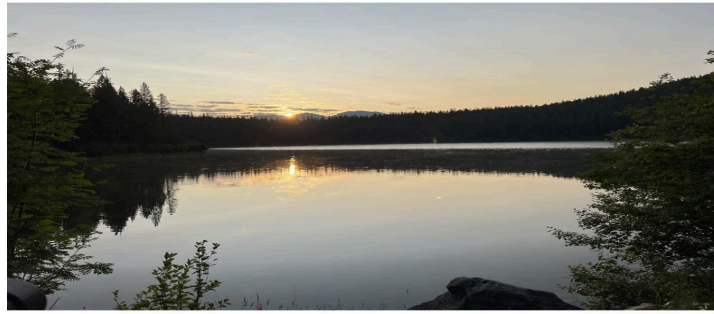


# **St. George's Episcopal Church, Milford**

## **July 17, 2025: EBlast**



### **Sabbath Rest**

My kids and I are going to camp next week where we will spend the week at Stoney Lake Lutheran Camp, just North of Muskegon. This is my 6<sup>th</sup> time since being ordained and let me tell you I love “Pastor Camp”. Like most camps, youth stay in cabins with their counselors and the counselors and camp staff handle all the programming, meals and activities and supervise the kids. Which means, pastors and youth leaders who accompany our youth get to have a lot of free time on our hands. We get to stay together in a great big house on camp and generally get to hang out together, enjoy participating in activities with our youth, teach a little bit of bible study and help out around the camp when we feel like it. It’s a little bit of paradise.

Don’t get me wrong, I love taking trips with my husband and children. It is great to help my kids see new parts of the country and experience things we just can’t see in Michigan. But as any of you who have traveled with small kids know, those weeks are the most physically and mentally exhausting weeks of the year. Family Vacations, at least at this stage, are not restful in any sense of the word. But not Pastor Camp. Camp is the one week of the year where I don’t have a pile of responsibilities. There are no meals to make or activities to plan. No one’s schedule to manage. No emails to return or services to organize. Camp is my one week a year of true sabbath rest.

Are you able to regularly make time for this sort of sabbath rest? Where you set aside your every day responsibilities for an opportunity to rest and rejuvenate. It is important amongst the hustle and bustle of our lives to set aside some time to rest, to reinvigorate our bodies, minds and souls, to listen to God, to break out of the normal rhythms of life to see what emerges. For many it may not need to be a whole week away. And hopefully you can do it more than once a year. A little time with a cup of coffee in the morning, a walk around the block, or a trip to the lake may suffice. But as we will hear in our lessons this week, a little time away from the busyness of our daily tasks to spend time in community with Jesus may be just what the doctor ordered.

See you Sunday,  
Rev. Michelle

### **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

#### **Sunday July 20**

8:30 am - Holy Eucharist Rite I Celebrant: Rev. Michelle  
in the Church

10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Rite II Celebrant: Rev. Michelle  
outdoors with hymns & live streamed

11:45am - Benthic Brass Concert

12:30pm - Chili Dog Picnic Lunch

## **Tuesday July 29**

6:30pm - Braver Angels

## **Saturday August 2**

2:00pm - LOK Summer Gathering

## **Sunday August 3**

10:15 - Outdoor Worship - Blessing of the Pets

11:30 - Potluck Lunch

## **Friday August 9-Sunday August 10**

Milford Memories - Sign up to help with Parking

## **Tuesday Aug 12**

11:00am - ECW Meeting

## **Benthic Brass July 20**

The Benthic Brass is returning to St George's this Sunday and bringing along some new friends on other brass instruments too. Join us on Sunday July 20th for outdoor worship at 10:15 and then the concert at 11:45 followed by a chili-dog picnic lunch. 8:30 worship will proceed as normal and be livestreamed. A Freewill offering will be collected to support our Summer Mission Partners. Please sign-up in the fellowship hall or let Deb know if you are willing to bring items for the picnic. This is a free community event so please invite your friends and share our Facebook event on your social media. Flyers are available in the church office if you want to post them around town.



