



# THE MESSENGER



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How can you rediscover Old Town Saginaw this summer?

### *Searching for a New Rector*

We have supply priests on Sunday mornings and our search committee is working hard to fill the position, but how far are they? Our Senior Warden tells us more.

### *Loons Baseball*

The program year is finished, but that doesn't mean we can't get together for a Sunday afternoon baseball game!



## July Birthdays

- 1 Constance Grantham
- 1 Richard Stringer
- 5 Judy Stuart
- 6 Alex Baillie
- 6 Ralph Jackson
- 6 William Whitehead
- 8 Sarah (Daugherty) Rosas
- 9 Thomas Grantham II
- 10 Stephanie Cittel
- 10 Stephen Seibert
- 12 Janet Stringer
- 12 Jill Wetmore
- 13 Craig Tourangeau
- 16 Dorothy Dill
- 17 Amy Simons
- 17 Joshua Strahm
- 18 Nancy Kraus
- 18 Karen Parr
- 19 John Roberts
- 20 Matthew Seibert
- 21 Nathan Baillie
- 21 Sarah Keenan
- 21 Peggy Vlassis
- 23 Melanie Hollman
- 23 Wendy Majask
- 24 Bradley Cittel II
- 24 Jason Wilson
- 27 Heather Campbell
- 27 Jason Wright
- 30 Lorraine Swarhout

## August Birthdays

- 2 Carl McLaughlin
- 2 Tom Lynes
- 6 Gino Garza
- 7 Dan Hoffman
- 8 Jeremy Jones
- 8 Rose Marie Smith
- 9 Lori Baillargeon
- 10 Mark Cittel
- 10 Connie Clements
- 12 Dan Cramer
- 14 Rod Remer
- 15 Linda Buzon
- 16 Jim Braun
- 16 Valerie Gilchrist
- 18 Thomas Renna
- 19 Emma Barshaw
- 22 Josie Keenan
- 23 Rosemary Butterfield
- 23 Sue Luxton
- 23 Mary Jane Spalding
- 24 Marsha Braun
- 24 Kim Burau
- 24 Josephine Lee
- 24 Matthew Reardon
- 24 Clara Vlassis
- 25 Rea Corcoran
- 25 Violet Harrell
- 25 Susan Marquardt
- 26 Taylor Shinaberry
- 27 Ray Ilkka
- 28 Sarah Hoffman
- 28 Paul Schaub
- 30 Phyllis Richardson
- 31 Robert Hines
- 31 Emil Marcet

## Anniversaries

- 2 July Barb & Berney Jones
- 6 July Jill & Ned Wetmore
- 15 July Lori & Marc Baillargeon
- 18 July Sue & Steve Kempski Ludwig
- 6 August Susan & Richard Marquardt
- 12 August Melanie & Gary Hollman
- 14 August Tim & Judi Braun
- 15 August Mary & Herb Spence Jr.
- 18 August Amy & Kevin Simons
- 21 August Katie & Mark Wilson
- 24 August Diane & Ted Grigg
- 25 August Dorothy & Ivor Henry
- 26 August Betsy & Bruce Trogan
- 29 August Sandy & Duncan Redfield

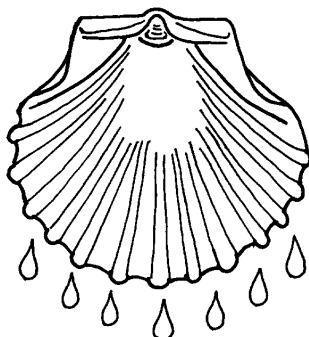


*Class of 2011*



Congratulations **Sarah Keenan!** Sarah, daughter of Jane Girdham and Michael Keenan, graduated in June with a Master of Arts in History from the University of Edinburgh! Way to go, Sarah!

**Welcome to the Family!**  
St. John's welcomes **Lauren Elizabeth Gerhardt**, daughter of Matthew & Tara Gerhardt, to our church family through her baptism this June.



# Thank You

Thanks to **Marcia Hoffman, Sarah Hoffmann, Judi Braun, Sonni Magyar and Jan Young** for your collaborative efforts during Vacation Bible School 2011!

Thank you **Sue Luxton** and your band of helpers for making our year-end potluck such a success!

Thanks to **Lou Smith and Sperry Garber** for all your efforts organizing and advertising our annual rummage sale.

