

THE *Red* DOOR

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Around the Bend

Several years ago, I went to Isle Royale National Park for the first time. The park includes hundreds of islands in a remote part of Lake Superior 55 miles off the coast of Copper Harbor, Michigan. It includes the largest island, not only in the Great Lakes, but in any fresh water lake in the world. Many have seen the news in recent years of the ups and downs of the moose and wolf population in the park. The moose population was likely introduced to the island for sportsmen to hunt before acquisition by the federal government. It is believed a pair of wolves walked across the ice from Canada to the island in 1949. Since 1958, various academic biologists have studied the wolf and moose, predator and prey relationship. The National Park Service reported there were 14 wolves and a population of 2,060 moose on Isle Royale in 2019.

Isle Royale is the least visited of all national parks (though this may be changing as it's popularity has grown). Wolves are, as you might expect, are an elusive find on the island and the park ranger who greeted me and other new arrivals noted—if you see one, buy a lottery ticket. (Spoiler alert: I did not see any wolves).

As I was hiking one morning, I dutifully took pictures of the scenic vistas stretching over Lake Superior from the island's high point and saw the biggest beaver dam I had ever seen. I wandered over steep, rocky paths and boardwalks laid through marshy swamps. The



Can you see the moose?

evidence of moose was hard to miss; trees scraped by antlers, droppings, and giant footprints in the mud. And then I heard the telltale sound of large creatures lumbering through the woods: a moose was on the move.

Indeed I saw a moose. A mother and her calf. Moose can and will charge humans so I kept my distance and took a few grainy pictures through the dense brush. You see it, right? I was thrilled to come so close and to have captured “the shot.” I packed my camera in my backpack and turned around to keep on hiking. And then... another moose. This time it was a full-grown male with wide antlers. His frame was taller than me and he likely weighed 1,500 pounds. He was a mere 10 feet away from me crossing my path through the forest.

We sang a hymn recently and one of the lines stood out to me again as it has before:

“Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.”

As Rev. Erin Jean preached at the beach a few weeks ago, we can often be tempted to look at prayer as a laundry list for God to accomplish. We offer our prayer

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Notes SENIOR WARDEN

AT CHRIST CHURCH

Around the Bend

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as a debit card inserted into a holy ATM and expect with a little nudge, God will spit out the response. In reality, however, we find ourselves wrestling with a loss, hoping for a better outcome, or simply feeling stuck in life. We are also tempted, like Abraham in the account of Genesis, to hope for a promised outcome and decide to short-circuit God's plan by substituting our own initiative.

My experience with the male moose on Isle Royale is a bit like that. I don't have a picture of a majestic land mammal to show you because...I gave up. I assumed I had seen the best. I got "the shot" and packed up and moved on. It's uncanny how often over the years I've hiked, thought I saw something spectacular and moved on only to find an even better vista or more beautiful fall foliage around the next turn.

To be sure, God's faithfulness is not defined by something better always being on the horizon but learning the patience of unanswered prayer helps us realize that the story isn't finished. There is more to come on the days that feel dark and sometimes things that seem good in the moment are just the tip of the iceberg.

Carry on with your prayers but let us all ask God to teach us patience until they are answered. And carry on exploring because you never know what you'll find on the next section of the trail.

– Yours in Christ,
Mark L. Heydlauff
Senior Warden

PS: If you do happen to see a wolf in the wild while you're on the trail. Please buy a lottery ticket and remember undesignated gifts to Christ Church are always welcome!

Seeing People

God does not see the same way people see. People look at the outside of the person, but the Lord looks at the heart.

Prayer List FOR SEPTEMBER

Please Pray for Your Brothers and Sisters

Deb Stutzman	Bill Meeks
Doris Lundteigen	Frank Rathjens
The Rev. Peggy Nattermann	John Whiteford
The Rev. Kathleen Kircher	Nancy Grunch
Linda Smith	Deanna Klosinski
Lea Peak	Carol Schwing
Adele Dilschneider	Karl Hoffman
Norean Martin	Donna Carter
Liane McGhee	Tyanna Addison
Blake Kirinovic	Natalia Moore
Dick Engelsmann	April Perry
Wit Witucki	Lyle Carrick
Steve Fowle	Doug Drenth
Josh Levay	Maxwell Drenth
Kathleen Benon and family	Pam Sroufe
Frank Daly	George Perrett
	Charles Lewis
	Penny Loving



Rick Wertz	Tom Lang	Linda Boss
Brenda Toton	Charlie Valier	Jim Boss
Linda Nummer	Kate Conway	Scott Boocher

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. September 22, 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.

