



The Angelus

March 2024

From the Rector's Desk

I laid out in a sermon recently how anything a rector puts forward for a congregation to try and do to further its mission and develop itself is meaningless if it doesn't spring organically from our faith, the Spirit, or obedience to the crucified and resurrected Savior. Vision and mission that are ultimately worthy of being called real vision and mission are from the Gospels and the New Testament, the Law, the Writings, and the Prophets. A priest, who is aware at all times what a fragile and imperfect vessel he or she is, must offer finally the Word of Truth in its proper context, the Church, which in turn offers itself for the Life of the World, just as our Savior Christ has done. Here's my take on the real basis of vision, mission, goals and objectives we should have, drawing largely on the New Testament.

Vision:

“God is love.” **1 John 4:16**

Jesus said, “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” **John 12:32**

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“ ‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them as their God;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

“And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new’.” **Revelation 21:1-5**

Jesus read from the scroll of Isaiah,

“ ‘The Spirit of the LORD is upon me,

because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.

To proclaim the year of the LORD's favor.'

“And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.’” **Luke 4:18-21**

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” **Galatians 5:22-23**

Mission, Goals, and Objectives:

Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” **Matthew 22:37-40**

Jesus said, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” **Matthew 28:19**

Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.” **John 6:53**



Jesus said, “Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” **Luke 14:27**

Jesus said, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.” **Luke 9:23**

Jesus said, “Whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.” **Matthew 10:38**

Jesus said, “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” **Matthew 5:11-12**

Jesus said, “But I say to you, Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven. Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” **Matthew 5:44, 48**

Jesus said, “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” **Matthew 6:31-33**

“He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?” **Micah 6:8**

“If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.” **James 1:26-27**

Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.” **John 13:34**

Jesus said, “Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” **John 13:34**

Jesus said, “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” **John 13:35**

Jesus said, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” **John 15:12**

Jesus said, “I am giving you these commands so that you love one another.” **John 15:17**

“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” **Galatians 6:2**

Jesus said, “For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.” **Matthew 6:14**

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves.” **1 John 1:8**

“But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to the slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.” **Luke 15:20-24**

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” **Philippians 4:4-7**

“Pray without ceasing.” **1 Thessalonians 5:17**



January Vestry Highlights

- Stewardship update: 56 pledging units, down from last year's 63 due to people moving (4), dying (2), declining to pledge (2), and not responding.
- Safety door for office area has been installed. The cost of \$12,800 to be paid by unspent funds earmarked for interior repairs.
- Front building lights now operational with gratitude expressed to Jeff Krueger.
- Alternative ways to install basement security doors is under consideration by John Davis.
- Microwave and one dishwasher need to be replaced in the rectory.
- Clayton Logue has submitted to the vestry for approval a request to receive a grant from Grace Walsingham Foundation to purchase an upright piano for the choir room. The replacement piano will cost \$7, 229. Motion passed to submit the request.

Welcome, New Vestry Members!

Welcome and congratulations to our new vestry members, Fr Jack Connelly and Steve Weinert. To get to know them better the questions below were asked of them:

1. How long have you been a member of Grace Church?
2. What activities or ministries have you been involved with at Grace Church?
3. What are some of your favorite things about Grace Church?
4. What are your hopes for the parish?
5. What are your hobbies?
6. What is your favorite hymn?
7. Is there anything else you would like us to know about yourself?

Steve Weinert

We've attended Grace for quite a while – but I can't exactly say when it all started! Would guesstimate about 15 years.

Living near Whitelaw, we travel in to attend and have joined some social events and I have sung at the holidays in the past. Distance adds much overhead to getting involved, as we're about 45-50 minutes out. So this service is my first venture in a deeper involvement at Grace Prior to joining Grace I've served on various church committees, search committees and church representative to Habitat for Humanity.

I enjoy the "relaxed formalness" of Grace, while maintaining its focus on why we worship. While Alison grew up in the Anglican tradition, I attended Presbyterian church until introduced to the Episcopal tradition as a young father. Resettled back in Manitowoc I found that first the Presbyterian Church I grew up at, and then the local Episcopal church, had paradigm shifts where the Trinity, and actual worship, were displaced by their wanting to chase social dreams as their priority. Finding Grace was pivotal for us, as it quickly restored our heartfelt desire to worship.

