



## The Angelus

November 2020

### A Word from the Senior Warden: “Filling Up Our Horn”

*1 Samuel 16:1-13*

*The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, “I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.” Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.*

*When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.*

Dear People of Grace,

Each month your vestry meets to discuss matters concerning the church. Each meeting begins with a reading and reflection on the scripture. At our October meeting we read this passage from 1 Samuel, with the context of the ongoing search for a new rector for Grace in mind.

We have read this passage before, but this time something new was brought to our attention. It is about preparation. God tells Samuel to prepare for his meeting with Jesse and his sons by filling his horn with oil. We wondered how God might be asking us to prepare for a new priest. How can we fill our horns? What is our oil of blessing and anointing? How will we pour out this oil in grace and hospitality as our new rector begins their ministry?

Many things to ponder, but as I think about it, there are so many ways in which Grace is filling up with blessing and building up this community of faith:

- We begin the month of November in prayer. On Sunday, November 1, at 7:00p.m. Grace will stream a special prayer service on Grace Abounds. We will focus our prayers on three areas; the coronavirus pandemic; the upcoming national election; and Grace's search process. Please join us!
- We welcome Rev. James Biegler (Fr. Jim) as our celebrant for Sundays in November and December. Fr. Jim is retired and currently lives in Ellison Bay, Door County. He and Fr. Jon go way back, and he is eager to lead us in worship!
- We continue our tradition of written Advent meditations. Sign up to share your reflections, whether they be 10 words or 10,000! (Okay, maybe not 10,000) Here is the link to sign up: <http://shorturl.at/ouw78>
- We gather on November 4, 6:30p.m. via Zoom for a meeting with Dcn. Paul to plan for our Advent season. Please join in and share your ideas and thoughts about making this a special time of anticipation, celebration and light. Meeting ID: 793 9121 5719 Passcode: grace
- We wrap up our Stewardship season, which asks us to give of our financial resources to support Grace in her ministries, and to consider how this giving helps us to live more fully into the grace God gives us and the life of our parish. If you have pledged your support, thank you! If you still need to do this, you still can!
- We give thanks for Grace's staff and clergy. Mthr. Michele, Dcn. Mike, and Dcn. Paul remind us that they are here and available to us. Please reach out to them with pastoral concerns or needs.
- We continue to be faithful in the process of transition. Through this process we have been blessed by Fr. Jon's interim ministry and the gift of wonderful supply clergy. We are blessed to have a diligent and prayerful search committee who are working together to discern who will be called as Grace's next rector.
- We continue to gather; for Sunday worship on Grace Abounds; for Morning Prayer via Zoom; and through acts of care and kindness toward each other.

May God's Peace and Presence be with us as we fill up our horn!

*Kristin Plucar, Senior Warden*

## **Advent Meditations Booklet**

It is that time of year again, and no pandemic will interrupt the creating of our annual Advent Meditations booklet.

This book has become a treasured Grace Church tradition for entering into the Advent season.

To participate:

- Click on this link to make your choice(s): [shorturl.at/ouw78](http://shorturl.at/ouw78)
- Read and reflect on the scripture(s) chosen.
- Write a meditation based on what you feel called to share.
- The meditation can be 10 words or 300 words (maximum, please).
- There are no rules and no right or wrong ways to write a meditation.

Submit your meditation to the office, [office@gracesheboygan.com](mailto:office@gracesheboygan.com) by no later than November 20<sup>th</sup> to allow production time.

The booklets will be printed and emailed daily. If you would like a printed copy, please let me know and arrangements will be made to get one to your home before November 29<sup>th</sup>.



## Autumn Treasures

By *Bernie Markevitch*

I think Autumn is my favorite season—much to look forward to and be grateful for.

Labor Day was the end of summer and the beginning of school days, my birthday and heavier meals, the first kettle of chili. Pork roasts, chops and harvest vegetables.

Prange's Anniversary Sale, the first full week of October, was the unofficial beginning of the holiday shopping season. Halloween candy at Woolworths and Prange's candy center and popcorn balls!!!

My brother and I hit every bar on Indiana Avenue trick or treating. They gave five cent candy bars, and the patrons sometimes threw nickels and dimes in our pillow cases, the only way to beg for treats. After we got home we'd empty our bags and start trading-I wanted to get rid of the dreadful Almond Joys bars-I loathe coconut!

Teacher's convention would follow and then Thanksgiving, the best meal of the year, usually at my Grandparents. The one year it was at our house, Mother ordered the whole meal from Louis Jumes, who delivered it hot at 11:30 a.m.—before aunts, uncles and cousins arrived. My mother did bake the pies and open a couple cans of jellied cranberry sauce.

My stepfather looked forward to these family meals and when he died, we had the whole family go to Rainbow's End for a turkey and all the trimmings meal with plenty of black olives.

I'm going to miss our Tripartite Thanksgiving Eve church service. It was a nice way to begin to think of the many blessings I enjoy with my family of faith and to remember all those past Thanksgivings when so much was taken for granted.

Happy Thanksgiving!





## News from the Search Committee

The Search Committee is pleased to provide an update that we have completed 5 initial interviews with exceptional candidates and are coordinating our second round interviews with a target to complete those by the end of October. After the second interviews, we will be discerning together our top recommendations for 1 or 2 candidates. These finalists will be interviewed by both the Vestry and the Search Committee as a final step before a Rector is selected to be called. Please feel free to contact our Search Committee co-chairs, Bob Hanlon or Polly Schmeiser, if you have any questions as we continue down the path to calling Grace's new shepherd!

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## Advent Planning Zoom Meeting

# Advent Planning

Join us on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM to discuss plans for the upcoming season

We will meet via Zoom:  
Meeting ID: 793 9121 5719 Passcode: grace

**November Birthdays**

Bob Imig	11-2
Jeanine Mullen	11-8
Jon Whitford	11-9
Katie Maki	11-11
Polly Boherstangel	11-12
Margaret Knocke	11-13
Cindy Weiss	11-14
Lucy Green	11-20
Randy Krueger	11-20
Pat Miller	11-23
Polly Schmeiser	11-25
Makiah Shad	11-26
Olivia Gallimore	11-26
Linda Molitor	11-26
Kristin Plucar	11-28
Thomas Sanders	11-28

**November Anniversaries**

Zachary and Danielle Whitford	11-7
Bill and Deb Gagin	11-10
John and Jennifer Keller	11-16
Jeffrey and Paula Solinger	11-16
Steven and Claudia Fischer	11-23

**Parish Staff**

The Right Reverend Matthew Gunter, *Bishop*  
 The Reverend Jonathan Coffee, *Interim Rector*  
 The Venerable Michele Whitford, *Priest Associate*  
 The Reverend Michael Burg, *Deacon*  
 The Reverend Paul Aparicio, *Deacon*  
 Dr. R. Benjamin Dobey, *Organist Choirmaster*  
 The Reverend Nicci Beeck, *Deacon, Parish Administrator*  
 Julie Davidson, *Sexton*  
 Nick Whitford, *Director of Youth and Family*

**The Vestry**

Kristin Plucar, *Senior Warden*  
 Ed Clabots, *Junior Warden*  
 Brian Heck, *Treasurer*  
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