
The Messenger

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RECTOR'S MESSAGE

New lights and a summer adventure

By **KIT CARLSON**, All Saints Rector

Thanks to grants from two diocesan funds and to careful stewardship of our parish funds for improving our building, the new lighting for the sanctuary is about to become a reality.

Over the past few years it has become clear that our 55-year-old lights are in desperate need of replacement. The fixtures are loose, the wiring is old, and there is a potential fire hazard lurking in the ceiling of the nave.

Over the summer, new, energy-efficient lights will be installed in our worship space. These lights will be hanging, pendant-style fixtures.

Also, the hot spotlights in the choir loft will be replaced with cool, fluorescent lighting. The cedar paneling in the ceiling will be replaced as the old lights are removed. All of this will require lots of scaffolding and several months of work.

So we will move our 10 a.m. worship service to the undercroft, beginning June 21. Many of you remember a similar summer in 2005, when the sanctuary flooring was replaced.

This will be an adventure for us, but one that will offer opportunities for more intimacy, different sorts of music and musical accompaniment, and the ongoing and faithful work of weekly worship to which all of us are called.

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NEW LIGHTS

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Families will find the soft space is still available. Our older members will have the sturdy padded chairs from the sanctuary for comfortable seating.

The important parts of our worship ... the word faithfully proclaimed and the sacrament faithfully offered ... will always be present.

The 8 a.m. service will continue to be held in the *air-conditioned* chapel.

So put on your shorts and flip-flops, feel free to dress down a little and to sing up a little louder as we worship in the Undercroft this summer.

When the program year starts up again in the fall, we will return to the nave, which will be beautifully and efficiently lit, thanks to our new lights.

In Christ's love,

+ Kit

Pastor Kit to attend CREDO in Mississippi

From June 1 through 8, Pastor Kit will be at a CREDO conference in Mississippi.

CREDO is an initiative of the Episcopal Church to offer all clergy the chance to reflect on their life and ministry, promoting wellness and strengthening participants for their work in the church.

Kit will join about 30 other clergy in the conference. Each participant commits to extensive reflection through pre-conference instruments and surveys that focus on personal and professional wellness.

The work of CREDO is organized around four major areas in each person's personal and professional life. Each component is explored as an integral part of the whole.

Spiritual - offers a sacred space where each participant can reflect on his or her interior life and relationship with God in Christ.

Vocational - provides opportunities for reflection, discernment and planning in the professional areas of vocation, career and work.

Health - encourages reflection on physical and emotional health and well-being, stewardship of the body and development of a plan to address the individual's health needs

Financial - explores all aspects of personal financial management and encourages reflection on God-given resources and how best to use them in response to God's call.

Summer reading!

Back by popular demand: All Saints summer reading groups.

Look for the signup sheets in the Abbot Road entryway and choose a book that sounds intriguing. All the books are available in paperback from Amazon.com and in area bookstores and libraries.

Meeting times, locations and number of sessions will be determined by each group. If you are willing to organize a group, indicate so when you sign up. The books for this summer are:

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle (All ages are welcome!)

The Soloist: A Lost Dream, an Unlikely Friendship, and the Redemptive Power of Music by Steve Lopez.

Mere Christians: Inspiring Stories of Encounters with C. S. Lewis edited by Mary Anne Phemister and Andrew Lazo.

Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World by Tracy Kidder.

The Last Week by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan.

Love Poems from God: Twelve Sacred Voices from the East and West translated by Daniel Ladinsky.

– Carol Baker

What's new in Sheila's Corner?

Sunday school

This year's Sunday school was a blast. I cannot believe it is over already. I would like to thank the teachers for the great ministry they provided to the children and youth. A thank you goes also to all the parents who helped. It was great to see the children so excited each morning at gathering time. The children are such a great group of kids, I am looking forward to Vacation Bible School and Sunday school next year.

Studio GO! Game Show Vacation Bible School

June 15-18 from 5:45 to 8:15 p.m.

Dinner 5 to 5:40 p.m.

