



“Never be afraid
to trust
an unknown
future to a
known God.”

~Corrie ten Boom~

August 2015

two churches. one faith.

holy cross episcopal + ascension lutheran

August Scripture Readings

August 2 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 or 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Psalms 78:23-29 or Psalm 51:1-12

Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 9 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:4-8 or 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Psalms 34:1-8 or Psalm 130

Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

August 16 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 9:1-6 or 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

Psalms 34:9-14 or Psalm 111

Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

August 23 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 or

1 Kings 8:[1,6,10-11] 22-30, 41-43

Psalms 34:15-22 or Psalm 84

Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

August 30 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Psalms 15 or Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

IT'S ALL A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE

REV. MIKE WERNICK

Extreme weather. Climate change. California drought. Wildfires. Fracking. Earthquakes. Ferguson. Mother Emanuel Nine. Black lives matter. Burning churches. Presidential candidates. Escaped drug lords. Immigration reform. Domestic violence. Equal pay for equal work. Israeli / Palestinian relations. Religious extremism. Dictators. Fukushima nuclear reactor.

Episcopal Public Policy Network. Michigan AMEN Network. The Gathering. Detroit. July 2015. Walk for Water. Blood donations. Habitat for Humanity. Neighborhood cleanups. Planting gardens. Social justice work. Summer reading projects. 30,000 Lutheran youth working, serving, and having fun.

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Two Churches. One Faith. Familiar music. One Building. The Diaper Depot. Blended liturgy. Refugee garden. BCP. English as a Second Language. Care Team. Lay Readers. Low Church. Unfamiliar music. The Pantry. Fresh paint. ELW. High Practice. Wheat fields and grape

vineyards. New liturgies. Sundays and Seasons. Lutherans and Episcopalians working, serving, and having fun.

Things change and are changing. We experience the familiar and the unfamiliar, pleasure and pain, and gain and loss throughout all the seasons of the year. Babies are born not only in the spring of new life; and people die not only in winter. But some things change far too slowly for us. Some things change so fast we can hardly adjust to them or catch our (collective) breaths. Some changes are

undesired temporary anomalies. Some changes are life-giving and more lasting. Some people resist change with heels dug in or with arms wide open. And the perspective we bring to these changes can help us accept and deal with them.

When a shovel full of dirt falls on an ant hill, that can be a big deal to those ants, but maybe not to us. When the Gross National Product falls, that can be a big deal to those struggling to get by, but not to the richest 1%. For many years I had a telescope and could see galaxies millions of light years away--and a few of them were colliding. That can be a big deal there, though maybe not here. But this enormity of scale has sometimes helped me keep my small problems and fears in perspective.

And when we hear each other's stories... when we recognize the deeper truth of solidarity that we share with others... when we recognize our own stories contained in those they share... we find perspective... and we can find a restful place from which healing action can flow seamlessly from a space of communion, from a common humanity, and a common Source.

But one thing does not change. God's love for us in Christ Jesus. And when we are grounded in that love, we are so well anchored that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from it.

We need boundaries to live and function. Certain kinds of boundaries are inherently beneficial (like a milk jug's boundary that keeps your milk in one place). Other boundaries though, have kept people and resources too divided and too far apart. Too at-odds. For too long. Some who have much have too much and some who have little have too little. But God is working through our common humanity. The Magnificat is being enacted. And in our common time there will be breaking down and building up, healing, and mid-course corrections. And my prayer for you--and for all of us--is that we develop and maintain the astronomer's perspective and not the ant's.

Mike+

COMMUNITY MINISTRY

LAURA K.

MISSION STATEMENT: TO USE OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE TO SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST IN ALL PERSONS AND TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES.

It has been said before, but it bears repeating: Although we request and greatly appreciate your contributions of time, talent, and treasure, YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATED to support all--or any--of our programs. We can only ask that you prayerfully consider each one and support those to which the Spirit leads you.

As you read here last month, the **John Knox Community Food Pantry has a new name, The Pantry**, and will soon have a new home at 54th Street and Division Avenue! Renovations to the new space will allow The Pantry to expand its mission of "Feeding the Mind, Body, and Soul." The Pantry hopes to hold a grand opening in September, and there will be opportunities to lend a hand with some of the work in preparation for that.

The Pantry has especially requested donations of peanut butter and jelly/jam, as well as new and gently used children's books. Think "**Jelly for the Belly**" the next time you're grocery shopping!

