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JUNE 2022

# TRUMPETER

*St. Christopher's Episcopal Church*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

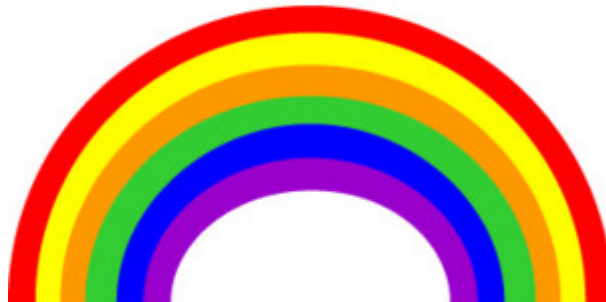
### SUNDAYS

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service (In-Person)  
9:15 am - Adult Study  
10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service  
(In-Person & Livestreamed via Facebook Live)

### THURSDAYS

5:30 pm - Evening Prayer on Facebook Live  
6 pm - Bible Study on Facebook Live & Zoom

## PRIDE SUNDAY



Sunday, June 12 at our 10:15 am service, we will celebrate Pride Sunday. This is a chance for us to celebrate those who identify as LGBTQ+. Last year, we had several visitors from our community who wanted to be a part of our service. Please mark your

calendars and plan on attending! We will have a potluck lunch following the service.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who attended the nice send-off on the 22nd, and for your generous gift. We look forward to seeing you this summer when we're not traveling. We also look forward to some of you visiting us after we move to New Mexico in the fall. We'd love to show you around the Southwest!

*Greg & Noralynn Hassold*

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SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

The technology at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church continues to evolve with the support of the Vestry. We are now recording the services each week through the Zoom account and are posting those services on our new YouTube Channel for the church. You can easily subscribe to our YouTube Channel to see our weekly updates there, by visiting it at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxb-mXzdI9o5MOxrgsanF8Q>

We will also be able to start linking these videos to our current church website. By recording each service, we will also be able to video edit each of these cut out small portions of the service such as the sermon to share on YouTube and our Facebook page.

The Vestry has been hard at work looking at how we can continue to grow our church membership and how to make our footprint into the Greater Grand Blanc Community. We have several ways in which we plan to accomplish this task, including celebrating Pride Sunday on June 12, 2022. This will be a time for us to welcome our brothers and sister who are members of the LGBTQ+ Community to our church and let them know that they are welcome in our church and they have a home here.



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**A Prayer for Vestry:**

*Almighty and everlasting God, you have given the gifts of leadership and service to those in your Church who guide the care and keeping of our parish. Be present with those who serve on our Vestry, that their committed hearts may be fixed upon you. Grant them wisdom to notice the cares and concerns of this community, trust to follow your guidance when answers are not easy, and the knowledge and love of you to be ever-present in their discussions and decisions. Through Christ our Lord we offer our prayers to you. Amen.*

## UPCOMING LESSONS

### **June 5 - Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17, (25-27)

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

### **June 12 - Trinity Sunday**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

### **June 19 - Proper 7**

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a

Psalm 42 and 43

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

### **June 26 - Proper 8**

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

Galatians 5:1,13-25

Luke 9:51-62

### **July 3 - Proper 9**

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalm 30

Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**Find the readings every  
week at  
[lectionarypage.net](http://lectionarypage.net)**



As Summer approaches, it is a sure sign that our St. Christopher's choir will soon be on break.

I want to thank our wonderful choir: each voice in our ensemble, each beautiful instrument who has come in early on a Sunday morning to rehearse and who has stayed late on Wednesday evening to 'get those last few measures' as close to perfect as possible. THANK YOU, Choir! You are very much appreciated, and you make such a difference in all of our lives.

When Father Jerry gave us the 'all-clear-to-resume-rehearsals', we were simply overjoyed. It had been almost two years since we were allowed to gather and make music. He made certain we took all the necessary precautions to keep us 'safe', and so far, so good.

We had to rehearse in the nave, for reasons of needing to keep distanced from one another. At times, it could get to be pretty cold in there; so, sometimes, we even rehearsed with our coats on! And truly, everyone was so very patient with me, trying to understand direction through the mask and my already soft voice. Thank you guys for hanging in there!