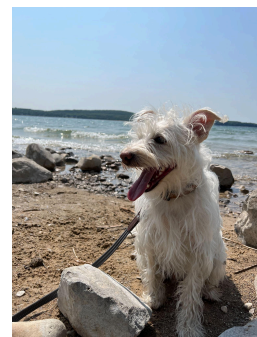
## **Crossroads VBS - Thank-you**

We had a nice group of young (& young at heart) folks who made and served lunch for the summer feeding and VBS program at Crossroads this week. They are in the process of making some pretty significant improvements to their kitchen facilities right now. I can't wait to go back in October for our big soup kitchen day.

## **Blessing of the Pets Aug 3**

Bring your furry friends to outdoor worship at 10:15 on August 3. We will have a special Blessing of the Animals, Rev is putting together a band of church members to play a special piece of music and we will have a picnic lunch after. We will have take-home blessing kits for pets who would prefer to stay at home. Invite your friends and neighbors and share the Facebook event around your social media.

Fliers are available in the office if you are willing to post them around town.



## Milford Memories Aug 8-10

Parking for Milford Memories is our biggest fundraiser of the year. It funds all our Outreach Ministries and covers the cost of serving at the Crossroads Soup Kitchen and we can't do it without you! We are trying out an electronic sign-up this year so please use the QR code or follow the link below to sign up to fill a 3 hour slot sometime during the weekend.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E44A8AD2EABF58-57528354-stgeorges>

Folks will be available at church if you prefer to sign-up the old fashion way as well. Materials and instruction will be provided. See Mike Darcy, Mike Fanfair Sr. or Ruth Jeffrey for more info.



## Ladies of the Knight Summer Gathering

Anne Gatland's 8th annual potluck will be **Saturday August 2nd at 12:30** at Anne Gatland's home at 1117 Island Drive, Commerce Township. We shall need appetizers, salads, fruit plates, beverages and wine. Please contact Anne via text, phone or email with your choice no later than July 28th. Don't forget your sunscreen!

## FedUp Collection

Pastor Anna will be coming to St. George's in August. You might like to support her shower ministry by donating towels, washcloths, trial/hotel sized toiletries, deodorant, etc. We are saving things for her on the pew in the back hallway by the office door.

## Ongoing Ministries in Action:

### -Braver Angels

Monthly meetings are normally on 4th Tuesday working on depolarization. All are welcome. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm, skills practice at 7:00, and planning at 7:30, finishing at 8:00 pm. **NOTE July Meeting is on Tuesday, July 29th**

### -Coffee Fellowship

Sign-up sheets are available to host coffee fellowship during July & August. This valuable ministry allows us to have a lovely time of food and fellowship together after church and it won't happen without hosts. It is quite a simple endeavor requiring only 2-3 items like, pastries, fruit/veggies and/or crackers & cheese and a commitment to help set up and clean-up. Unused food is taken home or given away after. You can do it on your own or with a partner. Please see Mary Lou J. and Joyce S. for more information.

### -Crochet for a Cause

Making mats for those in need out of plastic grocery bags. 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. We have a great time! **Next Meeting is August 6.**

### - Cookie Ministry

#### \*Supporting the AA groups that meet at our church

Who can help on the **third Friday of each month**? About 50 cookies are needed in total. Please reach out to Dot if you would like to cover **July 18th** (third Friday.) or once in a while to give the Darcys and the Vangels a break on the other Fridays. You can drop off your cookies the Sunday before or during office hours during the week.

## **-ECW (Episcopal Church Women)**

ECW will continue to meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday. There is **No Meeting in July**, the **next Meeting is Tuesday August 12 at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall**.

St. George's ECW is a small group of women committed to supporting the many activities of this church. All women members of the church are members of ECW and are encouraged to attend the meetings. Do come along and join us.