Mark your calendars now for the following upcoming events:

- **Through the end of the month**, we are running our **annual collection of school supplies for Kentwood Public Schools' elementary English as a Second Language (ESL) students**. The Newcomer Center at Meadowlawn Elementary serves children who come here as refugees with their families from all over the world, usually arriving with very little in the way of money or possessions. Class sizes will be swelling this fall with an expected influx over the summer of refugees from Syria, Nepal, Myanmar (Burma), and Africa. The teachers have requested donations of 8-12 count packages of markers, glue sticks, No. 2 pencils (**not** mechanical), loose-leaf wide-ruled paper, small backpacks, crayons, facial tissues, and hand sanitizer. There are take-home lists on the display table at the back of St. Michael's Hall. Back-to-school sales are in full swing and there are some great deals out there!
- **On Saturday, September 12, there will be a pig roast and square dance** from 5-7 p.m., with proceeds being split between Ascension's Diaper Depot and Holy Cross' adult ESL program. Tickets will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids aged 6-12, and free for kids aged 5 and under. This event is open to the community--invite your friends and neighbors!
- **Throughout September and into October**, we will be collecting donations of cat and dog food (dry and canned) and cat litter for the **Humane Society of West Michigan's Kibble Konnection**, which is a food bank for pets whose owners are struggling to afford to keep their furry companions. Open bags of food and litter are also accepted as long as they are taped shut. This

collection will culminate with the annual Blessing of the Animals service on Saturday, October 3. No pet necessary to participate in this wonderful service!

- **The annual spaghetti dinner to benefit The Pantry will be held on Friday, October 23** from 5-7 p.m. at Brookside Christian Reformed Church (on the east side of Kalamazoo Avenue at 36th Street).

Volunteer opportunities:

- **Ascension's Diaper Depot** and a lot of little bottoms need you! Did you know that, depending on donations received, it still costs anywhere from \$1,100 to \$1,500 every month to purchase enough diapers and wipes for distribution?? Distributions take place on the first Thursday of every month from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and the third Wednesday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon. If you can help out, especially with the busier first Thursday evening distributions, please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board on the left side of the hallway as you approach St. Michael's Hall. Volunteers are also needed to help repackage diapers on Sundays before and after the 10:00 service. Please consider lending a hand! Donations of diapers--especially in sizes 4 and 5--and wipes are ALWAYS needed and appreciated, as well.
- **There's one Diocesan domestic mission trip remaining this year:**
 - October 16-25 to New Orleans, Louisiana. Contact: Tami Varricchio-Drehle at countontami@gmail.com.
- **If you're interested in going on a mission trip**--even if it's not sponsored by the Diocese or Synod--please see a Community Ministry member. Funds and fundraising assistance are available to help you make your trip happen! Pete H. went to the Dominican Republic earlier this year, and Ross M. may go to New Orleans in October. **HOW ABOUT YOU??** If not this

year, think about next year!!

- If you'd prefer to stay closer to home, **consider Diocesan reading camp!** It's a one-week ½-day (mornings) camp for children in grades 2-4 who have been identified as being at least one year behind grade level in reading. It's free to all campers and is staffed completely by volunteers. If you'd like to volunteer, email the Rev. Cindy Nawrocki at rocki@att.net. No teaching experience is required, just a love of children and reading! There's one camp left this summer, and it starts in just a few days:
 - August 3-7 at St. Martin of Tours, Kalamazoo
- **SECOM (South End Community Outreach Ministries) is looking for volunteers to tutor adults.** If you're interested, please call Eleanor at 452-7684.
- **St. Mark's Episcopal Church's Breakfast Café** is open on Sunday mornings to feed the homeless downtown. It is run entirely by volunteers, who help with set up, cook, serve and clean up. If you'd like to volunteer, please call St. Mark's office at 456-1684. St. Mark's is located at 134 Division Avenue North (at Pearl Street) in downtown Grand Rapids.
- **Other area agencies**, such as In the Image, are also always looking for volunteers. A great way to get started is to call the **United Way's 211 hotline** and ask for help in matching your talents and interests with an agency whose mission speaks to your heart. Reach out today!



