



The Beacon

June 2025

Creating & Supporting Faithful Networks

In the nearly-two years that I've been with you, the Vestry and key volunteers have made it clear that caring for one another is a major aspect of life at St Jude's. So many people said as much, when I asked them "Why did you come back after visiting us?" The Vestry has placed high priority on pastoral caring - for our parishioners (2024), and for more members of the community (2025) when we did our goal-setting exercises.

I do my best to visit our home-bound seniors every 4-6 weeks. That's not enough to feel very strongly connected, however. It really takes a network of caring to pray for the sick, call a lonely person, bring food or clothing in a crisis, provide transportation in a pinch, etc. Many people are doing those ministries, sometimes so quietly and behind the scenes that I don't know about them. But God does. Thank you. If you notice someone's missing from church and would reach out with a phone call, that is an unexpected blessing that really brightens their day

At other times, a more visible effort is called for. That's what I want to do today, with two new projects.

Letter Campaigns to Washington, on behalf of the refugees in Flint and so many others: I printed letters with all the details, so you don't have to. Just pick up three from the parish hall (US Senators Ellissa Slotkin and Gary Peters; your US Representative Rivet, McClain, or Barrett) and envelopes; fill in your address, sign and mail them from home. Let's show how much we care about what's happening to these vulnerable new, *legal*, residents of our area. The same letter campaign is being done across the street at First Presbyterian. I can send you electronic copies if you're reading from home.

Enable Caregivers to attend our series of Alzheimer's education. It's all set – we're going to host five more classes to "empower" and support caregivers of people with dementia. We had a strong

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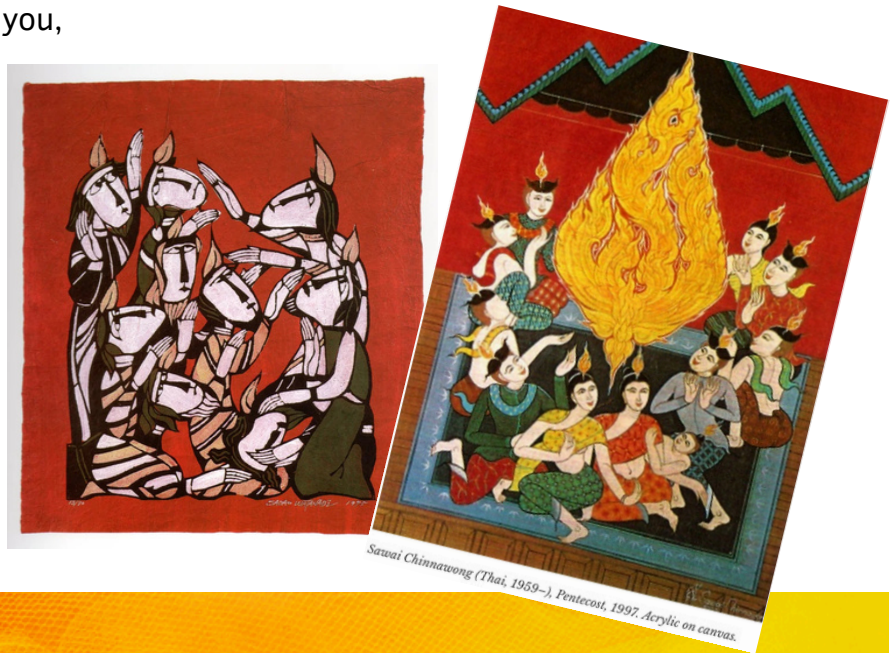
“Creating & Supporting...” continued

positive response to the introductory session on we offered on April 26, so the Alzheimer's Association is returning for a series on the third Saturday of the month, starting June 21. We'd like to provide care for the people with dementia, whom our audience would otherwise need to find help for – games, crafts, a sing-along, a movie – and at least two volunteers per session.

Contact Dcn. Judy or me if you're interested in helping us fill the need for a ministry of hospitality and love for all God's people. Again, thank you.

Blessings to you,

Susan+



Pentecost Sunday

June 8

Holy Eucharist and Baptism
Join us at 10:30 am

Wear Red!

