

# The Messenger

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## LEANING INTO OUR WITNESS

As we near the end of our program year and begin the lengthy season of Pentecost, it can be tempting to want to take a break from the hustle of school, work, spring cleaning and even church. But in truth, we are just finishing a time of rest and celebration (Easter) and in our liturgical and church lives we're readying ourselves to get back to work. In the Book of Acts, we read that the disciples asked Jesus "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria and to the ends of the earth."

In a 2013 Pentecost sermon, the Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, reminded us that the "you" Jesus spoke of also extends to us today. "YOU will receive power, when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. YOU will be my witness in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, First Century Palestine and in 21st Century Pasadena. We need some witnesses now. And we need some Episcopalian witnesses."

Our witness is our response to the work God has done in us. We show it in the integrity with which we work, our discipline in worship and our kindness toward others. Be renewed and be inspired this season to lean into your witness. Be an active part of the community of St. John's so that we can encourage one another, members and friends alike.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Dow House Tour

May 21 | 1:30pm

Our May fellowship event is a tour of Alden B. Dow's home in Midland. Tickets are \$10 each and it is requested that tourists be at least eight years old. The tour will take approximately two hours. Please sign up by Sunday May, 8, so that we can make an accurate reservation.

## Loons Baseball Game

June 6 | 2:05pm

Watching a Loons baseball game at Dow Diamond could be one of the most perfect ways to spend a Sunday afternoon in June. Watching it with friends makes it even better! Sign up for your tickets

(\$9.50/person) by Sunday, May 22. Bring a friend and join us for our June fellowship event! Note: Each Sunday "Kids Eat Free" at Dow Diamond. Any child, 12 and younger, will receive a voucher for a free kid's meal at the gate!



## Vacation Bible School

June 20-23 | 6pm-8:30pm

Vacation Bible School (VBS) can be a very memorable and formative experience for our youth. Stories enhanced by friends, caring adults, costumes, songs, games, crafts and snacks make a very big impression! But this year our CourtHouse VBS offers even more...

a parallel time of formation for adults, too! Here's what you need to know:

**Theme:** Egypt, Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace

**Dates:** June 20-23

**Time:** 6:00pm - 8:30pm

**Age:** 3 years - 6th grade & Adult

**Cost:** FREE

**Registration:** Fill in attached form and return to church office or bring it with you to VBS.

**More ways to be involved:** Volunteer to help with snacks! Donate supplies: boxes, brightly colored or brown sheets, baskets, or any other desert themed decorations. Donations may be taken to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Contact Amy Simons in the church office if you need more details.



# IN RECOGNITION

## Thank You!

June 5th is the end of our program year and marks a great time to thank those involved in our Music Ministry and Sunday School program.

Each year our **choir** dedicates hours upon hours to rehearsal and participates in our 10:30 worship, additionally adding their beautiful element of worship to evensong, Holy Week, Lessons & Carols and other special services throughout the year. This

ministry is the foundation of other music programs at St. John's including **Voice for Life** (youth choir participants) and our **Choral Scholar Program**. For those of you who would like to try this ministry, please watch for several pick-up choirs which will be scheduled throughout the summer.

Likewise, many faithful volunteers are making weekly investments in the youth of St. John's by teaching and aiding our **Sunday School** program! Each week, these men and women prepare lessons, crafts, games and songs to make the history and application of our Christian faith accessible to our preK-6th grade students, not to mention the strong positive relationships that have been

established along the way.

Others who deserve our thanks and recognition are those who serve on the **Altar Guild, Lunch Bag Outreach, Worship Servers, Office Volunteers, Vestry, and Finance Committees, Building & Grounds** and many others who continue their ministry all year long.

## Salmon Supper

A special thanks is also due to those who volunteered during our salmon supper as well as to Tom Bolger, of Huron Fish Co. in Saginaw for continuing to keep the cost of our salmon so low!



## SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Thank you for assisting the search committee by attending one of the member meetings and/or returning your answers to the questionnaire. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

We are now ready to send our results to the diocese so they can begin their work in the search process. In the meantime, we will begin developing questions to ask our candidates. If you have a question you think we should ask, please e-mail it to Marcia Hoffman at [hoffman1982@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hoffman1982@sbcglobal.net). The search committee is committed to finding St. John's a rector who fits into our church family.

**Committee Members:** Marcia Hoffman, Chairman, Lucas Curell, Dann Federico, Matt Gerhardt, Jane Girdham, Dave Humpert, Berney Jones, Ellen Redfield, Paul Schaub

## **Birthdays**

May 1 - Dave Corcoran  
May 2 - Tom Donaghy  
May 3 - Carrie Barshaw  
May 4 - Dorothy Henry  
May 5 - Jim Newkirk  
May 6 - Churck Stuart  
May 7 - Sonni Magyar  
May 10 - Grayson Byron  
May 11 - Kathie Smith  
May 15 - Richard Marquardt  
May 16 - Leon Koeplinger  
May 19 - Stephanie Peters  
May 21 - Patricia Jackson  
May 22 - Rachel Burdis  
May 24 - Mike Rump  
May 28 - Susan Beckley  
May 29 - Betty Grills  
May 29 - Shelly Coman  
May 31 - Barbara Roberts  
  
June 1 - Jeff Endean  
June 2 - Don Tepe

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June 3 - Ida Smith  
June 3 - Mya Baillargeon  
June 5 - Janis Rump  
June 6 - Dylan Spence  
June 12 - Rod Shoemaker  
June 19 - Lou Smith  
June 19 - Mary Ellen Whitney  
June 20 - Jeremiah Kraniak  
June 20 - Ned Wetmore  
June 24 - Betty Donaghy  
June 25 - Mark Mahlberg  
June 30 - Ivor Henry

## **Anniversaries**

May 1 - Marcia & Dan Hoffman  
May 10 - Bill & Clara Vlassis  
May 11 - Todd & Carrie Barshaw  
May 17 - Bryan Konieczka & Mary Baukus

May 17 - Herb & Kathi Spence  
  
May 17 - Jan & Jerry Young  
May 21 - Dick & Tina Mott  
May 23 - Ray & Barb Ilkka  
  
June 3 - Burris & Kathi Smith  
June 3 - Connie & Tom Grantham  
June 7 - Art & Dawn Penny  
June 9 - Jeff & Myrna Endean  
June 11 - Ben & Betty Donaghy  
June 13 - Al & Jane Vondrasek  
June 20 - Brad & Rachele Fergin  
June 21 - Bill & Judy Millar  
June 21 - Dave & Rea Corcoran  
June 28 - Chuck & Judy Stuart  
June 28 - Tom & Mimi Kostrzewa



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