Please don't forget our ongoing collection of non-perishable food and personal care items for The Pantry. In addition to peanut butter and jelly/jam, demand is always high for dried pasta and other grains (cereal, pancake mix, oatmeal, and rice), dried or canned beans, and "skillet meals" (such as mac-n-cheese, Hamburger Helper, etc.) as well as items such as pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned vegetables, soup, flour, sugar, baking powder/soda, condiments, toilet paper, paper towel, dish and laundry soap, household cleaners, and toiletries (bar soap, razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, etc.). Drink mixes (iced tea, Kool Aid, etc.) are also appreciated, as are instant coffee and Styrofoam egg cartons (dozen only, please, and **no paperboard**). There are copies of the list of suggested items on the collection bins in the Narthex. Please take one home to post on your refrigerator or wherever you keep your reminders. Thank you for your continuing support of this vital ministry, and thank you to Kay S. for transporting the donations to The Pantry!

Please also remember our **ongoing collection of prizes for Bingo games at The Lodge at Maple Creek and at Elmcroft!** Suggested prize items are LARGE-print word search or crossword puzzle books, LARGE-print decks of cards, small picture frames, small photo albums, small bottles of lotion (travel- or trial-size with little or no fragrance, and **no soaps or perfumes**, please), small packages of tissues, packages of 5-6 greeting cards (these can be in a resealable bag or tied together with a ribbon), pens, note pads, kitchen/dish towels, and candy bars (**no or very few nuts**, please). If you purchase a large bag of "fun size" candy bars, please repackage them in resealable bags, about 10 per bag. Please do not bring in anything with sharp points or edges, such as nail scissors and clippers. Also, please do not gift-wrap anything or bring in any large items. There are copies of the list of suggested items on the collection bins in the Narthex. Please take one home to post on your refrigerator or wherever you keep your reminders. Thank you to Joel F. and Donna H. for delivering the donations for us!

If you receive coupons at the register for Meijer gift cards and will not be using them, please consider donating them to help those in need. You can give your coupons to Fr. Mike or put them in his mail folder. Also, if you shop at Meijer and haven't yet signed up to participate in their Community Rewards program, please consider doing so. You can designate up to three charities or schools to benefit every time you shop. Please ask a committee member or go to www.meijer.com/rewards for details.

If you use Spartan brand products, please cut out the UPC codes and put them in the Spartan truck located next to the mail folders in St. Michael's Hall. This ongoing collection helps fund the purchase of Go!Bus tickets for parishioners who are unable to afford them. If you're in need of tickets for transportation for yourself, please see a Community Ministry Committee member (Ann A., Evans DeV., Joel F., Lisbeth E., Kim H., Laura K., Ross M., Shirley N., Viv R., Kay S., Polly S., and Susan Z.).

Don't forget to place your Scrip orders! Scrip is available every Sunday after the 10:00 service. Order forms are available on the credenza in St. Michael's Hall by the mail folders. You get the full face value of the gift card, and Ascension receives a percentage of each sale. The money is then divided between Community Ministry and J2A (Journey to Adulthood). Cards are available for dozens and dozens of retailers, restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations, cinemas, and more! Use them for yourself or give them as gifts!

The next meeting of the Community Ministry Committee will be held on **Wednesday, August 5** at 6:00 p.m. at The Jade Garden. If you'd like to join us, please let Laura K. know so she can let the restaurant know how many to expect. If you've wanted to join us but the cost of eating out has prevented you from doing so, please talk to Laura K.

Finally, on a personal note, the August 5 meeting will be my last as chair of the Community Ministry Committee. It has been and is truly a privilege to work with such a creative, talented, compassionate, hard-working team dedicated to doing God's work in service to our sisters and brothers in Christ. I appreciate all of you!! -- Laura K.

UTO AWARDS 55 + 9 GRANTS FOR 2015

LISBETH E.

The United Thank Offering (UTO) awards grants annually "for the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion". Specifically, the grants are made to address the needs of people and to help lessen poverty. This year UTO awarded 55 grants. In addition, in celebration of its 125th anniversary, UTO also made nine special 125th Anniversary Young Adult Grants, one in each of the nine Provinces of the Episcopal Church of the United States.

The Five Marks of Mission, developed from 1984 to 1990 by the Anglican Consultative Council, are the focus of this year's grants. The Fourth Mark is the focus of each of the 55 grants while the focus of the 125th Anniversary Youth Adult Grants is any one of the Five Marks. The Five Marks of Mission (found on the Anglican Communion and Episcopal Church websites) are:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

The 55 grants, worth a total of \$1,558,006.85, went to 46 Dioceses, 34 of which are located in the United States. The Diocese of Western Michigan received one of them. The remaining grants went to companion Dioceses (5), the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (2), and to missionaries (2).