My hopes for Grace is continuance of worship in a traditional form, while undertaking congregational-building as we are prayerfully led to follow. My hope is that we learn how these are complementary rather than opposing directions, cherishing those who join with us more than despairing about demographic transition.

I am perhaps a person with too many hobbies. I have been pursuing Amateur Radio (Ham Radio) for some time, and very much enjoy helping others get their start in the hobby. Playing Baritone and Bass Saxophone I've performed with numerous area groups over the years. I read much, across a wide range of genres. Though I hold a pilot's license, I am not currently flying. Cars & motorcycles seem to follow me home, so I tinker with them. We try to travel when we can, and often if you don't see us at Grace we might be found on Washington Island, where we have a small place. I cook well, and eat even better. Currently I brew Kombucha and make other ferments for our household.

Hymns is an interesting question, as I enjoy many of what we sing. I try to pick out the bass line to help support the group effort, which favors Hymns like Sanctus S130, Trisagion S102, and similar "fun" bass parts. From youth onwards what at school we called "The Friday Song" (The Lord Keep You and Bless You) has been an ear-worm that never leaves. Performing Handel's Messiah is always a thrill.

I'm a US Army veteran, have lived in several European countries, completed undergraduate and graduate school overseas. We have three sons, two who live in Wisconsin and one lives out west with his wife. I'm an instructor or examiner accredited in several fields, and have taught at several levels. Professionally I occasionally have been published and served mostly on the technical committee for my industry. At any time you will find me putting efforts into lifelong learning and in helping others learn themselves. Helping my family's elderly and infirm has been an ongoing priority.

Fr Jack Connelly

I have attended Grace whenever in town, after buying a weekend home in 2004. At the time of purchase I was an affiliating cleric at St Luke's Evanston and knew nothing about Sheboygan except that it sat on Lake Michigan and had great golf culture. Grace Church was a wonderful addition to my experience when in town. With a long history of spiritual clergy leadership, Father William has continued and enhanced Grace's spiritual presence in Sheboygan.

I am an 8 o'clocker and have been involved primarily in mission and outreach through a family ministry that provides homes for families in crisis.

My favorite things about Grace are the worshipful and beautiful liturgy, the superb inspiring sermons, the friendliness of the community and the beauty of the church building.

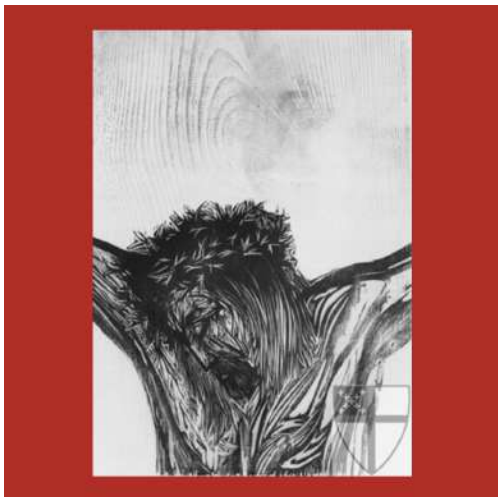
That our well established liturgical life increasingly expresses itself in outreach to our community.

I collect art and support artists, primarily in the neuro-diverse and under-represented artistic community. I love sailing and birding.

The oddest and most English of the hymnal...Lesbias Scott's 1929 'I sing a song of the saints of God'. "And one was slain by a fierce wild beast"! So charming and eccentric.

Listening and then acting on the Divine inspiration we receive together.

Good Friday Offering



The history of the Good Friday Offering reaches back to 1922 when, in the aftermath of World War I, The Episcopal Church sought to create new relationships with and among the Christians of the Middle East. From these initial efforts which focused on a combination of relief work and the improvement of ecumenical and Anglican relations, the Good Friday Offering was created.

Through the years many Episcopalians have found the Good Friday Offering to be an effective way to express their support for the ministries of the three dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Pastoral care, education and health care continue to be primary ministries through which the reconciling spirit of the Christian faith serves all in need. Participation in this ministry is welcome.

The generous donations of Episcopalians help the Christian presence in the Land of the Holy One to be a vital and effective force for peace and understanding among all of God's children.

For 101 years, Episcopalians have generously shared their love, compassion, and financial gifts to support the ministry of the Anglican Communion Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. These gifts have made an astounding difference in the lives of many people in the homeland of Jesus and beyond. Check out our [history of the Good Friday Offering](#) at The Episcopal Church website to learn more about this life-changing ministry.

