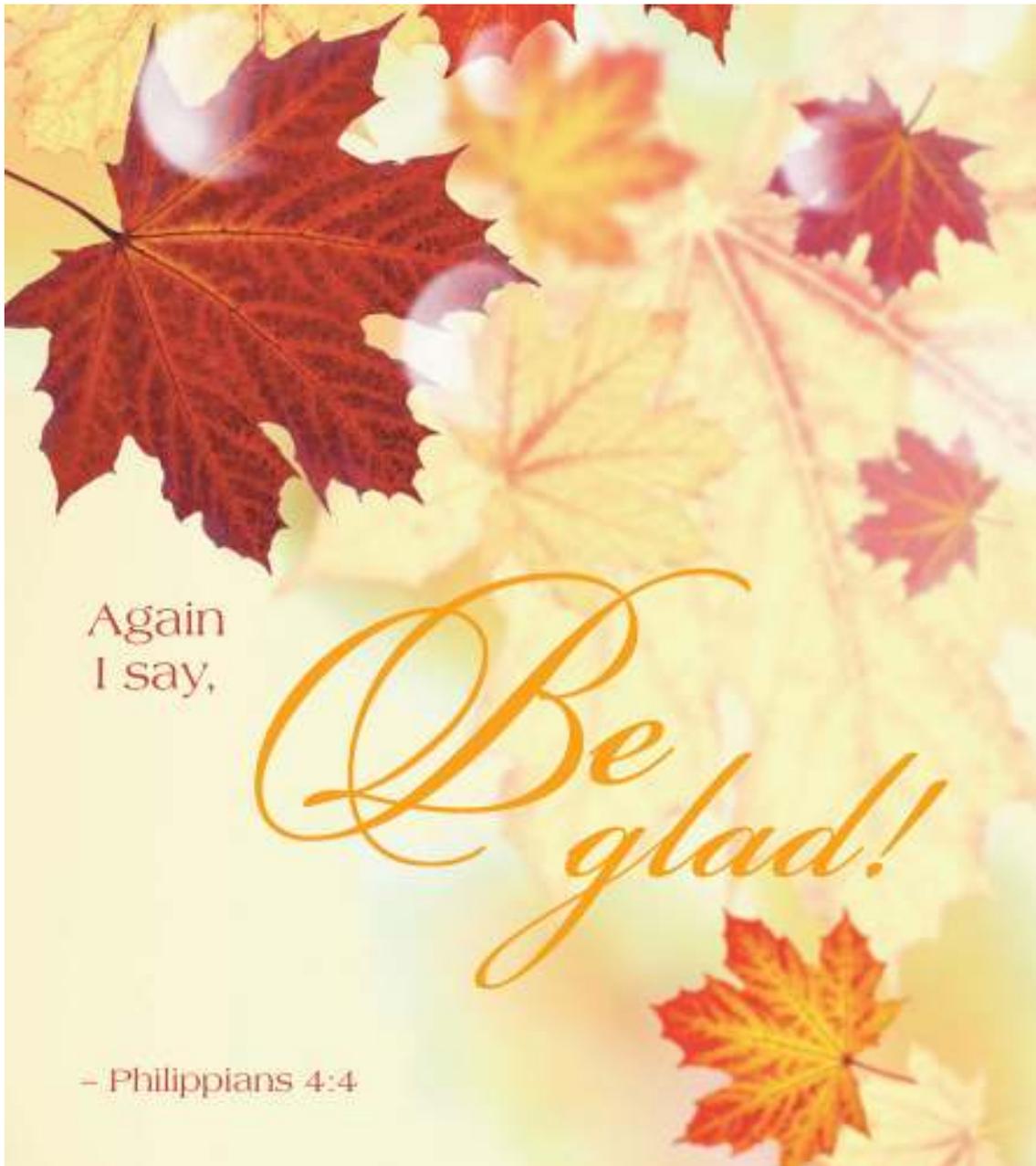




# CANA CHRONICLE

## SEPTEMBER 2024





Sept. 29  
8:30-Noon

**Old Oak Park Warehouse**  
21800 Greenfield, Oak Park  
We will be helping the  
Client Choice Market

To help, contact: Dave Keener at  
[dakeener00@gmail.com](mailto:dakeener00@gmail.com)  
Or call Dave: 248-660-7897

