

THE *Red* DOOR

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Pause

*A*s I write this, I am in Florida on vacation. In fact, more accurately, today is the deadline for the Red Door so that our talented publishing team of Susan Flanders and Linda Boss can edit and assemble the newsletter you are now reading. Susan reminded me of the deadline for this article this morning and I contemplated this text while I finished reading a book and took a swim in the gulf this afternoon. I'd like to think of this as "creative research" and not a stark reminder that I didn't work on this article before I left. We are in the season of Lent. Lent is a lot of things but vacation inspiring may not be among them. Lent is, of course, the liturgical season of the church year for the 40 days prior to Easter and beginning with Ash Wednesday. In many ways, it is modeled on the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness when he was tempted by Satan and when he fasted and prayed before beginning his earthly ministry.

Today, we think of this time rightly as a period of reflection, fasting, prayer, and abstaining from distractions. Some may use this time as a spiritual reset and a chance to focus on personal spiritual devotion against the distractions of our life. Of the temptations Jesus faced, the most insidious might be the devil's use of scripture to challenge Jesus.

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."
Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

In this poignant moment from Matthew's Gospel, we read where the devil uses the very true words of scripture in an effort to trip up Jesus' devotion to the mission given to him by God.

I'm guessing it is unlikely you or I will ever face an encounter with the personified devil quoting the Bible to get us to stray from the word of God (if you experience this, you're up for the next Red Door article). What I do think we all face from time to time, is a feeling of guilt for not doing more. We are tempted to fill our schedules with one good event or another in order to "do more good" for the church or community under the guise of serving the Lord. You can find yourself running a proverbial rat race to keep up so that you can do the "good works" you feel are expected of you.

These kinds of activities, I would argue, can actually become a temptation against a properly oriented life. Take a look during this Lenten season at your calendar, to-do list, and personal list of obligations. Do you spend your time doing the Lord's work or does the list of activities give you a false sense of achievement so that you can be seen doing the Lord's work? Do your good works come at the expense of your health (physical AND mental)? Are you avoiding your family and friends who may benefit from your one on one company instead of an organized church or charitable activity?

And so as I sit here on vacation—ignoring emails a little longer than usual—I urge you to be weary of being busy for the sake of being busy. Be mindful of what you do and why. Your time is a gift from God and there is no shame in hitting the pause button.

*Yours in pausing,
 Mark L. Heydlauff
 Senior Warden*

Prayer List FOR APRIL

Please Pray for Your Brothers and Sisters

Deb Stutzman	Josh LeVay
Doris Lundteigen	Kathleen Benon and family
The Rev. Kathleen Kircher	Frank Daly
Linda Smith	Bill Meeks
Lea Peak	Frank Rathjens
Adele Dilschneider	John Whiteford
Norean Martin	Nancy Grunch
Liane McGhee	Deanna Klosinski
Blake Kirinovic	Carol Schwing
Rose Shannon	Susan Warner
Dick Engelsmann	Steven Coa
Lynn Black	Lynn Grevea
Steve Fowle	Natalia Moore



Penny Loving Maureen Barkley Linda Boss

Persons are removed from our Prayer List at the end of each month.

Please contact John Fiedorek at

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to add the names of friends and family to our Prayer List

*Submit an Article for the Next
Red Door!*

by 5p.m. April 20, 2025

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If you see an error in this month's issue, please let us know! We will correct it or print a correction in the next issue of the Red Door.

Altar Flowers DONATIONS



Accepting Donations

We are accepting monetary donations for this year's Easter flowers. Please find envelopes on a table in the parish hall. *You can mail a check to Christ Church, P.O. Box 385, Charlevoix, MI 49720 or*

place your check in the collection plate. Either way, please indicate on MEMO LINE of your check "Easter Flowers".

—Thanking you in advance.

Little FREE LIBRARY

AT CHRIST CHURCH



Dear Friends,

On April 20 our Little Free Library will be back in business for the 2025 season. We will begin collecting used books on April 13 and throughout the summer season. Please place your donated books in a basket found in our parish hall narthex. Thank you for helping us fill our LFL shelves.

— Susan Flanders

The Truth

The truth is the kindest thing we can give folks in the end.

— Harriet Beecher Stowe

The Rainbow Shoppe

The Rainbow Shoppe is looking for volunteers to work. It is a four hour shift once a month and everyone at the shoppe is very helpful.

Contact Margie Kirinovic if you have an interest in volunteering.



