

Southwest Michigan Episcopal Covenant

Announcements

August 27th, 2021

Covid update

Masks are required at all times in all areas of our buildings.

THIS SUNDAY is a FIFTH SUNDAY (we haven't had one of these since before our COVID lockdown). We will celebrate Holy Communion at St. Paul's in St. Joseph at 9:30 am Sunday morning. The other churches will offer Morning Prayer. Please join us.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

[Song of Solomon 2:8-13](#)

[Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10](#)

[James 1:17-27](#)

[Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23](#)

The Collect: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Services this weekend: St. Joseph 9:30 am Holy Communion
Dowagiac 10:00 am Morning Prayer
Niles 9:30 am Morning Prayer

Covenant News

The annual audits for Niles and for St. Joseph are completed and awaiting approval of respective vestries. Deadline for submission is September 1st.

DOWAGIAC

Required by the Canons of the Church, there will be a congregational meeting following the service on September 12th to vote on closing the church and selling the building (two votes). Members in good standing (current with pledges) may vote. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

NILES

The refrigerator is working again! We have been gifted a new dishwasher by Jenny and Chris Borst. Thank you so much for your generosity, Jenny and Chris.

Diane+ has submitted a grant request to the Whittemore Fund for bat remediation. (The grant is based on the first estimate we had last year.) The Whittemore board meets next in October.

ST. JOSEPH

The Monday Book Club will resume meeting on Monday, September 13th at 10:00 am. All members of the Covenant are welcome to attend.

The “Ladies at Lunch” group will not meet in September. We will plan for October, based on COVID guidelines.

The OKTOBERFEST scheduled for September 19th at St. Paul’s in St. Joseph has been cancelled. Services will be held at their regularly scheduled times.