



ST. PATRICK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Breaking Bread

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.” (Ps. 122:1)

Joy and gladness greeted the people of St. Patrick’s on the day of the Consecration and Rededication of our church building. When Bishop Marty stood with crozier in hand and with authority to say, “Let the doors be opened!” we knew we were home at last after a sixth month pilgrimage. The journey really began in 1977 as a newly formed Episcopal mission found a place to call their “house of prayer” on Crane Mountain Road in Ferndale.

Now in its 44th year as a worshiping and serving people of faith in Jesus Christ, “our place” has been expanded and renovated. Once again, we dedicate not only a building, but ourselves to a life that honors God and tells God’s story. There is joy and gladness for each who has made the pilgrimage, sometimes digitally, and often in person with hands engaged in the work of construction, maintaining the Community Garden and worshipping at Bigfork High School.

Clap your hands, all you peoples: shout to God with a cry of joy. (Ps.47:1)



Just as Israel invites everyone to proclaim the sovereignty of God, to renew praise as they enter the temple in Jerusalem, you and I, and the surrounding community are invited into St. Patrick's place and space. And as the Temple in Jerusalem was not only a place and space, neither are our building and grounds. The structure itself and land on which it is placed is a symbol of God's presence and love in our time—right where we are. "We are here to stay" and simply say, God reigns. God's love and mercy reign here.

Within your temple O God, we meditate on your unfailing care. (Ps. 48:9)

I invite you to come into the Lord's presence as you are able; to connect with God's care and steadfast love for you. On Saturdays at 5 pm Compline or Evening Prayer is offered via Zoom (internet or phone call in). Sunday morning Holy Eucharist is at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. All health precautions are taken and we limit seating to 25 persons; the service is also televised to the parish hall where wide physical distancing is available. While Covid-19 guidelines limit the amount of singing in worship, so far clapping hands is in order!

As you enjoy this pictorial edition of the Shamrock, let the pictures give you joy!

Faithfully yours,

Louise+

Consecration and Dedication

Community Garden





Church Rededication









Sunday Service in our Rededicated Church





St. Francis Day Service - Blessing of the Animals





Birthdays and Anniversaries



October

Lloyd Thorsgud

2

George Walker

15

Nancy Potoczny

17

Rev. Louise Baker

18

Scott Waldo

20

November

Abe Serrato

11

Mark Whitney

17

Nancy Hammel

24

Fran Beyer

25

Jerry Southwood

26

Bev Shiller

26

Marlys Anderson-Hisaw

30



Anniversaries



October

Caroline and Ken Knapp 12

November

Greg and Doreen Thigpen 9

Lloyd and Claudia Thorsrud 13

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