*Is there someone in our parish who has gone above and beyond? If you would like to offer thanks, please call the office at 793-9575.*

### Good Samaritans:

June 26 - July 9	Janet Cosenza	401-0853
July 10 - July 23	Sue Luxton	684-9169
July 24 - Aug. 6	Tom Donaghy	395-3588
Aug. 7 - Aug. 20	Sharon Kaylor	781-1138
Aug. 21 - Sep. 4	Connie Grantham	695-2088

### Vestry Members:

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## *Warden's Report*

How goes the rector search? This is a question the members of the Search Committee members increasingly hear lately. Here's the latest.

I tried to put a number on the amount of time this intrepid group of 13 has put in on the task. The best answer I can give you is this: More than any one of us imagined when we started. We've met as a Committee, we've met in subgroups, we've met as a regular part of the Vestry's agenda, and we've met with the Bishop. We've spent considerable individual time preparing for and studying the results of extensive telephone interviews. And we're all feeling pretty good about the process, the involvement of the parish, the timelines and the quality of the candidates we've had the pleasure of interviewing.

Specifically, here's where we are and what's happening next. The Search Committee has looked carefully at 11 candidates since beginning the interview process in early May. Two of these removed themselves from consideration. We eliminated 4 others that we felt didn't meet our needs. (We have kept the Parish Profile front and center in our deliberations.) We've conducted extensive telephone interviews with 5 candidates. The list of viable candidates was narrowed to 4 following these interviews. At a lengthy session in late June, the Committee identified two final candidates. We're now in the process of checking references for these finalists and are looking forward to visiting final candidates in early to mid-July.

There's still significant work ahead. Almost certainly the final candidates we have identified are being considered by others also. But we are also excited about what St. John's has to offer and where we are in the process. We are moving rapidly to meet our target of calling a new rector by fall.

Faithfully,

*Burris Smith*  
Senior Warden





### *Vacation Bible School (VBS)*

For four evenings beginning June 20<sup>th</sup>, St. John's, First Presbyterian and Michigan Avenue Baptist churches joined forces to host a Vacation Bible School. PANDAMANIA was the theme. Each evening began with a story and then the children, grades K-5, rotated through crafts, games and snacks. The evening concluded with music. St. John's was responsible for the second night of crafts and snacks. The children played kazoos and ate cupcakes. Thanks to **Amy Simons** for making the cupcakes.



The children had a great time. If you see Pam Renna's granddaughters, **Alexis and Marianna**, ask them if they had a good time and what they liked the most. I'm sure they are driving their family crazy singing the same songs over and over again.

*Marcia Hoffman*

### *Rummage Sale Recap*

Can I interest you in a photo album?



Ok. But what IS it?



Our church rummage sale, held on June 11th, was a success! We netted approximately \$600. This money will be used for outreach projects as well as other church needs. Sperry and I wish to thank all who contributed items for the sale and those who worked through the week and the day of the sale. Workers included **Susan Marquardt, Herb Spence, Sharon Kaylor, Jan Salinas, Val McDonald, Linda Buzon, Ruth Samra, Risa Samra, Nancy Kraus, Bernie Jones, Barb Jones, Burris Smith, Nancy Birdsall, Samantha Barshaw, Betty Donaghy, and Sue Brigham**. A very special thanks to **Al Gissendanner** for helping us all along the way.

*Lou Smith*

## *Summer in the City*

The members of St. John's have always been civically minded but it's never too late to learn something new. Below you'll find just a few of this summer's adventures to help all of us rediscover Saginaw.

### *The Lawn Chair Film Festival*

**When:** Sunday's at dusk

**Where:** Ames & N. Hamilton

**Info:** [www.lawnchairfilmfestival.org](http://www.lawnchairfilmfestival.org)

Every Sunday at dusk on the corner of Ames and N. Hamilton some of our favorite movies of the summer (and some of our favorites from summers past) are shown at no charge. All you need is a friend and a lawn chair to enjoy the event. You can pack a snack or purchase some of the available concessions. .

### *Old Town Motorfest*

**When:** July 17th, Noon to 4:00pm

**Where:** Hamilton Street

**Info:** [www.oldtownmotorfest.com](http://www.oldtownmotorfest.com)

Classic car connoisseurs come from all over Michigan to show off their rides. Whether you are looking for something classic, novel, or just plain cool, you'll find it here. Silent auctions, prize drawings, and voters-choice awards make the Old Town Motorfest a terrific way to spend the afternoon.

