November 2026

THE Red DOOR

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH · CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN

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Reflections from the Reverend

Dear Christ Church,

I had an amazing almost SIX months in Charlevoix! I arrived in mid-May and didn't head back to Nashville until the very, very end of October. I loved spending my summer and early fall in Charlevoix the Beautiful!

In consultation with the Vestry, and with their formal vote of approval, I will be spending the month of November away from Christ Church on a mini sabbatical. I proposed this idea to the Vestry, because I spent an extra 7 Sundays in Charlevoix during this almost 6 month stay, plus I had weeks and weeks of vacation time left unused. I am deeply grateful for the Vestry's support as I take this one month off to dedicate my time to rest and spiritual restoration.

Please note: I am only taking this one month off for a sabbatical of rest and spiritual restoration; while I will not physically be present in Charlevoix in December, I will be back in the office remotely Tuesday, December 1! As we have it currently planned, I will work remotely in December and January, then I will come back to Charlevoix in February for Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.

A sabbatical is different from a vacation, as it is a specific period of time when a priest is away from the duties of their ministry for rest, refreshment, recreation, travel, reading, hobbies, and the renewal of personal relationships. I have never been able to go on a sabbatical, even after 14 years of priesthood, so I can't convey how grateful I am for this time away, though of course it will be hard to be away from each of you.

Since I have never been given a sabbatical, I have been talking to my peers about how they have honored boundaries while they are on a sabbatical. With their wisdom and general best practices in mind, here are some important things to note regarding my sabbatical in November:

- **I am not available for communication by phone, text, email, etc. during the month of November.** The point of a sabbatical is to truly detach from the professional space, so that when I re-enter, I will do so more healthy and well rested. This means I won't be able to communicate with you throughout the month, so if you contact me, I will not respond. This is not out of lack of love, but because it is important for me to have this time away. I will miss you and look forward to communicating in December!

- **An important note about email: Please refrain from emailing me during the month of November, as I will not be reading emails I receive in November, simply because it would take all of December for me to handle a**

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Reflections from THE REVEREND FOR NOVEMBER

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month's worth of backlogged emails! So if you have something you'd like to share with me when I return, make sure to hold onto it until December, as I won't be reading November emails and don't want to miss anything important from you!

- **If you need anything during this month, please contact John Fiedorek in the church office, as he is our very skilled Office Manager and can handle many questions you have. Additionally, you can reach out to your Vestry.** If the person you speak to doesn't know the answer, they can most likely help point you to the person who can help you figure your challenge out.

- **In the event of a death in the parish, please notify John Fiedorek or Betsy Collier, and they will contact me so that I can connect with family and work with them as they decide on funeral arrangements.**

Again, I can't thank you enough for your willingness to let me step away for the month of November. I will be finding a new place in Nashville, moving in and getting settled, spending time with my mom, and—most importantly—resting and praying. And while we won't be talking that month, I will absolutely be holding all of Christ Church in prayer. And I will miss hearing from each of you, but that will make our conversations in December all the richer!

It is hard to believe, but November 1 marks one whole year since I began as your Priest-In-Charge. I continue to marvel at how God brought us together. Christ Church is a beautiful, warm, and magical place full of God's love and care. I am grateful beyond words to serve here alongside each of you, as we each follow God's call to love and serve.

With gratitude and care,
The Rev. Erin Jean Warde
Priest-In-Charge

For Peace

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*

– Book of the Common Prayer, page 815

Prayer List FOR NOVEMBER

Please Pray for Your Brothers and Sisters

Deb Stutzman
Family of Doris Lundteigen
The Rev. Peggy Nattermann
Adele Dilschneider
Norean Martin
The Rev. Kathleen Kircher
Lea Peak
Liane McGhee
Blake Kirnovic
Frank Rathjens
John Whiteford
Nancy Grunch
George Perrett
Cissy Walker
Jackie Hayes

Charlie Valier
Sue & Darrell Potter
Carol Morris
Ed Bahr
Kathleen Benson & family
Betsy Puritan
Josh Levay
Darragh Daly
James Denison
Matt Hosmer
Kris Jones
Terri George
Jan Hayes
Mike Whitehead
Karen Cantine
Penny Loving



Jerry Crandell
Tyanna Addison
Bob Pratt's family

Laura Goldsmith
Don Peck
John Dentes

Jim Deering
Linda & Jim 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. November 20, 2026

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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.