Our sopranos, Bobbie Goergen, Linda Rathburn, Noralynn Hassold, Ellen Safley, Cynthia Butcher, Audrey Ditri, J'hane Perdue, Angel Langford--- you all made a glorious sound and kept a fun rehearsal atmosphere throughout! Judy Conyers, and Kirara Kawaguchi, and Brianne Wilson kept a strong alto section going strong. And may I please take a moment to thank Nancy Lee Fawcett for finding time in her life to finish out these last few weeks with us. We have missed her terribly and we are so glad she has been able to find time in her schedule to sing with us again.

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There are few choir directors in our area who can claim such a strong men's section as we have at St. Chris. Bob Van Duynes, Tristram Shayna, Bill Hartley, Jeff Fisk, Jeff Walker and Greg Hassold complete our bass section. Andrew Wilson and Aaron McCoy-Jacobs have been 'holding down the fort' in our tenor section. You ALL bring such talent to the table and help us make a more beautiful sound. (Of course, we all miss Victor and Pat terribly; hopefully they may tire of all that sunshine and Mediterranean gorgeousness and find their way back to MI!)

Throughout the summer months, we will still be maintaining a musical presence at our 10:15 service. We will have soloists and instrumentalists coming in to lend their talents. If you happen to be reading this, and you happen to possess a musical talent you have not yet revealed and would like to participate over the summer, please let me know, and I will do my best to make this happen.

At some point in August, the Master's Singers ensemble will be providing music for our service. We are very grateful to have as strong a musical ensemble as they, enhancing our worship. Thank you, Bobbie Goergen and Nancy Lee Fawcett for making this happen.

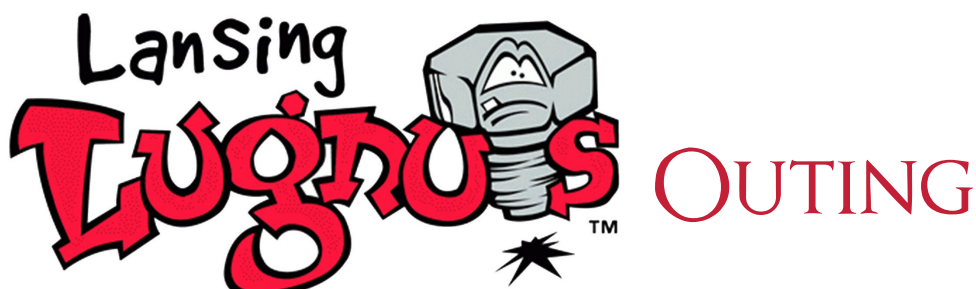
Please take note, in the narthex, there is a table set up with hymnals, a sign-up sheet, pens all meant to provide you a chance to let me know what hymns you might like to hear over the summer---please please please take a moment and write down your favorite hymns! I promise I will program them when fitting! This is a terrific opportunity!

The choir's last Sunday before summer break will be June 12. We will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7th. I wish everyone a terrific summer, and do come to church, even if you are NOT singing!

In Christ, I am yours,

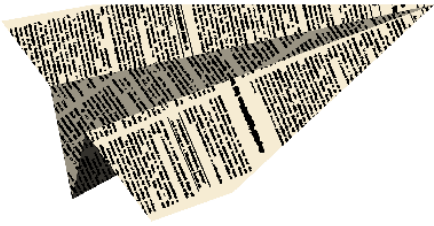
*Nada Radakovich*

Director of Music



**The 17th Annual St. Christopher's Outing to the Lugnuts game will be  
Thursday, July 7, 2022.**

The Lugnuts are a minor league baseball team whose home field is a modern stadium in Lansing, Michigan. The Lugnuts are holding a block of tickets for us. The ticket price is \$11.00 (cheap). To reserve tickets, you need to sign up using the sheet on the clipboard on the table in the narthex OR contact Bill Thewalt at 810.938.7098 or email him at [fwithe@gmail.com](mailto:fwithe@gmail.com). Please don't try to give him the money now as he prefers to collect when the tickets are delivered. Transportation is by carpool. It is our custom to meet for dinner across the street from the stadium at The Nut House at 5:00 p.m. to make the game at 7:00 p.m. See you at the game!



# FROM THE PRIEST'S DESK

Recently, I planted some annuals in my front flower garden at home. I do love my flowers! If you are on Facebook, check out the pictures. However, getting the job done was no easy task. Getting up and down made me realize just how out of shape I am! I've gotten older and heavier, and I don't exercise nearly enough. We all know that the more we exercise, the better we feel.