June Birthdays

- 2nd Tess DuPei
Jacob Miller
Glenn Tripp
- 3rd Paul Dolza
- 6th Lois Hartranft
- 7th Amy Freeman
- 8th Mackenzie Bradley
Clay Putnam
- 10th Linda Freeman
- 13th Bill Anderson
- 14th Leigha Forsyth
- 15th Craig Adams
- 18th Bob Alexander
Deb James
- 20th Ashley Ransley-
- 22nd Thakur
- 24th Lynell Wright
- 26th Doug Koch
- 29th Robbie Hunt
- 30th Heather Ludwig
Marin Norred
Lillian Miller

June Anniversaries

- 10th Marty & Margie
Deschaine (36th)
- 12th Jeffrey & Julie
Wood (3rd)
- 14th Justin & Jennifer
Brewer (7th)
- 25th John & Carol
Pettipher (59th)
Bill & Theresa
Anderson (3rd)
- 26th Bob & Kim
Alexander (43rd)



June is Pride Month

June is National Pride Month where we recognize and support our LGBTQ+ siblings in Christ. **Fenton Pride Day is Saturday, June 21.** St. Jude's will again have a booth to share the love of Christ with EVERYONE in our community. If you are interested in taking part or volunteering to help, please let Rev. Susan know!



Summer Blood Drive

We are again partnering with Versiti and hosting a blood drive Saturday, June 14, 9 am - 1 pm in Vandenberg Hall. You can sign up to give blood online or walk ins are accepted. If you would like to come and "building sit" and greet people for a bit, see Heather Ludwig.

Reflections

Submitted by Judy Marinco from "Our Daily Bread", April 28th edition

Imitate Me

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1



As his daddy cast his fishing line out into the lake, two-year-old Thomas mimicked his father's actions with his own toy fishing pole. Later, as he stood on the shallow edge of the lake, Thomas also tried imitating his father's example of throwing fish back into the water by dipping his pole in the water and "catching" weeds. After each "catch," Thomas held the weeds up for his daddy to admire before releasing them back into the lake.

We tend to learn—both what's good and wholesome and what's definitely not—through observing and imitating others. Perhaps that's why in the New Testament, followers of Jesus are often encouraged to look to faithful servants of the gospel as role

models (see 2 Thessalonians 3:9; Hebrews 13:7; 3 John 1:11).

In 2 Thessalonians 3, Paul told his readers not to imitate idle, disruptive, and meddling lifestyles (vv. 6, 11) and told his readers to imitate instead the examples of integrity found in him and the other leaders (vv. 7-10). And he encouraged them to "never tire of doing what is good" (v. 13).

But Paul knew that ultimately his example was only worth imitating insofar as it pointed to reliance on Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1). Only by rooting our lives in Christ's faith and power can we grow in grace and wisdom.

By Alyson Kieda

Reflect & Pray

Who has been a godly role model in your life? Who might you influence in turn?

Dear heavenly Father, thank You for the dear people You've placed in my life who've pointed me to You and are helping me learn what it means to live in Your power and love.

Upcoming Events to Note

Saturday, June 7 -
Food Bank Volunteering
9 am - Noon: Basic Needs Pantry

Sunday, June 8 -
10:30 am: Pentecost Holy Eucharist & Baptism

Wednesday, June 11 -
1 pm: Outreach Meeting
7 pm: Finance Meeting

Saturday, June 14 -
9 am - 1 pm: Blood Drive

Tuesday, June 17 - 1 pm:
Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, June 18 -
7 pm: Vestry Meeting

Saturday, June 21 -
10 - 11:30 am: Alzheimer Caregivers Class
2 - 7 pm: Fenton Pride Night

Tuesday, June 24 - 6 pm:
Book Club (*Night Witches* by Bruce Myles)

June 24 - July 6: Rev. Susan on vacation

4th of July

The church office will be closed Friday, July 4.



May 6, 2025

Dear friends in Christ,

For nearly 100 years, Camp Chickagami has been a sacred space of growth, connection, belonging, and spiritual discovery. Whether it's through a quiet Compline in a canoe on the gentle waters of Lake Esau, a romp through ancient woods with old and new friends, a starlit hike to Lake Huron, or a holy campfire with singing, jokes, and prayer - Camp is a thin space where campers, volunteers, staff members, and guests encounter the creative and restorative work of the Holy Spirit. **Today, we ask for your help to protect and preserve this beloved place as we recover from recent ice storms and ensure Camp Chickagami remains safe for all who come here.**

We're grateful that the storms of late March and early April left most of our 26 buildings intact, with only one sustaining major damage—repairs that will be covered by insurance. But as anyone who has stepped foot on this holy ground knows, **Camp is more than its buildings.** Our outdoor chapel—the heart of our community and primary gathering space — suffered significant damage, and at this time, we are unsure what insurance will cover.

Our hiking trails, where many games and spiritual activities take place, are now unsafe, with fallen trees blocking paths and broken limbs still hanging overhead.

Our need is both immediate and long-term. These storms have led us to look more critically at the overall safety of Camp Chickagami—for those who visit and for the land and waters entrusted to our care. Following the advice of local emergency responders, we are planning beyond immediate cleanup to ensure Camp remains a safe, accessible, and welcoming space for all people to encounter the beauty and goodness of our Creator.

