

ST. DUNSTAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ELLSWORTH

TID BITS FROM THE TABLE ~ MARCH 8, 2024

Dear ones,

Good morning: I hope everyone is enjoying their start to the day!

As you likely remember, this Sunday we are doing something new (to us; it'll be familiar to anyone with an Orthodox background) and marking Laetare Sunday. We will be more than halfway through Lent, and Laetare Sunday traditionally bears the hallmarks of a more relaxed approach to our Lenten fasts and disciplines: clergy will often wear rose-colored stoles and chasubles; music will be slightly more joyful; there may be a flower or two on the altar; and so forth.

This (Laetare) Sunday, everyone's encouraged to wear rose or pink colors! After the Morning Prayer service led by our Dianne Kelley and Dave Wells—and thanks to our Carol Mason and our hospitality team—there will be a coffee hour with hot dogs to mark the occasion.

Because I don't normally have the opportunity to come on a Sunday and worship from one of our pews, and because it's rather a novel/special day, I'll be there as will Arthur. Perhaps his best friend Ava from next door will come too.

You'll recall I always advertise my office hours as being 'on demand;' it's my honor and joy to arrange pastoral visits around your schedules and needs. Thank you to our many members who reach out and make time in their own day to visit together! This past week alone, for example, I had the opportunity to spend truly special time sitting down with quite a few members of our church family, everywhere from downtown Ellsworth to Orono and beyond.

In addition to my flexible office hours, as of Thursday 4 April, each Thursday I'll be at our church from 9 til 12 noon. Should you wish to ensure time to yourself with me in that setting you can simply do as you have been for my on-demand office hours: you may email me at carolynkrosen@gmail.com, or text/ring me at +14066964113.

I wish everyone a glorious weekend ahead!

Love,
Carolyn+

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Cathedral Church of St. Luke, Portland. We pray especially for the hungry and for the unhoused and for an end to the gun violence.

We Pray Especially For: Kathy O'Connell, Robbie Johnston, Jesse Pierce, Eve Mitchell, Skip Stevens, Larmie Knuesli, Tony Rowan, Sally Rowan, Jennifer McCall, Dorothy Sweeney, RB Stewart, Larry Smith, Robert Abshear, Cyndi Coombs, and Lorna McCormick for comfort and healing.

For the repose of the soul of Donald DeGolyer and comfort for his family and friends. For the repose of the souls of Tadeusz and Joanna Blasiak and comfort for their family and friends.

(Prayer requests will remain for three weeks unless notified that the request needs to remain longer.)

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list or continue a name on the list, please let us know at stdunstansellsworth@gmail.com or leave a message at the church (667-5495).

It is important to us that the list is up-to-date and accurate.
To everyone, please stay well and safe. Blessings to you all.

Almighty and merciful God, we ask in our prayers that the conflict in Ukraine and the others around the world can be resolved peacefully. Bless the people that have been affected by the unrest and grant them peace and justice. We also ask for the people in our own country that have been impacted by the hurricanes, violence and loss of loved ones as they grieve, pick up their lives. Grant them strength, comfort, and healing. All this we ask with the power of your love to all through Jesus Christ our Lord.

~ UPCOMING WORSHIP / EVENTS SCHEDULE ~

At this time the Sunday services will be both in church following safe practices and via Zoom. Compline is every Thursday at 7:00p.m via Zoom

The sanctuary is open for quiet reflection and prayer on Mondays from 1 to 3.

Access to the sanctuary is available through the lower level parking lot doors of the church during this time.

March 10 ~ Morning Prayer, 9:30 am. Officiant: Dianne, Homilist: Dave

March 17 ~ Holy Eucharist, 9:30 am

March 24 ~ Palm Sunday, 9:30 am

Sunday March 20th marks a break during the season of Lent.

Laetare Sunday means rejoice, so we will celebrate with a **special coffee hour**, joyful music, pink flowers and by wearing pink.

Happy Birthday to Harvey Kelley!
Enjoy!





Left to right: Dave Wells, Deputy Warden; the Rev. Dr. Carolyn Rosen, Priest-in-Charge; Tom Hancock, Senior Warden and the Rev. Tracy Shaffer, Deacon.

ST DUNSTAN'S LENTEN SERVICES:

- Palm Sunday 3/24 – Eucharist 9:30 am
- Maundy Thursday 3/28 – Eucharist 5:00 pm
- Good Friday 3/29 – Prayer 5:00 pm
- Easter Sunday 3/31 – Eucharist 9:30 am



2024 Easter Flowers Fund:

If you would like to contribute to the Easter Flowers fund, please place cash or a check in a "flower" envelope with your name and the dedication/celebration name clearly written on the envelope. Place the "flower envelope" in the collection plate or give it to Marian Wells no later than Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024. The donors and the dedications will be recognized in the Easter Sunday program. Thank you very much for helping us decorate St. Dunstan's beautiful church.



Family News



We would love to hear about **your news** and for **what you are thankful for during this year**. Submit your news to stdunstansellsworth@gmail.com

This week we are **Green** according to CDC for our county.

Even with the wind down of **COVID 19**, we know that it will be with us for some time to come. The CDC is now resuming coding the occurrences of COVID. We will keep you informed.



We at St. Dunstan's we will continue to follow CDC data and the practices in our Diocesan parishes. Our vestry has voted to not require masks. If you wish to wear one, masks will be available. Of course, if you are feeling unwell, we ask that you rest and join us on Zoom. Our hope is that you will stay well and will join us for our worship services each Sunday.



American Red Cross

National Blood Shortage

Please schedule your next blood donation at redcrossblood.org



Happy Anniversary to Carolyn & Aaron Rosen!

Faith in Maine:

This is a podcast produced by our Episcopal Diocese with various members of the clergy giving their thoughts and prayers. The podcast changes each week. Feel free to call and listen. You can call **207-223-6402** at any time. They last approximately 4-5 minutes.

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Please confirm your contact details for our parish directory.

Contact our church office--stdunstansellsworth@gmail.com--with your title(s), postal address, email address(es) and best phone number(s).



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Deacon - Rev. Tracy Shaffer
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Deputy Warden – Dave Wells
Junior Warden - McKim Peterson

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Rain is in the church office Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 8 – 9 am