



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCHES OF NEWAYGO COUNTY

ST. JOHN'S FREMONT & ST. MARK'S NEWAYGO

NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2019

PARISH CALENDAR:

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) meets the first Thursday of the month **this month: May 2).**

St. Mark's Vestry Meeting is the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. **(this month: May 14).**

Winter Wisdom: Aging with Intention: This group regularly meets at Vera's House on the fourth Thursday of the month **(this month: May 16)** from 10:00 a.m.-noon. Join other women in exploring the later seasons of life. We will be discussing writings about aging and doing some of our own writing and sharing our experiences as well. Contact Nancy Kennedy for more information.

Game Night is regularly the fourth Monday of the month in the St. John's parish hall at 7:00 p.m. **(this month: May 27).**

Course in Miracles: Sundays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Vera's House.

Women in Transition: Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m.-noon at Vera's House; lunch follows in St. Mark's parish hall.

Morning Prayer: Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. at St. Mark's; Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. at St. John's.

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

Grant Fettig—May 4; Sharolyn Metternich—May 7; Savanna Friar—May 17; Beth Bulger—May 20; Sharon Adrian—May 31

MAY ANNIVERSARIES:

Jim and Sheila VanDenBerghe—May 13; Ron and Kristy Stevenson—May 21

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DIOCESAN CALENDAR:

Safeguarding God's Children: May 18 at St. Gregory's in Muskegon (register in advance: call 231-780-2955 or email stgregsoffice@gmail.com).

Dismantling Racism Workshop: "Tapestry: The Other Shades of Racism" on **June 1** at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Beulah (register in advance: office@stphilipsbeulah.org).

Diocesan Confirmation and Open House: Saturday, August 17 at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 5333 Clyde Park Ave. SW in Wyoming.

MAY SERVING SCHEDULE

	MAY 5	MAY 12	MAY 19	MAY 26
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	SJ: Mike W. SM: Drew	SJ: Phillie SM: Mary	SJ: Mike W. SM: Kate	SJ: Phillie SM: Bill
LAY READERS	SJ: Mike W. SM: Drew and Brian	SJ: Phillie SM: Grant and Mary Ellen	SJ: Dawn SM: Kate and Aleta	SJ: Kris SM: Bill and Bob
ALTAR GUILD	SM: Mary	SM: Mary Ellen	SM: Sibyl	SM: Donna
GREETERS/ USHERS	SJ: Phillie SM: Larry and Nick	SJ: Debbie SM: Grant and Mary Ellen	SJ: Mike C. SM: Donna and Todd	SJ: Dawn SM: Ron and Kristy
HOSPITALITY/ COFFEE HOUR HOST	SJ: Margaret SM: Elaine and Kate	SJ: potluck SM: Pam and Barb E.	SJ: Kris SM: Mary and Aleta	SJ: Debbie SM: Christi D. and Mary Ellen
OFFERING COUNTERS	SJ: Mike C. and Debbie SM: Lori and Brian	SJ: Debbie SM: Jim and Bob	SJ: Mike C. and Dawn SM: Denise and Kate	SJ: Mike C. and Dawn SM: Barb E. and Pam
WIT LUNCH	SM: Elaine	SM: Jeanne	SM: Mary P.	SM: Mary M.
CHURCH CLEANERS	SM: Elaine and Jan	SM: Christi D. and Sibyl	SM: Mary Ellen and Mary	SM: Bob and Pam

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Justice Street Pantry Is Open! In Matthew 25, Jesus says, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." With this text in mind, we are pleased to announce the opening of the Justice Street Pantry.

Our mission is to help feed the hungry and those in need by making easily available a carton of frozen soup and a loaf of bread. The soup and bread are lovingly made in the home kitchens of members and friends of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Newaygo and Vera's House, our community health and wellness center.

You will find the Justice Street Pantry behind a red door on the north side of Vera's House, just off the Justice St. driveway between our two buildings (see image below).



This door is open to our brothers and sisters in the community in need of a nutritious meal. Behind the red door is a tall upright freezer that holds containers of soup and bread available and free to anyone.

We are thankful for this opportunity to offer delicious food to enhance the well-being of fellow community members.

If you would like to support this ministry, please consider:

- Praying for those who are hungry in our community
- Making soup or bread. Please contact Pam Redinger for information
- Making a donation to Vera's House. We have some basic costs (soup containers, electric bill for the freezer). If you would like to help offset these costs, please consider making a donation to Vera's House (add "Justice Street Pantry" on the memo line of your check).

Thank you for your support!

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Save the Date: The St. Mark's Annual Pig Roast is September 15, 2019.

Please Save Your Prescription Pill Bottles: We are collecting translucent prescription pill bottles at both churches in support of Sacred Suds in Muskegon. Sacred Suds provides a facility for laundry and showers to neighbors. The bottles are used for supplying laundry detergent, shampoo, conditioner, etc. Please see Denise Ritters for more info.

Lectionary Texts: If you are interested in looking up the Scripture texts for Sundays, visit <http://www.lectionarypage.net/>.

Your Receipts from Bill's Shop-N-Save Help Support Our Parishes. There is a container in the back of church at St. Mark's and one in the parish office at St. John's for your grocery receipts; our churches will get 1% back on most purchases.

Episcopal Churches of Newaygo County Coffee Mugs are on sale for \$10.

St. Mark's Famous Cheese Tubs are on sale for \$5.

Looking for a Good Book? Browse books in our library in the St. Mark's Parish Hall or visit www.librarything.com/catalog/stmarkschurch. For more information, please see Sibyl. At St. John's, please browse our books in the conference room adjacent to the parish office.

VERA'S HOUSE:

See Note on Justice Street Pantry Above.

For More Information on our program offerings at Vera's House, please refer to the brochures available at either of our churches.

Ideas to Help Support Vera's House Please bring donations of shampoo, soap, deodorant, laundry detergent, toilet paper, toothpaste, & toothbrushes to Vera's House.

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