

# THE BEACON

SEEKING AND WORSHIPPING GOD...REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

AUGUST 2023... OUR 165TH YEAR

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Sunday In-Person Worship  
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10:30 a.m.

## A Season to Appreciate and Care for Creation



A Mighty River  
— Amos 5: 24 —

**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

For the first time at St. Jude's (and in my ministry), we will be engaging in the ecumenical (meaning, Christians of many types, around the world) **Season of Creation.**



This QR code will link you to a video invitation that illustrates the breadth of participation.

I was impressed by how many worldwide traditions are encouraging their congregations to take part.

Here's a statement from a Methodist Bishop in South Africa:

*"The Season of Creation is a vital and necessary reminder that God's saving, healing, justice-seeking love extends to every part of creation. As the Church, the household of God, we are called to live out this life-giving love for the benefit of all."*

- Rev Faith Whitby, Bishop of the Central District, Methodist Church of Southern Africa

Each year, the Season of Creation Ecumenical Steering Committee proposes a theme for the Season of Creation. This year's theme is "Let Justice and Peace Flow" and the symbol is "A Mighty River." The theme draws on Amos 5:24, "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" This verse

concludes a rant by the prophet (Amos) against those who produce proper and lovely worship services, but pay little-to-no attention to those crying out for justice.

*Uh oh. Could he be talking to us?*

Bishop Singh has encouraged and authorized churches in Eastern & Western Michigan to make use of the Episcopal resources that have been collected from a variety of traditions. You will notice on these next five Sundays that the **Collect of the Day** is creation-focused, the **Epistle** comes from a non-Scriptural source, and the **Prayers of the People** name the ways we have harmed, and now must repair, the earth, air and waters for the benefit of all. Even the **Eucharistic Prayer** has been newly crafted for this season.

Those familiar with Indigenous people's spirituality will recognize the understanding that all of life is interconnected; and human domination harms that balance, physically and spiritually. We have

much to repent, and work to do in reconciling God's will for balance and respect.

The Season of Creation Steering Committee writes: "We are invited to join the river of justice and peace on behalf of all Creation and to converge our individual identities, of name, family or faith community, in this greater movement for justice, just like tributaries come together to form a mighty river. As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice."

I hope you will find this month ahead to be fruitful spiritually, and beneficial to our community of people, animals, plants, and our shared home. Later in September we'll make time to share the impressions and intentions that result. I look forward to spending this new season with you!

Faithfully,

*Rev. Susan*  
Priest-in-Charge

## AUGUST COFFEE HOUR HOSTS



Thank you to those who hosted coffee hour in the month of August:

The Hutchins & Johnstons, The Marincos, Lynne Ronthi, Heather Ludwig and everyone who contributed to our welcome potluck for Rev. Susan.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Vandenberg Hall if you wish to sign up to host a Sunday Coffee Hour.

## Prayer List

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Prince, our Bishop Provisional; Judy, our Deacon; Susan, our Priest-in-Charge and our Vestry.

For Al; Margaret; Bill; Rita; Todd; Diane; Sue; Barbara & Joe; Cindy; Cathy; Molly; Cory; Dale; Sue; Linda; Marcia; Gabe; Kady; Rose; Joan; Rex & Judi; Jim; Bob; Jim; James; Sharon; Mia; June; Ed; Carl; Sydne; Laura; Mike; Mary Lou; Randy; Jack; Sherry; Kathy & Tom; John; Pam; Marsha; Chet; Leonard; Ellen; Glenn; Jim; Patti; Brad; Vince; and Zack.

**If you have updates or changes to the prayer list, please let Liz in the church office know.**



## Pray for our St. Jude's Family:

- Sept. 3** Rita Repko;  
Lynne Ronthi
- Sept. 10** Tim Norred, Megan Rosa, Audrey & Marin; Jerry & Francine Rucker
- Sept. 17** Nancy Ryan;  
Marilyn Safa
- Sept. 24** Liz, Sean & Jimmy Sailus;  
Mary Jo Schuetz



## September Birthdays

- 1st Dave James
- 5th Courtney Chambers  
Linda Chciuk
- 7th Dee Grossmann
- 8th James Sailus
- 9th Cloud James
- 11th Diane Putnam  
Dave Rayner
- 16th Francine Zick
- 13th Nancy Jones
- 19th Francine Johnston
- 20th Matthew Moller
- 22nd Jack Mills
- 26th Lydia Anderson  
Kayla Chambers
- 28th Liza Dolza  
Jeff Koch  
Megan Rosa
- 30th Pat Freeman

## August Anniversaries

- 10th Jim & Kathy Kortge  
(58 years)
- 14th Carl & Connie Koch  
(67 years)
- 21st Nancy & Riick Eckert  
(38 years)
- 26th Steve & Laura Koch  
(26 years)
- 29th Scott & Sandra Smith  
(52 years)

**Thursday, September 7:**  
**First day of rehearsals**  
**for Bell Choir @ 6 pm &**  
**Choir @ 7 pm!**  
**All welcome!**