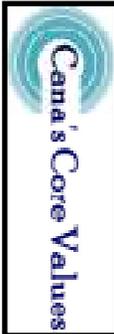


**DRAYTON'S 9TH CEREAL FOR SUMMER CONTINUES  
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 8TH!**

Cereal sometimes substitutes for school lunches and breakfasts that kids miss out on during the summer. These children are the reason that once again we join Detroit Presbytery's Hunger Ministry. To donate, please place cereal in the box near the chapel door.



**Prayer  
Welcoming  
Worship  
Learning  
Serving  
Relationships**



- 2 Cathi Brock
- 5 Eric McChesney
- 7 Max Weber
- 9 Karen Kaiser
- 19 Sally Brock
- Hana Suckstorff
- 22 Cary Snay
- 25 David Cardelli
- David Suckstorff
- 27 Joan Heafon
- 28 Jean Kummier
- 30 Rene Fox



**The Tuesday  
Bible Study**

**Is now meeting on the  
Every Tuesday  
At 1:00p in the Office  
Please join us!**

**For those unable to attend service in person, please log into Cana's Facebook page, YouTube page, or website (Canaelca.org) for a live feed, listen to the service in the parking lot on FM-100.7, or watch at a later time on Cana Lutheran's YouTube page.**

# Learning Team News



## WHAT IS A GOD SIGHTING?

A God sighting is a moment when someone notices something that reminds them of God's character. These can come in many forms, such as:

- Something amazing in nature
- A miracle
- An answered prayer
- A personal encounter with God
- A God-orchestrated coincidence
- The love of a stranger
- A song or Scripture that the Spirit brings to mind

Please take a look at the VBS Bulletin Board in the hallway between Sally's office and the Chapel. Take a moment to write a God Sighting on the sheep, just like the VBS students did this summer. A God sighting can be anything you see or hear. If you see something special that reminds you of God's love and faithfulness, that's a God Sighting.





### THE RCMP CONTINUES TO COLLECT FOOD

Please note: The RCMP will continue to deliver food items to 1st Presbyterian's Food Pantry in Royal Oak even after we are in our new worship space. The need for non-perishable food continues to be great. Please bring items such as rice, canned fruits, vegetables, gelatins, cake mixes, pork & beans, peanut butter, jelly, pasta products, etc. on any Sunday and put them in the wicker basket on wheels which is in the hallway just outside the Chapel.

Thank you and blessings to all who give. It is a blessing to those in need.



### A Reminder

If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, please take a moment and look up your account online. Go to "Choice Dollars", there you will find the dollars that are given to you from Thrivent. You can let them know where you would like the dollars to be sent. You may choose any charity you wish, but if you are so inclined, remember Cana. The monies that Cana receives are kept in a separate fund and used throughout the year for special needs that are not in the budget.

We have several Thrivent members who have taken advantage of this to help purchase items for the Backyard Playroom and other needs around the church. If you want your "Choice Dollars" to be used for a specific purpose, please let Karen Blinkilde know.

Bring a little snack for after worship!

Sign Up Sheet for Coffee Time after Worship for September is on the refrigerator in the Lounge OR you may call or email the office to sign up!



BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR WORDS.

Once they are said, they can only be forgiven, not forgotten.

THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK

is it TRUE?

is it HELPFUL?

is it INSPIRING?

is it NECESSARY?

is it KIND?



Christmas with the Clauses

## Summary of Congregational Surveys as of August 18, 2024



Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and preferences. You are always welcome to share your thoughts, concerns and suggestions with Council.