The Taylor Series at Christ Episcopal Church
invites you to
“Women of the Watch, Keepers of the Light”
by Anna Kamryn Marck

Sunday May 4, 2025 4pm
200 State St. Charlevoix, Mi

Join us for this uplifting presentation of
music, laughter, and simple honest
storytelling

A reception will follow the program



Lori Jane Deer, Jack Stargardt, Steve Stargardt
performed at CEC on March 2, 2025. It was a great event
sponsored by the Taylor Series.



Eric Hemenway standing next to one of the many slides during
his presentations on Odawa in the 20th century presentation.

A man cannot leave a better
legacy to the world than a well-educated
family.

– H.S. Truman

Ministry Schedule **APRIL**

2025

Ministry	<i>Sunday April 6</i>	<i>Sunday April 13</i>	<i>Sunday April 20</i>	<i>Sunday April 27</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms The Epistle	Dan Sytsma Reed	Steve Hall	Mark Andresky	John Fiedorek
Prayers	Tricia Drenth	Susan Flanders	Steve Hall	Stephanie Peters
Ushers	Marge Kirinovic Tom Kirinovic	Don Collier Rick Wertz	Marsha Hall Sharon Witucki	Don Collier Betsy Collier
Intinction	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz	Betsy Collier	John Fiedorek
(LEM) Chalice	Betsy Collier	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz	Dorothy Miller
Acolyte	Roger Peak	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz	Dorothy Miller
Altar Guild	Ann Bahr Deb Stutzmas	Betsy Collier Dorothy Miller	Susan Flanders Linda Wertz	Marge Kirinovic Peggy Nattermann
Coffee Hour & Fellowship	David Loving Stephanie Peters Ellie Nicol	Marsha Hall Linda Wertz Sharon Witucki	Betsy Collier, Susan Flanders, Sharon Witucki Margie Kirinovic	Deb Stutzman Gary Stutzman Shirley Gibson
Vestry Duty	Marge Kirinovic	Linda Wertz	Betsy Collier	Bev White

I Choose Gentleness

Nothing is won by force, I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice may it be only in praise. If I clench my first, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

– Max Lucado

Holy Week Services 2025



Mauddy Thursday

April 17, 2025 @ 5:30pm

OT Lesson & Psalms Steve Hall
& The Epistle

Prayers Susan Flanders

Ushers Marsha Hall & Ellie Nicol

Intinction John Fiedorek

LEM (Chalice) Brownie Flanders

Acolyte Brownie Flanders

Altar Guild Betsy Collier & Dorothy Miller

Vestry Duty Linda Wertz

Holy Week Services 2025



Good Friday

April 18, 2025 @ 12 Noon

OT Lesson & Psalms Rick Wertz
& The Epistle

Prayers..... Linda Wertz

Ushers Brownie & Susan Flanders

Crucifer Roger Peak

Altar Guild Ann Bahr & Deb Stutzman

Vestry Duty Kathy Boyer

Ministry Schedule **MAY**

2025

Ministry	<i>Sunday May 4</i>	<i>Sunday May 11</i>	<i>Sunday May 18</i>	<i>Sunday May 25</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms	Tricia Drenth	Tom Kirinovic	Phil Pratt	Gary Stutzman
The Epistle	Roger Peak	Steve Hall	Nancy Porter	Deb Stutzman
Prayers	Linda Wertz	Mark Andresky	Barb Wilson	Kitty Marquardt
Ushers	John Fiedorek Jeff Porter	Marsha Hall Sharon Witucki	Marge Kirinovic Tom Kirinovic	Mark Andresky Don Collier
Greeters	David Loving Penny Loving	Don Collier Jack Weber	Marsha Hall Ellie Nicol	Chris Benson Christine Benson
Intinction	Betsy Collier	Brownie Flanders	John Fiedorek	Rick Wertz
(LEM) Chalice	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz	Dorothy Miller	Betsy Collier
Acolyte	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz	Dorothy Miller	Roger Peak
Altar Guild	Marge Kirinovic Dorothy Miller	Deb Stutzman Linda Wertz	Ann Bahr Betsy Collier	Nancy Porter Susan Flanders
Coffee Hour & Fellowship	Amy Russell Sharon Witucki Ellie Nicol	Judy Pratt Emily Myers Stephanie Peters	Christine Benson Betty Stephen Barb Wilson	Kathy & Jack Weber Ann Bahr David Loving
Vestry Duty	Betsy Collier	Kathy Boyer	Mark Heydlauff	Marge Kirinovic