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# The Phoenix



## Upcoming Services:

February 18, 2015  
Ash Wednesday,  
7:00 PM, Todd  
Johnson, LWI

February 22, 2015  
Morning Prayer Rite  
II, Joyce Holden,  
LWL

March 1, 2015  
Morning Prayer Rite  
I, Todd Johnson  
LWL

March 8, 2015  
Morning Prayer Rite  
II, Joyce Holden  
LWL

March 15, 2015  
Holy Eucharist Rite  
2, The Rev. Gene  
Curry, officiating

March 22, 2015  
Morning Prayer Rite  
II, Joyce Holden,  
LWL

March 29, 2015  
Palm Sunday  
Service, Holy  
Eucharist Rite II, The  
Rev. Gene Curry,  
officiating

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## Forty days on the road to Emmaus

On Ash Wednesday, we once again journey to Emmaus, Luke's story found in Chapter 24, verses 13-35. Our yearly observance of Christ's journey to Golgotha, the tomb, and Our Risen Lord is an emotionally charged trip.

These two men, on their way back from His death, were incredibly sad. As they talked between themselves, Cleopas and his companion were joined by another man. Jesus, his true form hidden, asked them what they had been talking about.

Relaying both their sadness and the joy that the possibility of his reported resurrection, Christ reminded them that recent events were prophesied and had to occur. The glory Fr. Gene Curry spoke

about this Sunday could only happen if the journey hadn't been easy.

That evening, the two men invited their new friend to stay with them, "for the day is at an end, and evening is at hand". At the table, Jesus broke bread with them, and revealed himself. Their hearts were on fire, and excitement overflowed.

Not being able to contain their emotions, they returned to Jerusalem and the eleven and their companions.

Of course, they told everyone they knew! And so, the Gospel, the "Good News of the Glory of Christ", was relayed.

Our hope is that we prepare our hearts, minds, and souls with

quiet contemplation and reflection. But let us experience all the emotions as well. The sadness of this journey is redeemed in the joy of the resurrection!

Come, Lord Jesus!

### AS A REMINDER:

The book The Rev. Gene Curry recommended this Sunday is titled The Cloud of Unknowing. We have ordered a copy and it will be available to borrow! (After your editor has read it!)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE follows in this Lenten edition of the Phoenix.





## Courtyard news....

Thanks to the efforts of our Junior Warden, Todd Johnson, our Sanctuary is warm! The heat is controlled by a timer, which sometimes gets out of sync. And two of the boilers were not online, so things are toastier in here. And that makes worship time much more enjoyable!

Other Building and Grounds projects are in

the works:

Floor tiles need to be replaced in certain spots. Every effort will be made to make the repairs as pleasing to the eye as possible.

Plantings will begin as soon as the weather breaks, from hosta around the exterior to perennials around the property. In the Fall, we will plant daffodils and

tulips! "Mere color, unspoiled by meaning, and unallied with definite form, can speak to the soul in a thousand different ways" (Oscar Wilde)

We will also begin a Needles and Noodling class in the Spring. Bring your project, or start one, and noodle over the lessons of the day! Details to come...

*"The disciple simply burns his boats and goes ahead. He is called out... The old life is left behind, and completely surrendered. The disciple is dragged out of his relative security into a life of absolute insecurity... out of the realm of the finite...into the realm of infinite possibilities.*

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

## Our Lenten / Holy Week Observances...

Each Wednesday evening, at 7:00 PM, we will observe Evening Prayer Rite 2. These will be led by Lay Worship Leader Joyce Holden, and may (or may not) include a sermon. A Soup Supper will follow each

service, as it warrants. All are welcome to attend.

HOLY WEEK Observances: Maundy Thursday, 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Good Friday, 12:00

noon, in the Sanctuary, The Rev. Gene Curry officiating

Easter Sunday, 9:30 AM, The Rev. Gene Curry officiating. Perhaps an Easter Egg Hunt is in the works?

## Welcome!

If you are a new or returning visitor to Christ Church, Adrian, we are happy to meet you.

Here are some things about our services:

Holy Eucharist is celebrated on the third Sunday of each month (usually). On the other three (or four) we

celebrate Morning Prayer, alternating between Rite 1 and Rite 2.

Our music is downloaded from [www.smallchurchmusic.org](http://www.smallchurchmusic.org), and played via laptop through our sound system. We are able to hear accompaniment for nearly every hymn we sing, making a joyful

noise!

Fellowship each Sunday is provided by all. There is always coffee, something good to eat, and good conversation to be had. If you are inclined to bake or bring, please feel free to do so!

We count our blessings, name them one by one!



## Brand New Day...

If one chooses to look at life optimistically, instead of resignedly, one sees each day as a new beginning rather than 'more of the same old-same old.'

So when the alarm went off at 6:20 one morning, I decided to embark on an adventure. It turned into more than expected.

Having been told which room my client would be in, I went there but it was locked, which seemed highly unusual.

Checking with staff, it was determined he was elsewhere and would be moving to the new room. Not quite a wild goose chase - I knew the "someplace else" too.

Ambling off in another direction, I got to the room and started gathering stuff to be moved.

Using the new wheelchair to transport belongings and the old one to transport the client, we made our way to the new digs and started settling in.

My 7-10 shift extended to noon. After a lunch break, I went back 1-4, met with the nurse, unpacked books and got the guy pretty well settled in.

It was wonderful to rejoin my friends at choir! It is so nice to have scheduled hours instead of "catch as catch can." I have a real life and can make plans!

So another day came to a close, there was a good night's sleep and a future of bright tomorrow. Hope you sleep well and awake refreshed. relationship?

We are entering a new liturgical season and we must decide if it will be a season of drudgery or one of preparation.

Many of us grew up thinking of Lent as forty days of giving up something, and we often entered it with an "Oh, if I HAVE to" attitude. We denied ourselves not only whatever we had chosen to give up but the opportunity for spiritual growth.

Hopefully, we now know better and our Lenten sacrifices lead us to a

desert of sorts; one in which we remove ourselves from a few worldly distractions, in order to prepare ourselves for a joyous Easter, an oasis of redemption - and lovely spring flowers.

Listen for that still, small voice, calling you in the middle of your ordinary day, leading you an extraordinary experience.

*-from the pen of JoAnn Dalgard*



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## **What is Lyster Deanery's history?**

Our Deanery is named for the Rev. William Narcissus Lyster, and Episcopal missionary. He was born in Wexford, Ireland, in 1805, into the upper class and a life of luxury.

Although it is reported that he always had "delicate health", and yet spent most of his adult life as an itinerant preacher and missionary in rural southeastern Michigan.

Lyster attended Trinity College in Dublin, graduating in 1826. He then enrolled in Edinburgh Theological

Seminary, ordained a deacon in 1829, and embarked on his first missionary trip to the US, including some time at St Paul's Cathedral in Detroit.

In 1930, Lyster returned to Ireland, where he was ordained a priest.

Marrying in 1932, he and his wife Ellen left almost immediately for the US. After serving at Trinity in Cleveland, he began his church planting at St Peter's in Tecumseh, followed a few years later by St John's, Clinton.

While travelling throughout the area, he established a home for his wife and family on a bluff overlooking what he named Sand Lake. It reminded him so much of his home in Ireland that he called the area the "Irish Hills", a name still used today.

Then called to be the rector at newly established Christ Church, Detroit, Lyster went to Trinity, Monroe, in 1850, staying four years. He finally retired from All Saints, Brooklyn, in 1870. He died in 1877.

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