Our Sister IN CHRIST

DORIS LUNDTEIGEN

Doris Could Smile in Any Language

Susan Flanders, the editor of the Red Door newsletter, asked me to write something about our sister in Christ; Doris Lundteigen who passed on October 12, 2026.

My wife Linda saves most of the CEC newsletters-she looks at them as photo albums so that's where I started to gather information on our beloved sister and friend, Doris.

The February 2019 edition of our Red Door had a wonderful article about Doris on her 90th Birthday. As they say a picture is worth a thousand words.

Well, here is the picture:



Asking the Question: "How is your Love Life?"



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Our Sister IN CHRIST

DORIS LUNDTEIGEN



The Lunch Bunch!

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In the same issue on page nine I learned that Doris was a member of the "CEC Lunch Bunch" which gathered monthly at various local restaurants for a "Dutch Treat Lunch". You don't hear that terminology very much anymore.

I also learned by reading Doris' obituary, written by her daughter Nina Wagar, that Doris had a B.S. Degree from Michigan State University in speech therapy and later returned to MSU to receive a Master's in learning disabilities. She worked for the Char-EM intermediate school district.

Doris and Gunnar traveled the world seeing over thirty countries. Doris' first rip to Europe was by herself taking an ocean liner to Europe, then hopping on an train to Norway and marrying the love of her life, Gunnar on September 16, 1954 in Norway.

Doris and Gunner were devoted members of Christ Episcopal Church. Doris served as a docent at the Crooked Tree Arts Center and was a regular volunteer at the Charlevoix Rainbow Shoppe. She loved the ECW Chicken Salad Luncheon held each summer in August.

By the way-she took her Bridge games and her tennis games very seriously! Doris you will be dearly missed by all of us here at CEC.

– Your brother in Christ,
Rick Wertz

ECW Prayer

Almighty God, we pray that you will bless our work in mission and ministry in the world. Help us to pray fervently, labor diligently and give liberally to make 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*

Country Market 2026

It is with great pleasure that I announce the ECW's annual Country Market was again this year another success. Everyone came together and donated items, helped set up, cooked and execute sales for the Saturday, October 10th event. Our congregations talented parishioners working side by side shared in the fun day as we served over 60 Chili lunch meals and sold many beautiful crafted items.

This was a wonderful outreach into our community and I thank everyone who participated and made it happen.

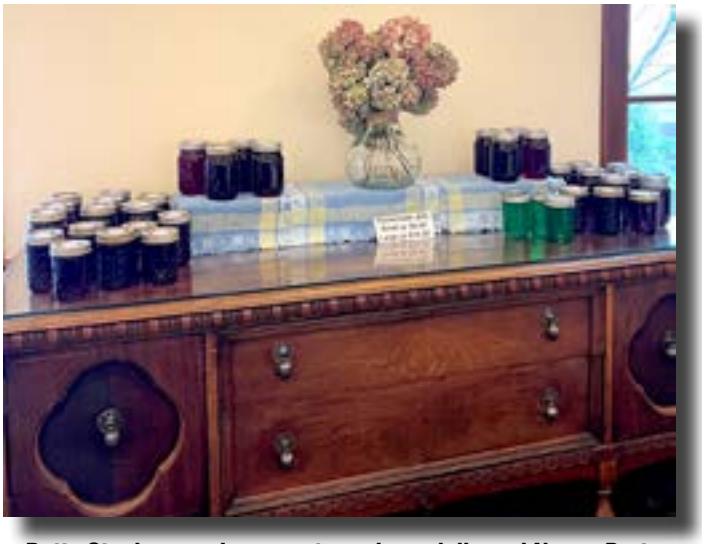
– Respectfully,
Christine Benson



Guests enjoying a chili lunch during Applefest at CEC



Kitty Marquardt, Amy Russell and Bobbie Williams greet and assist customers during the Country Market sale on October 10, 2026



Betty Stephen made currant raspberry jelly and Nancy Porter made mint jelly for the 2026 Country Market

"Prayer is not asking for what you think you want, but asking to be changed in ways you can't imagine."