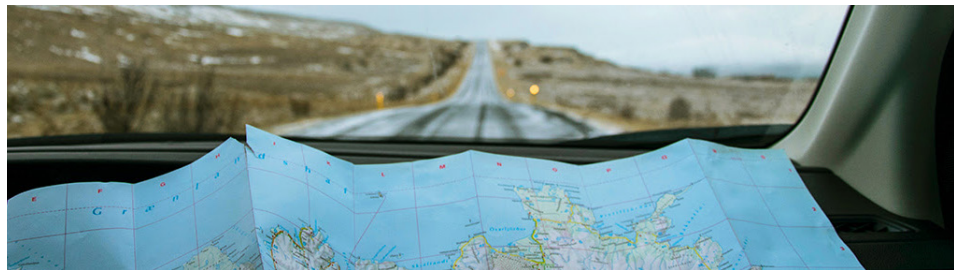
# REFLECTIONS

Submitted by Judy Marinco from "Our Daily Bread", August 10th edition

## The God of All Our Days

*I am he who will sustain you.*

Isaiah 46:4



After an unsuccessful surgery, Joan's doctor said she'd need to undergo another operation in five weeks. As time passed, anxiety built. Joan and her husband were senior citizens, and their family lived far away. They'd need to drive to an unfamiliar city and navigate a complex hospital system, and they'd be working with a new specialist.

Although these circumstances seemed overwhelming, God took care of them. During the trip, their car's navigation system broke down, but they arrived on time because they had a paper map. God supplied wisdom. At the hospital, a Christian pastor prayed with them and offered to help later that day. God provided support. After the operation, Joan received good news of a successful surgery.

While we won't always experience healing or rescue, God is faithful and always close to vulnerable people—whether young, old, or otherwise disadvantaged. Centuries ago, when captivity in Babylon had weakened the Israelites, Isaiah reminded them that God had upheld them from birth and would continue to care for them. Through the prophet, God said, "Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you" (Isaiah 46:4).

God will not abandon us when we need Him the most. He can supply our needs and remind us He's with us at every point in our lives. He's the God of all our days.

**By Jennifer Benson Schuldt**

*Reflect and Pray*

How has God sustained you during times of weakness? How might He want to work through you to support others?

**Dear God, You're trustworthy and kind. Help me to lean on You as I experience uncertainty.**



# Adult Formation

The Adult Formation group will begin meeting again on September 10th and we'd like to invite you to join us if your schedule permits. We meet 9:30 – 10:25 each Sunday before the service begins and cover a wide variety of topics.

This fall we will be doing a series titled "Embracing an Adult Faith" by Marcus Borg, an Episcopal Scholar. The sessions are designed in a way that allows you to miss a session or two and still be comfortable participating during the weeks that you are able to attend. The format of the sessions focuses primarily on group discussion and your level of participation depends totally on how comfortable you feel with the topic(s) of the day.

The schedule this September will have some variety due to vacations, that schedule is shown below:

- September 10th Judy & Mike Marincio will be leading a Bible study based on Forward Day-by-Day
- September 17th Bill McDonald will be leading Session 1 of the Borg series
- September 24th Jim Ramelis will be reviewing a conference he recently attended. The subject of that session will be "What is the Parliament of World Religions and Universal Ethics?"
- October 1st thru October 22nd sessions 2 – 5 of the Borg Series

## CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



**Sunday, September 24**



CROP Walk is Sunday, September 24 beginning at 12:30 pm at St. Jude's in our parking lot. We are starting off this year with a potluck lunch before walking with First Presbyterian. There is a sign up on the bulletin board in Vandenberg Hall if you would like to bring a dish to pass. If you are interested in walking or rocking or donating, use the QR code to the left. CROP Walk is a national event through the Church World Service that raises money to

help end hunger. It is a big fundraiser for us not only for the Church World Service but also for our outreach programs so definitely something to get involved in!

## Italian Themed Gift Basket for Family Promise Fundraiser

There is a sign-up sheet in Vandenberg Hall. St. Jude's is providing a basket for the auction before the golf event. Please sign up to bring a pantry item to contribute to the basket. Place your items in the wicker basket by Sunday, September 10th. All proceeds will benefit Family Promise of Genesee County which helps families who are facing homelessness and housing crisis. Any questions contact Diane Putnam.

## Flu Vaccine Clinic

**Saturday, October 14**

Leroy Pharmacy will be coming to St. Jude's on October 14, 2023 for a vaccine clinic beginning at 10 a.m. Leroy Pharmacy will be administering flu vaccines to all patients that are interested. They will also be bringing RSV, Shingles, Pneumonia, COVID Booster, etc. vaccines. No appointments are necessary but there is a sign up sheet in Vandenberg Hall to give us an idea on how many people/vaccines the pharmacy should bring with them. If anyone has questions or concerns, you can call Leroy Pharmacy at 810-373-5808.

# Blood Drive

Turn a new leaf  
Fall into giving 

**Saturday  
September**

**16**

**9:30 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Helpful tip:  
Make sure to eat a healthy  
meal and drink plenty of  
water before donating.**



## **ST. JUDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

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- Follow QR Code Link



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### **VESTRY**

Ron Trimmer, Senior Warden

Clay Putnam, Junior Warden

Dee Grossmann, Clerk

Michelle Gangwer, Treasurer

### **2024**

Dee Grossmann

Lynn Hopper

Ron Trimmer

### **2025**

Julie Wood

Lois Hartranft & Arlo

Francine Johnston

Clay Putnam

### **2026**

Bill Anderson

Paul Dolza

Heather Ludwig

Dave Rayner

### **Delegates to the Diocesan Convention**

Charlie & Francine Johnston

John & Carol Pettipher



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