So it is with our faith. The more we exercise it, the better it gets. In terms of our faith, we tend to think of going to church and saying our prayers. This encapsulates what, for too many, faith has become. Our churches are empty. What does that say about where we are? We have to exercise (our faith) much more than we do. We must expand our notion of what it means to be a follower of Jesus, moving from simply praying and going to church once a week, to being an active follower of Jesus. The world needs us. The world needs us to be the love of God. The world has plenty of hatred and violence.

Our faith is to be active. We are called by our baptism to live our faith in our daily actions. To gather as community (not just on Sunday) to worship, to

be fed physically and spiritually. If we never put our faith into action, if we always depend on others to "do God's work" then we are not living out our baptismal covenant, our promise to God. Our covenant with God is binding. Our covenant to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself" (BCP 305). Our covenant to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being (BCP 305).

God has never abandoned us. Yet, over and over, believers have turned away from God. It is time for us to repent of our inaction. It is time to repent of our apathy. It is time to live out our faith. God needs us. The world needs us. We need one another. Together, we can and must, make the Kingdom of God a reality here on earth. It is time.

We need to be able to say "We promise to welcome you in Christ's name. We will honor the gifts you bring. We will invite you into our community or wish you well if you choose another path." (Dorothy Isabell Crocker, p. 44, 101 Reasons to be an Episcopalian.)

*Jerry+*

**SAVE THE  
DATE!**



**August 22-28, 2022**

Every summer we have our largest fundraiser of the year parking cars in our church lot (and lawn) for the people attending the Ally Golf Challenge across the street at Warwick!

Save the date now and be on the look-out soon for sign-up sheets for volunteers.



## WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JUNE 2022

|                               | LECTOR /<br>LEM                      | GREETERS                            | TECH               | ALTAR<br>GUILD     | COFFEE<br>HOUR | ALTAR<br>FLOWERS      |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>June 5 - Pentecost</b>     |                                      |                                     |                    |                    |                |                       |
| <b>8 am</b>                   | Jane Brewer                          | Jane Brewer<br>Lou Alarie           | -----              | -----              | -----          | -----                 |
| <b>10:15<br/>am</b>           | Joyce Thewalt                        | Jan Taylor<br>Shirley<br>Showler    | Audrey D'itri      | Sharon Rice        | Potluck        | Jerry Lasley          |
| <b>June 12 – Pride Sunday</b> |                                      |                                     |                    |                    |                |                       |
| <b>8 am</b>                   | Nancy Wells                          | Sharon & Dale<br>Rice               | -----              | -----              | -----          | -----                 |
| <b>10:15<br/>am</b>           | Frank Burger                         | Flo Gjerstad<br>Mike Latesky        | Frank Burger       | Shirley<br>Showler | Potluck        |                       |
| <b>June 19</b>                |                                      |                                     |                    |                    |                |                       |
| <b>8 am</b>                   | Dave &<br>Melissa Butler             | Neuman & Jan<br>Convis              | -----              | -----              | -----          | -----                 |
| <b>10:15<br/>am</b>           | Linda Rathburn<br>Tristram<br>Shayna | Jan Taylor<br>Bobbie Walton         | Tristram<br>Shayna | Louise McAra       |                |                       |
| <b>June 26</b>                |                                      |                                     |                    |                    |                |                       |
| <b>8 am</b>                   | Kay VanNatta                         | Jane Brewer<br>Lou Alarie           | -----              | -----              | -----          | -----                 |
| <b>10:15<br/>am</b>           | Joyce Thewalt                        | Jane Yorks<br>Flo Gjerstad          | Bill White         | Anne Naber         | Bill Anderson  |                       |
| <b>July 3</b>                 |                                      |                                     |                    |                    |                |                       |
| <b>8 am</b>                   | Jane Brewer                          | Jane Brewer<br>Lou Alarie           | -----              | -----              | -----          | -----                 |
| <b>10:15<br/>am</b>           | Ken Duck                             | Joyce Thewalt<br>Shirley<br>Showler |                    |                    |                | Ken & Myrtle<br>Duck  |
| <b>July 10</b>                |                                      |                                     |                    |                    |                |                       |
| <b>8 am</b>                   | Nancy Wells                          | Sharon & Dale<br>Rice               | -----              | -----              | -----          | -----                 |
| <b>10:15<br/>am</b>           | Flo Gjerstad<br>Bobbie Walton        | Jan Taylor<br>Mary<br>VanDuyne      |                    |                    | Whites         | Bill & Sandi<br>White |