The nine 125th Anniversary Young Adult Grants, each worth \$1,250 for a total of \$11,250, were made to young adults aged 21-30. These grants are to be used for seed money for new projects.

The 2014-2015 year was described as "a record year of generosity", with gifts to UTO increasing by 2.14%. These gifts included \$432 from Holy Cross and Ascension.



DIAPER DEPOT

Thursday, **August 6th** from 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday, **August 19th** from 10:00 a.m.- Noon

Many thanks to Apple Tree Learning Center in Kentwood for holding a Diaper Drive for us during the month of July. Thanks, too, to Kent County Great Start for arranging the Drive.

If you are able to help when Diaper Depot is open, please sign up on the bulletin board.

Check out the new Diaper Depot bulletin board in the narthex. Thanks to Kim Hoop for her creativity!

TWO CHURCHES CARE TEAM

REV. MIKE WERNICK

Now that Two Churches have been together for one year, and as we've increasingly lived into our common life, a Care Team has formed to help us become the "priesthood of all believers" that we are. To that end, several people have stepped forward to help us minister to each other and to "the stranger."

- Laura K. will serve as the Care Team Coordinator, and will continue to be in charge of the Circle of Prayer (with names distributed on or just after All Saint's Day).
- Kim H. and Polly S. will oversee Guardian Angels and keep an eye out for those who are absent from worship and call to check in on them.
- Judy M. will assemble the Prayer Chain ("This week we pray for...") included on the Announcements page.
- Evans D. will compile and distribute the Phone Tree for those who don't have email or prefer to be called when something important needs to be communicated.
- Marjri W. and Susan Z. will coordinate Tender Loving Care, helping with rides to appointments, making home visits, and other needs as they arise.
- Kathy T. will send get well cards and cards for other special events and occasions.
- Liz R. will coordinate receptions (set up and tear down) and meals for funerals or other special services.
- Esther YP will serve as Lay Eucharistic Minister and bring communion to those who would like it and can't make it to church.
- Jan S. will mail newsletters, directories, and other printed communications to those who do not have computers and do not make it to church very often, but want to remain informed.

I am very grateful for this effort which allows many more of us to serve each other. Please express your appreciation to them too!

~Mike+

NOMINEE APPROVED FOR SEMINARY

PETE H.

Last month Bishop Houghland, of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan, approved me as a Postulant for Holy Orders. This approval permits the postulant (me) to attend seminary to continue a process of study and spiritual development and potentially, in a number of years, become an Episcopal Priest. Within days, the Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP) admitted me to their Masters of Divinity program for the fall of 2015 and offered a scholarship covering all tuition and fees. This scholarship is renewable for up to three years.

With my acceptance of CDSP's offer we will be leaving for Berkeley, California very soon. Classes begin on September 8th and orientation is the prior week, starting on August 31st. We will be packing a truck and headed west a week beforehand.

Although Lynne and I expect to be in California for the next three years, Holy Cross and Ascension will remain our church home. Our expectation is to remain members during these years and come back as often as possible to visit. Please keep us in your prayers as we settle into this new call from the Holy Spirit - and talk to us about coming out for a visit!



RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS - AUGUST 16TH

PETE H.

On August 16th as part of the 10 am service, Pete and Lynne H. will celebrate 20 years of marriage by renewing their marriage vows. Although our actual anniversary date is in October, we wanted to recognize this milestone with our church community before leaving for California. Please join us at 10 am on the 16th to help bless our union, share some cake, and wish us well on our next 20 years!



NEW HOLY CROSS VESTRY MEMBER

ROSS M.

Welcome and thank you to Tony Bowie who joins the Holy Cross vestry. Tony has agreed to complete the term of Robb Carter, who unfortunately had to resign due to work travel commitments.



A group from Two Churches enjoying good fellowship during an afternoon cruise on the Grand Lady Riverboat in Jenison – July 12th

WE ARE MOVING FORWARD... Co W.

During a recent conversation with a friend about our Two Churches I found myself stepping back and taking a closer look at where Holy Cross and Ascension are today and where we were a few years back. When we started our journey together and originally called Mike, we were two parishes with little shared beyond our clergy who did a lot of driving around the corner.