The youngsters will participate in the excitement of a real game show, experience God's Word in the Primetime Bible Challenge, meet real-life servants at the Service Showcase, plus explore and create through crafts, snacks and games. They will see how God works in the lives of everyone who trusts Him. And through it all, kids will discover that with Jesus everyone wins!

At *Studio GO! Game Show*, kids will...

- Discover stories of Bible people who decided to team up with God and *GO!* for it!
- Accept a daily challenge to *GO!* make a difference.
- Meet real-life servants, participate with friends in service projects, and use their Serving Feet to *GO!* serve in the community.
- Play fun-filled games, enjoy yummy snacks, and create unforgettable crafts that remind them to *GO!* lead, *GO!* risk, *GO!* tell, *GO!* obey, and *GO!* serve.
- Take home the promise that God is with them wherever they *GO!*

Studio GO! Game Show is an exciting opportunity to change hearts and impact lives while having a whole lot of fun! So get ready, get set... let's *GO!*

If you know any child between preschool and fifth grade who would like to participate in this fun adventure, please call the church office or email Sheila at allsaintssheila@hotmail.com.

If you or someone else you know would like to help with Vacation Bible School, please talk with Sheila.

Group for moms is forming in the fall

We will be starting a new program for mothers this fall.

The MOPS program works with mothers of preschoolers and school-age children to encourage, equip and help develop them to be the best mothers possible. MOPS, which stands for Mothers of Pre-Schoolers, recently expanded to include mothers of school-age children, as well.

MOPS achieves its objectives by:

- Encouraging and equipping mothers.
- Developing leaders.
- Growing churches.
- Bringing mothers and families to Christ.

Why are we starting a MOPS group?

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SHEILA'S CORNER *(Continued from previous page)*

1. Because MOPS meets moms' needs. And it works. MOPS International is unique in its specific focus on mothers and understanding the needs of these critical years. MOPS has developed a relational program designed to meet those needs.

2. Because MOPS makes an eternal difference. MOPS helps families come to know Jesus in a personal way. Women and their families come into a church, some for the first time, where they find caring friends, encouragement and instruction.

3. Because MOPS is for every mother of children under fifth grade. MOPS is an open door to every community. It successfully meets the needs of both "churched" and "unchurched" moms, in urban centers or rural towns, moms of every age, ethnic background and lifestyle.

4. Because MOPS grows leaders. MOPS provides a place for women to grow as leaders by working with one another. With resources provided by MOPS International and a team atmosphere to work in, mothers are encouraged to take an active role in their group.

This is an opportunity for moms to come together and support each other. I need a few people to help plan and implement the program.

If you have children and would like to help, please let Sheila know. It is open to everyone, so invite your friends and neighbors.

Friend of All Saints elected bishop in Zimbabwe

The Rev. Canon Chad Nicholas Gandiya, a friend of many at All Saints during his years in East Lansing, has been elected bishop of the diocese of Harare in Zimbabwe.

He and wife, Faith, and their eldest son, Tapiwanashe (T.P.), all studied at MSU. T.P. is now a documentary journalist in Zimbabwe. Some parishioners may also remember Chad and Faith's other children, Tariro and Tonderaishe.

Gandiya, 56, is the Africa and Indian Ocean regional desk officer for USPG: Anglicans in World Mission, based in London. Earlier this year the archbishop of Canterbury appointed him one of his provincial pastoral visitors for the Anglican Communion.

The consecration service is to be held July 26 at the National Sports Complex in Harare on July 26. Jon Lacey, regional minister for Michigan for the Disciples of Christ, will attend and participate in the ceremony.

Lacey is offering to carry e-mails, letters or cards to Chad and the family. His e-mail address is jlacey2632@aol.com. Or items may be mailed to his office, 2820 Covington Ct., Lansing, MI 48912, attn. Dr. Jon Lacey.

"I am humbled and at the same time honored to be elected as bishop of Harare, a diocese I have known well and served for many years." Gandiya said after his May 2 election. "The challenges that face this diocese and country are enormous, but not insurmountable, and I know that I can only meet them with the Grace of God and the support of the clergy of the diocese and my family."

