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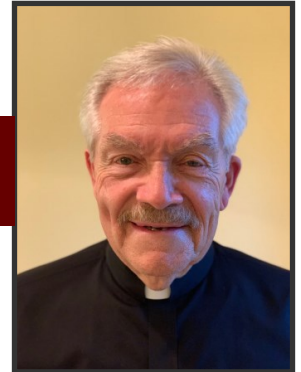


ST. JOHN'S JOURNEY

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Harold Schneider



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Dear People of St. John's,

Can you possibly believe August is here already. It seems I am still cutting grass with the same frequency as in the spring. Usually by this time the grass has had a chance to dry out and stop its growth pattern. I'm sure the farmers appreciate all this rain and I'm sure I will too, when the crops are harvested.

The Pentateuch says the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness for forty years, which in the Bible means, a very long time. These wilderness wanderings have also become a traditional way for Christians to discuss the difficulties of our life's journey. The wilderness is not a choice vacation spot or an adventure for a well-equipped backpacker, but a bar-

ren place, without ready food or water, an inhospitable place. Some Christians have used this imagery to suggest, all human life is emptiness, unless it is transformed by God.

Our world is filled with signs: road signs, protest signs, no smoking signs. These signs convey information. Have you ever looked for a sign from God? Throughout scripture, signs from God convey information and they also inspire action. The Magi saw a bright star telling of the birth of a new king. They were compelled to visit. The Israelites received manna in the wilderness and were nourished for their journey. Jesus inspired the disciples and they proclaimed the "Good News" throughout the world. What signs have you re-

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August Birthdays

**Sherry Boyden
Randy McNary
Pat Schneider**

Anniversaries

**Wes & Kathy
Wagester**

**Susan & Randy
McNary**

ceived lately? What action do they call you to do?
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We know how to eat bread. We have French toast for breakfast, sandwich bread for lunch, and soft rolls for dinner. We have dipping

bread, filled bread, and bread which is a vehicle for pepperoni and cheese. Jesus said, if we desire to abide in him, to dwell with God, to experience eternal life, we must consume his flesh and blood. How do we "eat" Jesus, the bread of life?

Vestry Notes
BECKY FOSTER

Dear Friends,
Usually, July is a quiet month at St. John's. Not so much this year – thanks to Fr. Harold and the Lansing Lugnuts! From the moment we got on the bus until we got off, we had a blast! Fr. Harold made sure we had plenty of door prizes and there was lots of friendly ribbing when certain folks seemed to win and win and win. The event was beautifully coordinated. Even the weather came through! Now that Fr. Harold has demonstrated how much fun this can be, maybe someone else will pick up the baton and make it happen next year.

There's also a work in progress by some of our talented seamstresses and others to repair and refresh our altar hangings. AND they're looking at alternatives for storing the hangings when not in use. Our current method of suspending them from the ceiling in the Sacristy is actually bad for them. Not to mention awkward and possibly dangerous for anyone trying to change them out. Ida Lynn had the Christmas hanging "refreshed" by a dry cleaner and you

wouldn't believe the difference it made. The white is so much brighter that it makes the red accents even more pronounced. Thanks to everyone working on the project. We should have a grand unveiling when all is completed!



No word yet on the Dryden High School grant application results. So we continue to wait. But watch for back-to-school supplies collection bins in the parish hall. Hard to believe but it's that time again.

Meanwhile, I'm busy getting my yard ready for our Sunshine Service and church picnic. Sign up sheets and other information will be available in the Parish Hall starting August 3rd. This should be a lovely service followed by a fun pot-luck. Unlike previous Sunshine Services, you'll be able to bring an adult beverage of choice. And maybe one to share with the hostess too!

I hope August is a lovely month for you. And I hope to see you in church!

SUNSHINE *Service*

A change of venue for our annual Sunshine Service!
We'll worship together, then have a potluck picnic.



Sunday,
August
24th



Arrive by 9:30
Service at 10



Becky's House
4096 Waterland Drive,
Metamora



SAVE THE DATE



Celebrating the fifth anniversary of our ordinations (thank you Bishop **Bonnie A. Perry**)!
— with **Wendy Brown** and **Paul Brunell** at **Lansing Lugnuts**.



Many thanks to Sherry Petrie, who used her talents as a seamstress to repair and restore some of our altar linens. The close up shows her skill and handiwork with all the details. We're grateful for her care and attention!

Thank you Sherry!



Sunday Readings for August

You can always get ahead of the readings for Sunday by checking the Lectionary (online at <https://www.lectionarypage.net>). We are currently in Track 1.