Today we share so much beyond our clergy:

We started with combining our **Christian Education** and now have a combined group that has been on pilgrimage. Our two parishes work together to support our younger groups as they grow and continue their journey with Christ.

Even prior to sharing one building we were blending **Worship and Music**. And while there will always be someone who prefers it the “way it used to be,” we seem to have found a rhythm that fits.

Both parishes had hard working groups working to help the larger community. These two groups have combined to become **Community Ministry**. Together the focus of assistance has been narrowed to Diaper Depot, ESL, food pantries and the community garden.

Instead of two buildings needing attention, we have one **Property** and have combined the talents of those in both parishes to make it work for our needs.

With more talent together it was realized that we could better utilize time, talent and treasure by forming a combined **Care Team** to assist our clergy in caring for this flock. Care Team is made up of members of both parishes and its mission is to see that everyone in our Two Churches is cared for. This may be a phone call to say hello, meals needed when a member is unable to cook, rides to appointments, pray chain, hospital visits and other needed things that keep us connected to each other.

And as we continue our journey with Christ together I realize I only have to submit this to one **Newsletter**.

Have You Prayed For Your Circle Today?



SUSAN MAST RESPITE FUND FUNDRAISER

Ross M.

The **Susan Mast Respite Fund** was established in loving memory of Susan Mast who lost her battle with ALS on November 1, 2014. Susan dedicated her career to providing care and solace to those in need. In honor of Susan, her family created a fund to continue her mission in life - providing care and relief to those who are ill.

The fund is being used to provide primary caregivers of patients suffering from ALS a much needed break from caring for their loved one by providing financial grants to cover the expense of professional care. In this way they may refresh and renew themselves through brief periods of respite, without the worry of how their loved one is being taken care of in their absence.

On **Wednesday, August 12th**, a fundraiser will be held at Thousand Oaks Golf Club to raise money for the fund. Activities include an 18 hole golf scramble beginning at 1 PM, followed by a pig roast dinner with live music on the deck and a silent auction from 6-9 PM. People interested in supporting this cause may participate in all activities, or if not a golfer come enjoy a nice meal and live entertainment - and maybe purchase something at the silent auction.

Preregistration is required for golf at www.susanmastfund.org/golfauction.html. Tickets for just the evening activities can also be purchased online in advance or at the door. Tickets for the evening activities only are \$25.

For more information on the Susan Mast Respite Fund, go to www.SusanMastFund.org. The fund is administered by the ALS Association Michigan Chapter, which means all donations are tax deductible and more importantly, 100% of fund monies are available for the desired purpose with no administrative overhead expenses.



AUGUST PRAYER LIST

We want to pray with and for each other as we move along our spiritual journey together. For August, you are asked to uplift the designated persons throughout the week in prayer. May our Lord Jesus Christ use this ministry of prayer to build His Church in love!

July 26-Aug. 1: June, Craig, Alyssa and Brian P.; Annette R.; Sue and Bob R.; Barb C.; Dorothy D.; Evans and Connie D.

August 2-8: Kay S.; John and Polly S.; Jeff and Jessica S.; Pam D.; Lisbeth and Jack E.; Rochelle, Mark, Sean and Christopher E.

August 9-15: Brian and Kathy T.; Rich and Judy W.; Dan and Marjri W.; Deb and Den F.; Dorthy F.; Laura F.

August 16-22: Ruth B.; Kevin, Jill, Kate, Meg and Beth B.; Glenna B.; Jon and Robin G.; Ralf H.; O.D. and Tuppin H.

August 23-29: Sandy C.; Lenore C.; George, Lynn, Caitlin and Carmen D.; Dale and Gwen H.; Roy and Donna H.; Charles and Sara H.

Aug. 30-Sept. 5: Alyce D.; Virginia E.; Connie E.; Pete and Lynne H.; Kim H.; Al and Mickey I.

*Please continue to pray for peace
and our troops in the Middle East.*



TWO CHURCH'S PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request for yourself, friends, or family, call or email Judy M. (281-0067 or Judy@MagnusonMail.com) to start the prayer chain. Note: If Judy is unable to answer when calling, please try emailing her as her emails are usually checked hourly from other locations. It's easy. Directions for using the prayer chain are as follows:

1. Anyone in need of prayer should call and request prayer. No request is too small.
2. If possible, phone in requests between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. **If it is an emergency, please call any time.** We are here to serve.