Gandiya was born in Zimbabwe in 1953. He studied for the priesthood at St John's College, Nottingham, and took higher degrees at the University of Zimbabwe and MSU. He has been a priest in parishes in Zimbabwe and the United States, and has been tutor and later principal at Bishop Gaul College in Zimbabwe, and tutor at the United College of the Ascension, Selly Oak, Birmingham.

The previous bishop of Harare, the Rt. Rev. Norbert Kunonga was deposed and excommunicated by the Church of the Province of Central Africa in May 2008. Since then the Rt. Rev. Sebastian Bakare, retired bishop of Manicaland, has been caretaker bishop.

Parish Life Events

Annual Picnic, 10 a.m. Sunday, June 14

Parish Life begins the summer with the All Saints annual service and picnic at Patriarche Park in East Lansing. (Patriarche Park, easily visible from Saginaw Road, is located at the corners of Saginaw and Alton; its large wooden play structure always



catches kids' eyes). The service begins at 10 a.m. in the pavilion and the picnic follows; the pavilion is covered, so rain will not interrupt the plans.

All Saints will supply the grilled food and drinks. Please bring a potluck item to share: a salad/side for those whose last names fall between A and N and a dessert for those whose last names fall between O and Z.

There will be activities for the children and a softball game for the adults who choose to play (bring your glove). Plan on a beautiful day in the park with your church family and friends.

Please contact **Marguerite Halversen** at (517) 333-0251 or halverse@msu.edu with questions on the picnic, or **Pastor Kit** at (517) 351-7160 or pastorkitcarlson@gmail.com if you have questions about the service.

Lugnuts Game, Sunday, Aug. 16

The annual All Saints trip to the Lugnuts game will take place on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 16, at Oldsmobile Park. The game is scheduled for 2:05 p.m. Box seats are \$9.



This is Family Christian Day at the game with a free concert following the last out. Kids 12 and under receive a voucher for a free hot dog and drink. Kids also have a chance to run the bases in between the game and the concert. Look for a signup sheet on the Parish Life bulletin board outside the undercroft. Contact **Bob Kilbridge** at (517) 351-8309 with any questions.

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More PARISH LIFE

Campfire/Coffeehouse! Aug. 22

The next All Saints Coffeehouse will be 5 to 9 p.m. Aug. 22. It's our Campfire / Coffeehouse, a kind of end-of-summer church picnic at the farm home of **Gail Shafer-Crane** and **Dan Crane**. Their northwest Lansing acreage has horses, barns and a wonderful antique car collection. There will be hayrides for the children, a potluck dinner and singing around the campfire while making S'mores! Please put the date on your calendar and plan on bringing your lawn chair and a dish to share. It will be a delightful time for everyone. More information and a map will be posted on the Parish Life bulletin board outside the undercroft in July. Look for reminders in the bulletin, the church Web site, future *Messengers*, or call **Marguerite Halversen** for information.

Second-Sunday Breakfasts will return in September between the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services.

Other Summer Events. Please see the bulletin or the All Saints Web site (<http://www.allsaints-el.org>) for any other events planned for the summer.

Interested in assisting with Parish Life? Questions? Please contact Marguerite Halversen at (517) 333-0251 or halverse@msu.edu.

Walking to Haiti

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Twenty-nine participants have signed up to join All Saints' virtual "walk to Haiti" this summer as part of the Diocesan S.T.E.P.S. program.

Steps To Encourage Physical Stewardship ... of our bodies is designed to encourage physical activity through walking. As we strengthen our bodies we also enliven our souls and glorify God.

At All Saints we chose to link our walking to our mission work in Haiti as a way of increasing awareness of the challenges faced by people in one of the poorest countries in the world.

Our goal is to get as many walkers as possible all the way to Haiti by Labor Day, Sept. 7, 2009. For every cumulative 2,000 miles walked, one person will have

virtually made it all the way. Based on the May 23 report, 19 of our walkers have walked a total of 700 miles – about enough to get one person from East Lansing to 40 miles south of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Look for the poster in or near the undercroft to keep track of our progress as we walk through the summer.