**Results: Total of 34 surveys were returned paper and google document**

### Chapel Worship Space: (may choose more than one)

- ◆ 24 chose keep current furniture/have it cleaned
- ◆ 16 chose add to current furniture
- ◆ 5 chose rent more furniture with arms
- ◆ Comments: more chairs with arms, more stackable chairs, I like the chapel worship area
- ◆ Serve on Chapel team: Barb Wheeler, Augie Worch, Donna Carpenter

### Merge with ELCA church, Nest with ELCA church, Nest with nearby church (may choose more than one)

- ◆ 24 chose merge with ELCA church
- ◆ 25 chose nest with an ELCA church
- ◆ 17 chose nest with nearby church regardless of affiliation

**Comments:** I can live with any of these choices, but would like to stay in area so I don't have to drive far. Merger with an ELCA church seems like the most positive choice. We are very small so perhaps we should merge. If nesting, what is our mission plan? Is Berkley area is still our "mission field"? If so, then nesting in Berkley area makes sense if not merging with another congregation makes more sense. Greenfield Presbyterian for nesting. Visit nearby ELCA congregations to find one to possible nest with for a while then if it's a good fit, consider merging. I don't think we can meet in the Chapel forever. We need to face the inevitable and find a new home that the majority of Cana is comfortable with. With congregation getting smaller, we need to take our time for merger and not rush into anything. No to merger. Nesting with an ELCA church could lead to merger. In a merger, the ministries we support will need to be addressed. Ideally, I would prefer a place of our own, but since that can't happen; to become a part of the established congregation would be my preference. We cannot change the past. My concern is it seems a lot of waste of time to have a look at mergers. Is the synod actually helping us locate another congregation with only a little over a year left? Things should be moving faster. I am worried we will be out the door with no place to go as a group. It's too soon to decide on this because each situation hasn't been vetted yet. Perhaps nesting while we decide is obviously an option. Merger worked one time before, it can work again especially now that the congregations are growing smaller and smaller. Unless we have made it a positive decision that we all agree on, nesting until we are comfortable with our decision would be best

### **Serve on What's next team:**

- ◆ Paula Cardelli Terry Carlson, Fred Kaiser, Dan Duncan , Beth Duncan, Cathi Brock, Dennis Flessland, Jim Knickerbocker

### Financial Planning Team (may choose more than one)

- ◆ 26 chose determine which ministries continue as a line item in the budget
- ◆ 28 chose determine which ministries will be supported by special appeal
- ◆ 8 chose determine/design a grant based approach for larger mission support (ELCA or local missions)

## Financial Planning Team—Continued

**Comments:** We would not like to see Cana's money go to the Synod in the event we didn't merge. We feel Cana should focus primarily on local causes which would further cement our legacy to the community. What is the Synod willing to do to assist? I would like the financial planning team to take it slow and be very careful with the assets. This is a one-time deal. We cannot rush into spending. What about working with Synod which already has grants in process in place for local missions/ministries? Financial planning is driven by mission planning. Without a mission plan a financial plan funds the status quo but there is no status quo. First concern is to have a balanced budget. Do not live on or exist on proceeds from the sale of the building. If there isn't an agreement on what church to merge with, I could see us splitting our financial assets and going with separate churches that would be perhaps best based upon everyone's geographical requirements. Special appeals should have a cap that council can authorize up to an agree amount that has been approved by the congregation. I think we should close out our commitment with Endasak with current endorsement student and support them via ELCA with an approved donation if congregation agrees. Keep supporting our current ministries.

### **Serve on Financial Planning team:**

- ◆ Fred Kaiser, Karen Blinkilde, Ed Suckstorff, Chris Golembiewski, Terry Carlson

### **Additional comments:**

- ◆ I'd like to know Pastor's intentions and preferences. I'd rather not go through all of this and have him leave. He's noticeably silent.
- ◆ Kudos to all involved who helped with this transition. There was a tremendous amount of work accomplished even though I am still so sad. I think we did the right thing.
- ◆ I am so grateful for all the decisions we made, for all the people who helped, for all the ministries, families, community needs we supported and love we gave to each other.

Blessings to you all,

If there are corrections, additions (you want to be on a team) or have more comments, send them to me.

Paula Cardelli  
dpcardelli@yahoo.com





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YEARS OF CARE

# Save the Date

Please join us for our 22nd annual Charity Golf Outing

**September 27, 2024**  
**Cracklewood Golf Club**

Enjoy a full day of fun while supporting the critical work of IVC,  
helping older and disabled adults remain safely in their own homes.