We are seeking to raise \$60,000 to address critical safety needs at Camp Chickagami. On this page, you'll find a list of prioritized safety projects, identified with guidance from professionals, McKenzie Bade-Knill (Camp's Executive Director), and staff.

This effort goes beyond storm cleanup. It's about stewarding a treasured gift—so that Camp Chickagami remains a place where our children are safe, where seekers find rest, and where communities gather in love and trust for generations to come.

Please prayerfully consider what you can give to support this urgent need. With less than two months until our staff arrives to welcome campers in July, your support is needed now. Every gift—large or small—makes a difference.

You can give online here, or by **sending a check to our financial office at 124 N. Fayette St., Saginaw, MI 48602.** Please make checks payable to **Camp Chickagami** and write **"2025 Safety Campaign"** in the memo line.

Thank you for helping us rise to this challenge—and for being part of what makes our diocese and Camp Chickagami a place of sacred encounters and holy possibilities.

With hope for the future,

The Rev. Molly Bosscher
President, Standing Committee
Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes

Join us for a free 5-part education series **ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION**

The Empowered Caregiver

Hosted by the Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter



Location:

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106 E Elizabeth St.
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Register through our
24/7 Helpline at
800.272.3900 or
helplinegmc@alz.org.

Building Foundations
of Caregiving
Saturday, June 21

Supporting Independence
Saturday, July 19

Communicating Effectively
Saturday, Aug. 16

Responding to
Dementia-Related Behaviors
Saturday, Sept. 20

Exploring Care and Support
Resources
Saturday, Oct. 18

All sessions are 10-11:30 a.m.

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Lord, help us to Grow!

God of welcome, we acknowledge each visitor who comes to St Jude's as a gift. Whether they come once or become family, may they experience your presence here with us. Bless their journey, wherever it leads, and may they leave knowing they were seen, heard, and valued. Amen.

This is a sample from a colorful page of prayers you'll find on the Welcome Table (in the Library) as we take the next step in growing our membership: Asking for God's help, and being ready when it happens. If you believe in the power of prayer, please pick up a copy and use it daily. There are a variety of prayers for our church, ourselves, and those seeking a community like St Jude's. Expect success!



WORSHIP LEADERS for June 2024

Lay Eucharistic Minister(s)	2 nd Chalice	Reader	Intercessor	Ushers	Altar Guild	Vestry Person of the Day	Live - Streamer	Coffee Hour Host(s)
<u>June 1</u>								
Holy Eucharist – The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams								
Dee Grossmann	Amy Freeman	Paul Dolza	Nancy Day	Nancy Day, Lynne R.	Terri H. Francine J.	Bill Anderson	Paul Dolza	Heather Ludwig
<u>June 8 - Pentecost</u>								
Holy Eucharist – The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams								
Lynn Hopper	Mary Louise S.	Amy Freeman	Jim Ramelis	Dave & Deb James	Sarah D. Lisa Cronk	Dave Rayner	Dave Rayner	Sailus
<u>June 15</u>								
Holy Eucharist – The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams								
Clay Putnam	Lynn Hopper	Dee Grossmann	Ellen Tripp	Dave & Denise Rayner	Mary Louise S. Diane Hill	Doug Hill	Dave Rayner	Rayners
<u>June 22</u>								
Holy Eucharist – The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams								
Dave Rayner	Paul Dolza	Nancy Day	Denise Rayner	Charlie J., Jessica M.	Dee G. Lisa Cronk	Paul Dolza	Dave James	Doug & Diane Hill
<u>June 29</u>								
Holy Eucharist – The Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz								
Mary Louise S.	Amy Freeman	Dave James	Deb James	Lisa & Kelly Cronk	Terri H. Francine J.	Heather Ludwig	Paul Dolza	Lisa & Kelly Cronk

Monday Office Volunteer(s):

2nd – Judy Marinco
 9th – Francine Johnston
 16th – Heather Ludwig
 23rd – Kathy Kortge
 30th – Ron Trimmer

Thurs. Office Volunteer(s):

5th – Dave Little
 12th – Ellen Tripp
 19th – Nancy Day
 26th – Lynne Ronthi



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2026

Bill Anderson
Paul Dolza
Heather Ludwig
Dave Rayner

2027

Doug Hill
Dave James
Jim Ramelis

2028

Charles Johnston
Sue Premo
Megan Rosa-Norred

Delegates to the Diocesan Convention

Paul & Sarah Dolza
Dave & Debbie James