Please let us know how your prayer was answered. It is important we see the results, so we all may grow in faith and trust in a God that hears and answers when we call to Him. We all know the power of prayer. Will you join us in interceding for the needs of others? There isn't anything more worthwhile.

The Lord tells us, "In all things, pray."

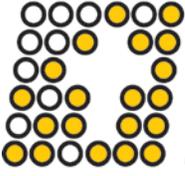
AUGUST SERVERS 10:00 SERVICE

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please switch with someone and notify the office. If you have any questions, please contact Roy H. at 616-915-6258 or at GrandRapidsMorris@comcast.net

	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Assisting Minister/EM-1</i>	<i>Altar Server/EM-2</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
08/02 Pentecost 10	Lynne H. (1 st reading) Lisbeth E. (2 nd reading)	Dan W.	Kim H.	O.D. H.
08/09 Pentecost 11	Shirley N. (1 st reading) Jan S. (2 nd reading)	Esther YP	Kim H.	Meg B.
08/16 Pentecost 12	Jill B. (1 st reading) Donna M. (2 nd reading)	Ann A.	Kim H.	Beth B.
08/23 Pentecost 13	Kathy T. (1 st reading) Dan W. (2 nd reading)	Jan S.	Kim H.	O.D. H.
08/30 Pentecost 14	Ann A. (1 st reading) Rich W. (2 nd reading)	Donna M.	Kim H.	Paul K.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
August						1	
2 8:00 am Worship w/o music 10:00 am Worship w/music Noon	3 9:30am Sr. Neighbors 3:00pm Happy Souls	4 9:00am ESL Class	5 9:00am ESL Class 10:00 am Eucharist 10:45am Staff Mtg. 11:15 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Community Ministry @ Jade Garden	6 9:00am TOPS 6:00 pm Diaper Depot Open	7 9:00am ESL Class	8 10am-1pm Bhutanese Clothing Exchange	
9 8:00 am Worship w/o music 10:00 am Worship w/music 11:45 am Joint Council/Vestry	10 9:00am Foot Care 3:00pm Happy Souls	11 9:00am ESL Class	12 9:00am ESL Class 10:00 am Eucharist. 10:45am Staff Mtg. 11:15 am Bible Study <i>Susan Mast Respite fund fundraiser @ Thousand Oaks</i>	13 9:00am TOPS	14 9:00am ESL Class	15	
16 8:00 am Worship w/o music 10:00 am Worship w/music & <i>Pete & Lynne H. renewal of vows</i>	17 3:00pm Happy Souls	18 9:00am ESL Class	19 9:00am ESL Class 10:00 am Diaper Depot Open 10:00 am Eucharist 10:45am Staff Mtg. 11:15 am Bible Study	20 9:00am TOPS	21 9:00am ESL Class	22	
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Worship Schedule:
 Sundays 8 am – Eucharist (Holy Communion), no music
 Sundays 10 am – Eucharist, with music
 Wednesdays 10 am – Eucharist, no music, followed by Bible Study
Come Join Us!

HOLY CROSS' LEADERSHIP

Vestry:

Senior Warden Ross Mast
 Junior Warden O.D. Hauschild
 Secretary Adam Swick
 Members at large Robin Getz
 Liz Ripley
 Tony Bowie

Administration:

Office Volunteer Jan Springer
 Sexton Ken Race

ASCENSION'S LEADERSHIP

Church Council:

President Polly Standley
 Vice President Jill Barry
 Treasurer Rich Walker
 Secretary John Standley
 Member at large Marjri Weller

Administration:

Church Secretary Judy Magnuson

Rev. Mike Wernick – Pastor/Rector



Two Churches is a welcoming and inclusive Christian community made of an Episcopal congregation and a Lutheran congregation worshipping not only in the same building, but in the same worship service.

It doesn't matter who you are, think you are or think you should be, it doesn't matter where you are on your faith journey, or even if you're not sure what a faith journey is, you'll be welcomed here.

CONNECT WITH TWO CHURCHES
You can find us at 4252 Breton Rd. SE, Kentwood, MI 49512

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Newsletter submissions may be sent to Jill B. at n12churches@att.net. Please send all submissions as text, richtext (RTF), or Word files. The deadline for the September newsletter is Monday, August 24th.

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