Walkers who have pedometers are encouraged to put them on first thing in the morning so that every step walked counts.

Distances can be reported in steps or miles. Steps are converted at the rate of 2,000 steps equals one mile.

All walkers are invited to join a group walk following the weekly Thursday morning 7 a.m. Eucharist. Walkers leave the church between 7:50 and 8 a.m. and walk 30 minutes or more. The walks may include a stop for breakfast or coffee before we return to the church.

- Ellen DeRosia

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 2 p.m. Staff Mtg. 7 p.m. Prayer/Study 7:30 p.m. AA Pastor Kit at CREDO conf.	2 12:15 p.m. Bible Study 7 p.m. Sine Nomine 7:30 p.m. AA Pastor Kit at CREDO conf.	3 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support 7:30 p.m. Debtors A Pastor Kit at CREDO conf.	4 7 a.m. Holy Eucharist with breakfast following 6:30 p.m. ACLU 7:30 p.m. ACOA Pastor Kit at CREDO conf.	5 1 p.m. Duplicate Bridge Pastor Kit at CREDO conf.	6 8 a.m. Quilters Guild 10 a.m. Advent House Pastor Kit at CREDO conf.
7 Trinity Sunday 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:30 a.m. Adult Forum 2 p.m. Writers Forum Pastor Kit at CREDO conf.	8 Parking lot work 7 p.m. Prayer/Study 7:30 p.m. AA Pastor Kit at CREDO conf.	9 Parking lot work 12:15 p.m. Bible Study 2 p.m. Staff Mtg 7 p.m. Cancer Support 7 p.m. Sine Nomine 7:30 p.m. AA	10 Parking lot work 7 p.m. Mutual Ministry Review 7:30 p.m. Debtors A	11 Parking lot work 7 a.m. Holy Eucharist with breakfast following 7:30 p.m. ACOA 8 p.m. AlAnon	12 Parking lot work 1 p.m. Duplicate Bridge	13 Parking lot work
14 Pentecost 2 Parking lot work Birthday Sunday 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Parish Picnic, Patriarch Park 2 p.m. Writers Forum	15 2 p.m. Staff Mtg. 5:30 p.m. Finance Mtg 5:45 p.m. VBS (meal at 5 p.m.) 7 p.m. Prayer/Study 7:30 p.m. AA	16 8 a.m. Breakfast, Coral Gables 12:15 p.m. Bible Study 5:45 p.m. VBS (meal at 5 p.m.) 7 p.m. B&G Mtg 7 p.m. Sine Nomine 7:30 p.m. AA	17 5:45 p.m. VBS (meal at 5 p.m.) 7:30 p.m. Debtors A	18 7 a.m. Holy Eucharist with breakfast following 12:30 p.m. Executive Mtg 5:45 p.m. VBS (meal at 5 p.m.) 7:30 p.m. ACOA 8 p.m. AlAnon	19 1 p.m. Duplicate Bridge	20 9:30 a.m. Prayer Needlers
21 Pentecost 3 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:30 a.m. Adult Forum 2 p.m. Writers Forum	22 Sanctuary Closed 1:30 p.m. EL Women's Club 2 p.m. Staff Mtg 7 p.m. Prayer/Study group 7:30 p.m. AA	23 Sanctuary Closed 12:15 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Quilters 7 p.m. Parish Council 7 p.m. Sine Nomine 7:30 p.m. AA	24 Sanctuary Closed 7:30 p.m. Debtors A	25 Sanctuary Closed 7 a.m. Holy Eucharist with breakfast following 7:30 p.m. ACOA 8 p.m. AlAnon	26 Sanctuary Closed 1 p.m. Duplicate Bridge	27 Sanctuary Closed
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AA = Alcoholics Anonymous
ANS = Abbott Nursery School

ACOA = Adult Children of Alcoholics
Debtors A = Debtors Anonymous

AlAnon = Family and Friends of Alcoholics