August 3rd, the 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Track One

[Hosea 11:1-11](#)

[Psalm 107:1-9, 43](#)

[Colossians 3:1-11](#)

[Luke 12:13-21](#)

August 10th, the 9th Sunday after Pentecost

[Isaiah 1:1, 10-20](#)

[Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24](#)

[Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16](#)

[Luke 12:32-40](#)

August 17th, the 10th Sunday after Pentecost

[Isaiah 5:1-7](#)

[Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18](#)

[Hebrews 11:29-12:2](#)

[Luke 12:49-56](#)

August 24th, the 11th Sunday after Pentecost

[Jeremiah 1:4-10](#)

[Psalm 71:1-6](#)

[Hebrews 12:18-29](#)

[Luke 13:10-17](#)

Liturgical Calendar

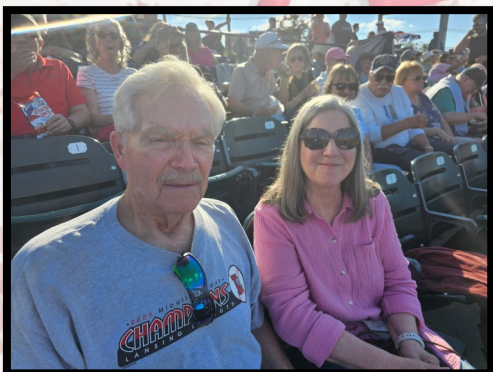


Read any good books lately?

Share your summer reading list with us! Let Beth Ann know - bethann.tesluk@gmail.com and we'll add it to the next newsletter.



On July 18th, Fr. Harold led a merry band to a Lansing Lugnuts game. While the Lugnuts didn't have their best outing, the rest of the gang sure had fun. There were door prizes galore, and Sherry Wagner and Dave Moss won so many of them that folks started to wonder if maybe the fix was in (but of course it wasn't)! Our big winner was Wes Wagester, who won the 50-50 raffle. Wes generously donated his winnings back to St. John's - thanks, Wes!



A message to The Episcopal Church

Introducing our Assisting Bishop!

Rev. Molly Bosscher, President of the Standing Committee, sent out this announcement in early July, introducing our new Assisting Bishop.

Dear friends in Christ,

On behalf of the Standing Committee, I am overjoyed to share that the Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple will be joining the staff of the Diocese of the Great Lakes as our Assisting Bishop beginning in mid-August.

Bishop Anne brings a wealth of experience, deep pastoral wisdom, and a joyful spirit of accompaniment to this role. She served faithfully for nine years as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of North Carolina, and while she has officially retired from full-time episcopal ministry, she continues to answer God's call to serve the Church. We are honored that she has said yes to joining us.

Bishop Anne will serve quarter time through April 2027, when we will consecrate our first Bishop Diocesan. Although she will not reside in Michigan, she will make regular trips to the diocese. She is already working closely with our staff to explore creative ways of being present with and accessible to across our communities on site and online.

This announcement is a long time coming! Since June 2024, your Standing Committee has been actively seeking an Assisting Bishop to offer pastoral and episcopal leadership during this time of transition. As you've heard me and others say many times before, we know that our systems and our people work best with a bishop walking alongside us. Our Interim Executive Officer, Alan James, is providing excellent administrative and structural leadership and we're thankful now that Bishop Anne will join

us in a role focused on uniquely episcopal leadership.

We are confident that

Bishop Anne is the right person to walk with us in this season. Much like an interim rector serves a parish in transition, she will tend to the spiritual and pastoral life of our diocese as we continue our search for the person God is calling to be our first Bishop Diocesan.

Bishop Anne is eager to get to know the people of the Great Lakes and to share in ministry with us. She brings a particular heart for connection, formation, and care. She has already expressed her commitment to being a pastoral and teaching presence throughout our diocese and looks forward to joining us at Diocesan Convention this October.

We'll be sharing more details about her schedule, availability, and ways to connect in the coming weeks. For now, please join me in giving thanks for this good news, and in prayer for Bishop Anne as she prepares to step into this role among us.

Warmly,

The Rev. Molly Bosscher

President, Standing Committee

Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes

Watch the video intro here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XMOvLZs3k0Q>



June 2025 Financial Report

This is the most recent month for review

June 2025	This Month	The Year So Far
Income	\$6,178	\$36,069
Expenses	\$5,396	\$35,068
Cash Flow Balance	\$781	\$1,001

Overview: All in all, a pretty good month. Monthly Income was over budget while Expenses were below budget. A few expense accounts were over budget but this was due in part to a month with 5 Sundays/Mondays which affects certain accounts such as Organist and Administrative Assistant. YTD Income numbers are over budget by about \$1,000. Expense numbers are under budget – mainly because accounts like Utilities are usually lower during the summer.



Vanguard Funds:

Total Stock Fund Balance as of June 30, 2025 is \$91,631 - up roughly \$5,511 from end of May.

One CD of \$22,000 at 3.9% will mature in **April of 2026**.

Oxford Bank CD: \$10,000 matures in August

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Video</u>	<u>Counting Member 1</u>	<u>Counting Member 2</u>
08/03/2025				Kitty	Ina	Becky	Connie
08/10/2025	Wes	Jason	Jack	Fr. Schneider	Ida Lynn	Connie	Russ
08/17/2025				Becky	Sherry	Russ	Mary
08/24/2025	Ina	Mary	John	Fr. Schneider	Wes	Mary	Connie
08/31/2025				Kitty	Ida Lynn	Beth Ann	Becky

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