– Kathleen Norris

Blessing OF THE ANIMALS

OCTOBER 4, 2026



Betty Stephen with a four legged friend



Both cats and dogs received a blessing at the St. Francis of Assisi service



Mark Humble brought his dog to the animal blessing on October 4, 2026



Christ Church had about 20 animlas that Rev. Erin Warde blessed on October 4, 2026. It was a howling good time!

Blessing OF THE ANIMALS

OCTOBER 4, 2026



Patsy & Charlie Valier with their four legged friend

"Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot seek a shadow."
– Helen Keller



Sally Wojan with her four legged friend

Book of Common Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful,
so that it might produce what is needed for life;
Bless those who work in the fields;
give us seasonable weather and grant that we may
all share the fruits of the earth,
rejoicing in your goodness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen

– Book of Common Prayer
page 824

CEC Scholarship MAIL BAG

In the Scholarship Mailbag this Fall

Joe Gaffney

"College has been very exciting so far! My favorite thing has been being surrounded by all new people in a totally different part of the country. I have lived in such a small circle my whole life it's been incredibly eye opening to meet people from different parts of the country and also just kind of embrace a more southern culture which I have learned is definitely a thing.

I have been surprised with the amount of free time I get without having to be in school 7 hours and 2 hours of practice right after. I try to fill my time with studying, hanging out with friends, and getting as much exercise as I can.

School has been very manageable but I know it will get more difficult as I get closer to exams".

– Joe Gaffney
first year at North Carolina State University.

Be curious, not judgemental

– Walt Whitman

Tommy Dobbelaer

Hi! My classes are going great so far, I am learning lots of cool stuff about construction. We are making floor plans in drafting class and I really enjoy that. Everyone in the program is really nice too. I have also been going to a ministry here on campus and it's really cool. Living down here isn't as fun as Boyne City and I miss my family, but it's nice to only be 2 hours from home and the drive is really easy.

I am super blessed to have this scholarship so thank you all so much!