### *The Farmers' Market*

**When:** M-W-F 10am to 3pm, Saturday 9am to 1pm

**Where:** 507 South Washington Ave.

**Info:** [www.saginawfarmersmarket.org](http://www.saginawfarmersmarket.org)

Don't know what to make for dinner tonight? Stop by the Farmers' Market and be inspired! Fresh Michigan fruits, vegetables, herbs, baked goods and more are available just over the river. You could pick up the fixings for fresh salsa on your way to the post office. How about a French Toast breakfast made with fresh baked bread sliced soft and thick! Vendors serving New Orleans style jambalaya or Mexican food are there to serve lunch and it's ready to go! Be inspired by the seasons at the Saginaw Farmers' Market.

### *Saginaw Celebrates Summer*

**Info:** [www.artsagianw.org](http://www.artsagianw.org)

Looking for more? Pick up a copy of "Saginaw Celebrates Summer," an informational brochure produced by the Anderson Enrichment Center. It highlights events at the Temple Theater, Pit & Balcony, Art Museum, Children's Zoo, and much more!



## *The Best Seat for Fireworks!*



On **Monday, July 4th at 6:00pm** there will be an opportunity for St. John's parishioners to have the "best seats in the house" for the Saginaw Fireworks Display.

The Diocesan Center will be open **just for us** at 6:00 p.m. Come whenever you can. The earlier you come, the easier you will be able to find a parking place. Simply tell the police that you are from St. John's Episcopal Church and that you are going to the Diocesan Center. They will open the barricades for you! Bring a lawn chair or blanket, your own beverage and a snack to share.

## *St. John's Uses **PayPal***

From now on, when we forget our check-books, miss a Sunday while on vacation, or want to donate to a special cause, our gift to St. John's is only a few clicks away.

Visit the *Support Us* page on our parish website and you can donate to a number of causes with your credit card. St. John's is PayPal verified which means that any credit card transaction you process via our website is safe and secure.

By clicking on a "Donate" button from the *Support Us* page you will be taken to PayPal where you can enter your information, gift amount, and a memo regarding the purpose of your gift. *Yes, it is that easy!*

## *Outreach is all year long!*

We at St. John's pray for children as we work on child-size mittens, hats and scarves. These will be given to foster care children through Saginaw's CAN Council (Council for Abused and Neglected Children.) All are invited to participate. No meetings to attend, just work and pray whenever you have a few minutes. The yearly ingathering of our handiwork will be the first two Sundays in November. We are thankful to know that our prayers and work will bring a little warmth and love into each child's life. Thank you for helping!



## *Great Lakes Loons*

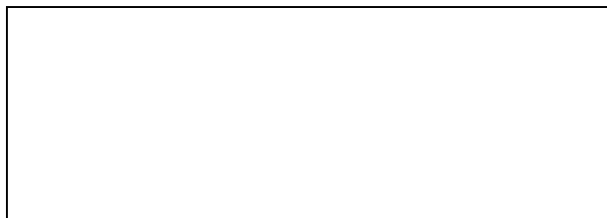
*Sunday, August 14th at 2:05pm, Dow Diamond*



Join us for a terrific afternoon of Loon's Baseball! This single-A affiliate of the LA Dodgers has a fight to the finish attitude that will keep you cheering the whole nine innings. Hot dogs and cold drinks make going to a Loons game a perfect way to spend a Sunday afternoon. And the beautiful Dow Diamond doesn't have a bad seat at all! Tickets are \$9.00 each. **Please sign up in the Community Room by July 31st.**

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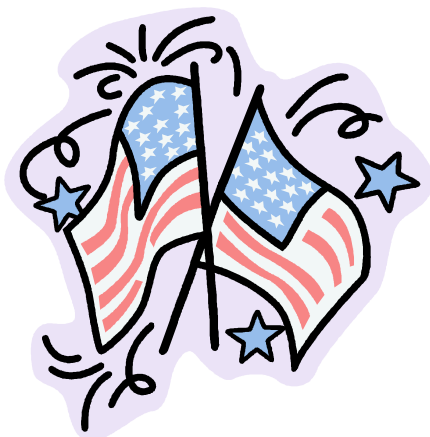
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## SUMMER @ ST. JOHN'S!

**Fireworks!**

*July 4th @ 6:00pm*



**Loons Baseball Game!**

*August 14th @ 2:05pm*



ST. JOHN'S IS CALLED TO CARE, SHARE, WORSHIP, CELEBRATE, AND LOVE.