## **-Healing Prayer**

Provides laying on of hands and anointing for healing after worship at 8:30 & during communion at 10:15 service. The next Healing Prayers will be on **July 20**. Healing Prayer can be offered at all other services by request.

## **-‘Purls of Wisdom’ Knitting/Crochet for Charity**

Currently, this group is not meeting. An update will be published should the situation change.

## **- LOK - Ladies of the Knight**

### **Tentative Calendar of Events**

August 2: Annual Gathering at Anne Gatland's Home - now on Sat. afternoon at 12:30pm

September: Art Prize Grand Rapids Overnight

October 11 at 3:00pm - Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea must register by August 13. See Becky Sheridan or the Facebook page for more info

November 13 at 1:00am: Pewabic Pottery, must register with Debbie Lesnew by Oct 26

December 13 : Annual Christmas Gathering at Joyce Spletzer (now on Sat. afternoon, 2pm)

## **- Mens' Group**

The Men's Group normally meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. All Men are invited to attend.

The **next meeting** is on **Wednesday August 20 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall**.

Please see Mike F. Sr's upcoming email for more information.

## **Keeping Your Faith Strong**

### **-Those in Our Prayers**

Please pray for our members, community members and friends in search of health, healing, wholeness and solace: *Anne G., Annie F., Art, Barry,, Carol R., Caroline, Cheryl, Darlene, Helen, Janice, Janine C., Jeanne F, Joan B, John, Judi V, Kathy, Katie M, Karen S., Kim, Laurie, Lisa D., Lisa S., Liz, Mark, Mary Lou, Maya, Nancy B, Nancy K. & family, Rick & Debbie, Rick, Sandy & Carol K., Sharon A., Sue H., & Tara*

Loving God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: accept our prayers, and to those who seek healing, grant the power of your grace, that the weak may be strengthened, sickness turned to health, the dying made whole, and sorrow turned into joy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.* (Book of Occasional Services pg217)

## **- Online Daily Office Schedule**

Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. Morning Prayer

Fridays, 4 p.m. Evening Prayer

Sundays, 7 p.m. Compline

Do you join our Sunday worship online? A reliable and quick way to find our YouTube services (live or recorded) is from our website's "Watch" page, accessed from the top of the home page by clicking the word "Watch." [Here's a direct link.](#) Want to participate in our Daily Office online? Those are on

Facebook. [Here's the link.](#)

## Summer Break

The **Daily Office Team Dave, Deb and Rev**, will be taking a **'Rest and Reflection' Summer Break Sunday 03 Aug (no Compline) through Friday 15 Aug (no Evening Prayer) inclusive.**

The Daily Office will restart on Sunday 17 August with Compline at 7 pm.

## -Sermon Blog


Ever hear something in worship and think, I wish I could look at that again or send it to a friend? Well now you can. Now St George's has a Sermon Blog. Weekly sermons and reflections will be posted here from now on. Rev. Michelle's sermons will appear on Sunday morning, Morning Prayer reflections will usually be up within a couple of days. Feel free to share! [St George's Sermon Blog](#)

## -When to contact the Priest:

Please be in touch. I can only pray, help or connect you with resources if I know what is happening. Examples of when to contact the Priest: Birth, Death, Illness, Hospitalization, Difficulty in the Family, You would like to receive sacraments or a Pastoral visit, You have an idea or ministry you would like to discuss. I am usually in the office Wed and either Tues or Thurs 9:30-3. If you see my car in the lot, feel free to pop in. If I don't answer the phone make sure to leave a message or send a text and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

How to contact Rev. Michelle: **Phone/Text:** (734) 646-4064 or **Email:** [priest@stgmilford.com](mailto:priest@stgmilford.com)

## -Forward Day by Day Devotions

The Aug - Sept Booklets are available to pick up in the Narthex. Let us know if you need one mailed/delivered to your house. The cost is \$2.00 for each booklet. Please reimburse us as you are able in the donation box nearby. I recommend a read! 

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## Community Events