– Tommy Dobbelaer
at Ferris State University

For Schools and Colleges

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. – Amen

– Book of Common Prayer, page 824

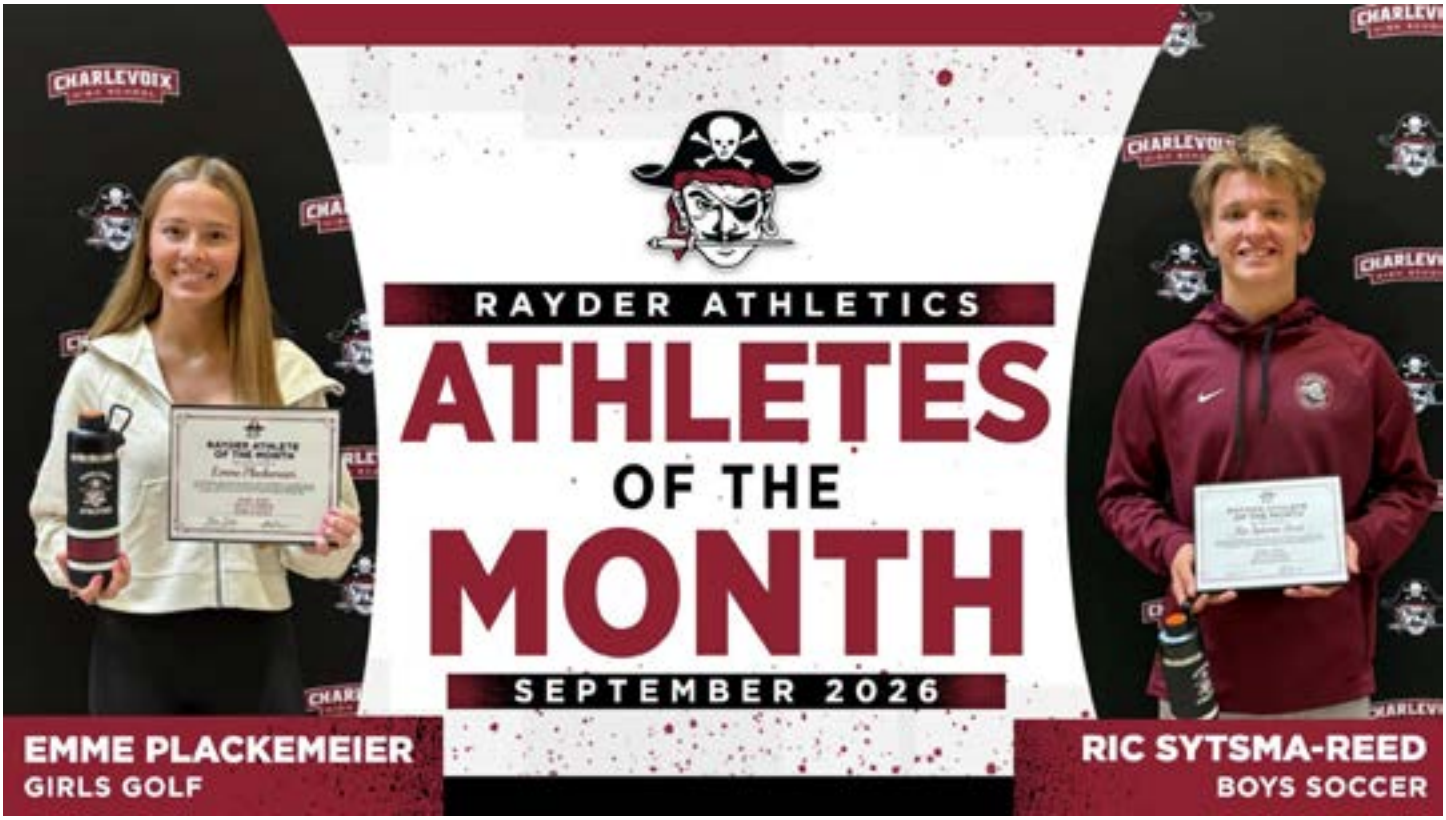
Christ

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

– St. Teresa of Avile, d. 1582

Youth AT CEC

ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS



An Autobiography in Five Chapters

Chapter One
I walk down the street
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk
I fall in
I am lost….I am helpless
It takes forever to find a way out.

Chapter Two
I walk down the same street
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk
I pretend I don't see it.
I fall in again
I can't believe I am in this same place
But it isn't my fault.
It still takes a long time to get out.

Chapter Three
I walk down the same street
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk
I see it is there
I fall in…it's a habit
…but, my eyes are open.
It is my fault.
I get out immediately.

Chapter Four
I walk down
the same street
There is a deep hole
in the sidewalk.
I walk around it.

Chapter Five
I walk down a
different street.

– Anonymous

Green Thumb GARDENERS
AT CHRIST CHURCH

On the morning of October 13, 2026 Nancy Porter, Jeff Porter, Barb Wilson and Susan Flanders put the church gardens to bed for the season. It was a pretty large task. They removed all the lilies from the garden under the tree by the fire station and smoothed out the soil. The lilies were overgrown and a lot of unwanted grass was growing between the plants. They cut down the hydrangea bushes and hosta plants and pulled the annuals. It normally takes about one hour to put the garden to bed but this day it took three hours. They returned the next day and put the separated lilies back in the garden. The City of Charlevoix came around five different times and removed the large pile of discarded plants, leaves, and grass that was placed at the curb. It was a big job and glad it is done!

"I want it said of me by those who knew me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow."

– Abraham Lincoln



Susan Flanders, Nancy Porter and Jeff Porter tackle the overgrown lilies in the church garden. Photo taken by Barb Wilson

Wishing to be friends is quick work, but friendship is a slow ripening fruit.

– Aristotle

FIRST RESPONDERS OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Dinner

On October 20, 2026 the Taylor Series of Christ Episcopal Church hosted the First Responders of Charlevoix County. The great men and women who serve our area also brought their families. Many young children attended and played in our children's nook area before and after dinner was served. Everyone brought their appetite to the meal. We served 35 lbs. of beef roast and 64 pieces of fried chicken, 11 lbs of green beans, 20 lbs of cream potatoes, 24 heads of romaine lettuce used for Caesar salad and topped the meal with appropriate shaped cookies. No one left hungry. We are most grateful for this fabulous gift from the Taylor family. Rev. Erin Jean Warde started with a blessing. It was a great honor to serve the First Responders of Charlevoix County.