Baptisms ON LAKE CHARLEVOIX

AT CHRIST CHURCH



Beth Kirkpatrick with son, Charles Henry Kirkpatrick



Devan & David Butler with daughter, Aubrey Ellamae and son Grayson Andrew

On Sunday, August 24 Christ Church parishioners met at Depot Beach for the final 2025 outdoor service. It was a beautiful crisp morning but very special. The Rev. Erin Jean Warde introduced three young parishioners for baptisms on the shore of Lake Charlevoix. Charles Henry Kirkpatrick, Aubrey Ellamae Butler and Grayson Andrew Butler were welcomed into the household of God. The

family members included, Beth Kirkpatrick, Robert Kirkpatrick, Katie Sina Kindig, Sue & Tom Kirkpatrick, Matt Leisy, Llinos & Bruce Leisy, Devan & David Butler, Meagan & Troy Heuker, Barbara & Andrew Wilson, Cheryl & Michael Stradinger, and Pamela McCarthy. The congregation joined in committing themselves to Christ and renewed their own baptismal covenant.

Episcopal Church Women's Prayer

Almighty God, we pray that You will bless our work in mission and ministry in the world. Help us pray fervently, labor diligently and give liberally to make known the power of your love given through your Son Jesus Christ. Let us not forget the lessons from the past nor fear the challenges of the future. Anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light throughout the world. – Amen

Picnic AT DEPOT BEACH

ANNUAL CEC PICNIC



Julie Borus, Betty Stephen, Betsy Collier and Brownie Flanders wait in line for their hamburgers at our picnic



Cheryl Miller, Dorothy Miller and Lea Peak visit following the outdoor service on July 27, 2025



Our annual church picnic was held at Depot Beach on July 27, 2025. Our grill masters for the cookout were Marc Sroufe, Don Binns and Tom Kirinovic. They served hotdogs and hamburgers.



The Sytsma Reed family visit with Rev. Erin Jean Warde following our outdoor service

Ordinary Life

"In ordinary life, we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich."

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Youth AT CEC



2025 Scholarship Recipients-Korbyn Russell, East Jordan High School, Lena Sytsma Reed, Charlevoix High School, Eliana Michael, Boyne City High School. (Missing from photo is Kadence McPherson)

Annual Country Market 2025

The ECW is planning on holding this years Country Market on Saturday, October 11th in the church parish hall. This date coincides with Applefest in Charlevoix which draws many visitors to the downtown area. We are also planning on offering the chili lunch at the event again this year. The hours of the Market will be 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday and volunteers will be needed to set up, oversee the floor and help with sales. This is a fun day and we have some truly gifted parishioners who we encourage to donate their handiwork for this fund raising event. We need to fill the tables so I ask that you start thinking about how you can share your talents to make this a success. Whatever your God given talents might be: painting, wood/glass art pieces, sewn or knit items, baked/canned goods, etc. everything will be welcomed and appreciated. There is a table set up in the church basement storage area earmarked for the Country Market; if you would like to start dropping off your items early.

Thank you and if you have any questions please give me a call or drop me an email.

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Chicken Salad LUNCHEON

2025



ECW's Chicken Salad Luncheon crew-2025

The Chicken Salad Luncheon was once again a Great Success. Many take out lunches were delivered to the artists in the park, as well to the merchants in downtown Charlevoix. This is a great service that we provide on the busiest shopping day of the year, for artists and merchants to have their lunch delivered.

The in-house sales were also very busy, as it was a very warm day, and our parish room was delightfully cool on a hot day. The success of this event was the tremendous effort given by so many church members, men and women coming together with great harmony and camaraderie. Everyone had a great time. PRICELESS!!!

