola
Adam Hall, cello

Program:

Works by Schubert, Shaw, Puccini
Tavener, and Weigl

Admission:
by donation



**SUPERIOR
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Performers:

Dani Simandl, James Uchytel,
Barbara Rhyneer, Larson Marquardt (violins)
Eric Marta, Cambry Marquardson (violas)
Adam Hall (cello)
Harry South (bass)

Program:

Mendelssohn – String Symphony
No. 10 in B minor
Bruch – String Octet in B-flat Major

Admission: by donation

**SIDE-BY-SIDE
CONCERT**

Sunday, May 4, 2025
3:00 – 4:00 PM
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Marquette, MI