Charlevoix County EMS attended the dinner



Tables were decorated in a Autumn flair



Guests at the First Responders dinner

TAYLOR SERIES
Christ Episcopal Church Charlevoix, Michigan

FIRST RESPONDERS
OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
Dinner



Rev. Erin Jean Warde jumped in and helped serve cookies at the dinner on October 20, 2026



Cookies were shaped and decorated honoring the various groups in attendance

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."



Guests in line for the dinner

Diocese CONVENTION

OF THE GREAT LAKES

Attending the Third Convention of the Diocese of the Great Lakes in Muskegon

Mother Erin Warde, Betsy Collier, Senior Warden, and Don Collier attended the Third Convention of the Diocese of the Great Lakes in Muskegon. The primary order of business was the election of a new bishop, and the convention resulted in the election of Bishop-elect Zachary Nyein. This important gathering brought together clergy and lay representatives from across the diocese to participate in the election and help shape the future leadership of the Diocese of the Great Lakes.

The consecration of Bishop-elect Nyein is scheduled for May 8. The next diocesan convention will be held at the same location in Muskegon during the last weekend of October next year. We look forward to these important milestones in the continuing life and ministry of the Diocese of the Great Lakes.



L to R Bishop – elect: Zachary Nyein with Bishop Sean Rome

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

Ministry Schedule NOVEMBER 2026

Ministry	Sunday November 1	Sunday November 8	Sunday November 15	Sunday November 22	Sunday November 29
Old Testament & Psalm	Barb Wilson	Nancy Porter	Dan Sytsma Reed	Tricia Drenth	John Fiedorek
Epistle & Prayers of the People	John Fiedorek	Rick Wertz	Steve Hall	Mark Heydlauff	Mark Andresky
Ushers	Jeff Porter Mark Andresky	Chris & Christine Benson	Don Collier Tom Kirinovic	John Fiedorek Rick Wertz	Marsha Hall Sharon Witucki
Intinction	John Fiedorek	Rick Wertz	Nancy Porter	Betsy Collier	John Fiedorek
LEM (Chalice)	Rick Wertz	John Fiedorek	John Fiedorek	Nancy Porter	Rick Wertz
Acolyte	Rick Wertz	John Fiedorek	John Fiedorek	Nancy Porter	Rick Wertz
Altar Guild	Marge Kirinovic	Nancy Porter Betsy Collier	Linda Wertz Amy Russell	Nancy Porter Linda Wertz	Marge Kirinovic Betsy Collier
Coffee Hour	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	Sharon Witucki Linda Wertz Sally Wojan	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Vestry	Amy Russell	Kathy Boyer	Barb Wilson	Kathy Boyer	Dan Sytsma Reed

For Church Musicians and Artists

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

– Book of the Common Prayer, page 819

Ministry Schedule DECEMBER 2026

Ministry	Sunday December 6	Sunday December 13	Sunday December 20	Sunday December 24	Sunday December 27
Old Testament & Psalm	Gary Stutzman	Nancy Porter	Dan Sytsma Reed	John Fiedorek	Mark Andresky
Epistle & Prayers of the People	Deb Stutzman	Rick Wertz	Steve Hall	Mark Heydlauff	Linda Wertz
Ushers	Tom Kirinovic Mark Andresky	Jeff Porter Steve Hall	Sharon Witucki Marsha Hall	Marge Kirinovic John Fiedorek	Susan Flanders Don Collier
Intinction	John Fiedorek	Betsy Collier	Rick Wertz	Betsy Collier	Brownie Flanders
LEM (Chalice)	Brownie Flanders	John Fiedorek	Nancy Porter	Rick Wertz	John Fiedorek
Acolyte	Brownie Flanders	John Fiedorek	Nancy Porter	Rick Wertz	John Fiedorek
Altar Guild	Marge Kirinovic	Nancy Porter Betsy Collier	Linda Wertz Marge Kirinovic	Nancy Porter Linda Wertz	Marge Kirinovic Betsy Collier
Coffee Hour	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	Sharon Witucki Linda Wertz Sally Wojan	Christmas Eve	AVAILABLE
Vestry	Beverly White	Amy Russell	Barb Wilson	Kathy Boyer	Dan Sytsma Reed

Grace

"If grace is so wonderful, why do we have such difficulty recognizing and accepting it? Maybe it's because grace is not gentle or made-to-order. It often comes disguised as loss, or failure, or unwelcome change."

– Kathleen Norris