*Sunday
Sermons*

Did you know that each Sunday the sermons at Christ Church are recorded?
To listen to the Sunday's sermon, visit the church's website at:

ChristEpiscopalChurch.net

Click on sermon and listen to the desired week

Taylor Series presents

Bob Milne



The Taylor Committee around the piano with Bob Milne

On August 19 @ 7p.m. Bob Milne did not disappoint the ninety people who attended his ragtime music performance. It was a delightful evening filled with fabulous music. It was a surprise to the crowd that this was to be Bob's last concert. He decided to retire and we sent him off with huge

applause. We will miss him. The concert followed with a reception in the parish hall. All this was made possible through the Taylor Series to our community at no cost. We have a beautiful gift at Christ Church in memory of Joan and Charles Taylor.

Taylor Series presents

Phil Pratt



Christ Episcopal Church invites you to join us for an Organ Concert by Philip Pratt



Organ Music from Christ Church

Tuesday, September 9th, 2025 • 5.00 p.m.

Christ Episcopal Church

200 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

(Corner of State and Clinton Streets)

Harvest Dinner following the concert with reservations required and the deadline for calling in a dinner reservation being 9/3/2025, please call the Church at (231) 547-6322 and leave a message.

No Cost, Open to the Public.

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Lord grant that I may always desire more than I can accomplish.

– Michelangelo

Ministry *Schedule* SEPTEMBER 2025

Ministry	<i>Sunday September 7</i>	<i>Sunday September 14</i>	<i>Sunday September 21</i>	<i>Sunday September 28</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms	Bruce Livingston	Tricia Drenth	Phil Pratt	Mark Heydlauff
The Epistle	Nancy Porter	Mark Olson	Steve Hall	Mark Olson
Prayers	Kitty Marquardt	Betty Stephen	Barb Wilson	Linda Wertz
Ushers	Don Collier Mark Andresky	Chris & Christine Benson	Jeff & Nancy Porter	Tom & Marge Kirnovic
Greeters	John Fiedorek Jeff Porter	Judy Colt Ellie Nicol	Marsha Hall Roberta Rassieur	Bruce & Mary Livingston
Intinction	Betsy Collier	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz	John Fiedorek
(LEM) Chalice	Rick Wertz	Betsy Collier	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz
Acolyte	Rick Wertz	Roger Peak	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz
Altar Guild	Linda Wertz Ann Bahr	Marge Kirinovic Peggy Nattermann	Susan Flanders Betsy Collier	Nancy Porter Deb Stutzman
Coffee Hour & Fellowship	Nancy & Jeff Porter	Mark & Barb Olson Dennis & Kathy Wolf	Bruce & Mary Livingston Ann Bahr Marge Kirinovic	Susan & Brownie Flanders
Vestry Duty	Kathy Boyer	Linda Wertz	Bruce Livingston	Bev White

Ministry Schedule

OCTOBER

2025

Ministry	<i>Sunday October 5</i>	<i>Sunday October 12</i>	<i>Sunday October 19</i>	<i>Sunday October 26</i>
OT Lesson & Psalms	Tom Kirinovic	Phil Pratt	Steve Hall	Mark Andresky
The Epistle	Nancy Porter	Dan Sytsma Reed	Bruce Livingston	Stephanie Peters
Prayers	Betty Stephen	Kitty Marquardt	Linda Wertz	Susan Flanders
Ushers	Marsha Hall Sharon Witucki	Mark Andresky Don Collier	Chris & Christine Benson	Tom & Marge Kirinovic
Greeters	Judy Colt Mary Livingston	David & Penny Loving	Marsha Hall Roberta Rossieur	Don Collier Jack Webe
Intinction	John Fiedorek	Rick Wertz	John Fiedorek	Brownie Flanders
(LEM) Chalice	Betsy Collier	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz	Betsy Collier
Acolyte	Roger Peak	Brownie Flanders	Rick Wertz	Roger Peak
Altar Guild	Betsy Collier Ann Bahr	Susan Flanders Rachel Sytsma Reed	Marge Kirinovic Peggy Nattermann	Nancy Porter Linda Wertz
Coffee Hour & Fellowship	Available	David Loving Stephanie Peters Emily Myers	Jeff & Nancy Porter	Christine Benson Betty Stephen Barb Wilson
Vestry Duty	Barb Wilson	Mark Heydlauff	Betsy Collier	Marge Kirinovic