Love INC

LOOKING FOR ... Good Cooks, Happy Cooks, Cooks with a spirit of Generosity. Love INC of Sheboygan County has again offered Grace the opportunity to prepare and serve a meal to participants in the classes offered by Love INC called New Beginnings on April 11, 2024. The classes are held and the meal is served at Calvin Christian Reformed church at 2313 Saemann Avenue, Sheboygan from 4 to 6 pm.

This is a large group of 40 to 50 adults and we would be providing an entree with some meat, a salad and a dessert of some sort. Because of the size of the event it is helpful if more than one family participates (singles welcome too).

Because this is not a small undertaking, we will be asking not only for volunteer cooks but also for those willing to provide a small donation toward the cost of the food. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Narthex table. Further info will be provided to the curious. Call Connie Schneider at 920-467-0812.



Stations of the Cross and Lenten Friday Simple Suppers

We keep hosting the Friday simple suppers following the Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm on every Friday during Lent. Sign up sheets can be found on the Narthex table. Please stop by and sign up and if you are willing to provide the supper (it can be one or more hosts) please indicate on top of the page. Remember, this is Lent so keep the suppers simple and meatless. Thank you. If you have questions, please contact Barb MacEwen at 920-912- 4505.

Mark Your Calendars

- Mar 1 6:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross, and Simple Suppers, Fridays in Lent
- Mar 24 8:00 A.M./10:15 A.M. The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
- Mar 25 6:00 P.M. Monday in Holy Week, Mass
- Mar 26 6:00 P.M. Tuesday in Holy Week, Mass
- Mar 27 6:00 P.M. Wednesday in Holy Week, Mass
- Mar 28 6:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday, Mass
- Mar 29 1:00 P.M./6:00 P.M. Good Friday, Masses
- Mar 30 9:00 A.M. Holy Saturday, Service at. in Columbarium
- Mar 30 6:00 P.M. Easter Eve-Great Vigil, Mass
- Mar 31 8:00 A.M./10:15 A.M. Sunday of Resurrection-Easter



Help for the Homeless HYGIENE DRIVE

**Feb. 11 -
Mar. 3**

Help ease the financial strain on homeless and crisis programs in your community.

Most Needed Items

Bathroom Tissue	Diapers/Baby Care	Laundry Detergent
Cleaning Supplies	Face/Bath Soap	Paper Towels
Dental Care	Feminine Care	Razors
Deodorant	Hair Care	Trash Bags

Donations remain in the community where collected!

Love INC Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive

Love In the Name of Christ of Sheboygan County is participating in the local HELP FOR THE HOMELESS HYGIENE DRIVE together with other local sponsors and event partners.

Needed items are listed on the flyer available in the Narthex and on the [Love INC website](#). Donations will be collected from Feb 11 through March 3 and can be placed in the Love INC donation bin. Items will be collected the week of March 4. This drive helps ease the financial strain on crisis programs in our community and all donations remain in the local area.

March Birthdays

Colleen Darling	3/1	Paul Aparicio
Tah Kwa	3/3	Don Beeck
Nancy Gosse	3/4	Maya McMillan
Do Ri	3/4	Scott Lubbers
MaryGrace Boland	3/10	Martha Shad
John Davis	3/10	Cindy Ford
EhDoh Htoo	3/10	Jessica Ambelang
Fynley Bouck	3/11	Jim Gardner
Wendy Lynas	3/11	Chase Bouck
Caleb Klinzing	3/14	March Anniversary
		Wendy & Jeff Lynas

3/15

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Parish StaffThe Right Reverend Matthew Gunter, *Bishop*The Reverend William Bulson, *Rector*The Reverend Paul Aparicio, *Deacon*Clayton Logue, *Interim Choirmaster*Jorge Gonzalez, *Sexton***The Vestry**The Reverend William Bulson, *Chair*Mary Snyder, *Senior Warden*John Davis, *Junior Warden*Brian Heck, *Treasurer*Helen Mullison, *Chancellor**Vestry:* Jack Britton, Jack Connelly, Tasha Crouse, Mary

Gallimore, Jane Hanson, Shannon Luckey-Mueller,

Jean-Margaret Merrell-Beech, Connie Schneider, Steve

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