**For more information call 586-757-5551 or visit [IVCINFO.ORG](http://IVCINFO.ORG)**



**Living Water Ministries**

A Shared Mission of the Lower Michigan Synods, ELCA



**Thank you Cana!**

Living Waters Ministry has received  
\$ 1,220 toward scholarships from Cana.  
And that will be doubled to help more campers!

*R*oseland  
Park Cemetery

Cemetery plot available: A single plot at Roseland Park Cemetery, in Berkley, was donated to Cana in 2009. If any member has an interest in obtaining this plot or knows someone who is, please contact Karen Blinkilde at [kblinkilde@yahoo.com](mailto:kblinkilde@yahoo.com).

When you replace,  
“why is this happening  
to me?” With “what is  
this trying to teach  
me?” Everything  
shifts.

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COMEDY DOORS OPEN AT 6PM  
DINNER/AUCTION

PURCHASE TICKETS  
[www.sochw.org/events](http://www.sochw.org/events) 

South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless 



Dress **bright** and **bold** for our **Neon** themed kick-off party!  
4:30-6:00pm  
First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS  
**Sunday, Sept 29**  
**Regular Meeting**  
at First Pres. Birmingham



**TEXT REMINDERS**  
*Never miss an update.*

Send a Text to: 81010  
Text This Message: @d9a498

**\*Rise Against Hunger**  
at FPCRO on Sept 22

Please sign-up for the **12-2pm packing shift**  
If you would like additional service/volunteer time please feel free to put yourself on  
the set-up or clean-up shifts too!

Sign-up to volunteer [HERE](#)



## Cana & Drayton Churches

Invite you to our  
**BLESSING OF THE PETS**  
Outdoor Worship  
October 13 at 10:00 a.m.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Bring your pets,  
photos of your pets,  
and/or your stuffed animals.  
And, don't forget your lawn chair!

Light refreshments  
after worship.

2119 Catalpa  
Berkley, MI





# Council Minutes

Cana Lutheran Church Council Minutes  
July 21, 2024

Present: Sally Brock, Paula Cardelli, Terry Carlson, Dan Duncan, Chris Golembiewski, Fred Kaiser, Jim Knickerbocker, Belinda Miesch, Pr. Ron Strobel  
Absent: Karen Blinkilde, Brian Griffin

The meeting was called to order at 11:43 AM.

Consent Agenda: Minutes of the June council meeting, June Financial Secretary's report, June Treasurer's report and Learning Team minutes were reviewed. Fred moved to accept all reports, Belinda seconded, motion passed.

Financial Secretary's report: \$14,454.74 was given towards operating expenses.

Treasurer's report: Expenses for June were \$11,115.00

Living Waters: Terry requested council approval to present a Bingo themed fundraising campaign for Living Waters. Fred moved that council approve Terry's request, Paula seconded, motion carried.

Pastor's Report: VBS was once again successful, many thanks to the Learning team and everyone else who volunteered. We continue to work out the bugs in the new worship space.

Sanctuary Cross: Living Waters has asked for the large cross from the sanctuary. Paula moved to authorize Fred to spend up to \$500 to rent a truck and deliver the cross to Living Waters, Dan seconded, motion carried.

Transition: Paula has created a survey to gauge the congregation's thoughts regarding Cana's next steps. The survey will be mailed to members and responses will be summarized in the September Chronicle.

Warming Center: Paula is working with Nate from Genesis to secure more cots and a trailer to store cots, blankets and other emergency shelter supplies. Fred suggested that she reach out to the Red Cross for guidance.

Audio equipment: Paula moved and Belinda seconded that the church reimburse Fred \$258.40 for the purchase of a microphone and 3 25-foot cables for the outdoor worship PA system, motion carried.

Parsonage: Augie is working with a landscaping company to clean up the exterior of the parsonage. Chris has obtained quotes from three waterproofing companies, will inquire for more details. Fred moved that council allocate \$500 to purchase a weed whacker and hedge trimmer, Paula seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:54 PM, next meeting on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00 worship.

Respectfully submitted.  
Jim Knickerbocker

### General Fund Treasurer Summary as of 07/31/24

*(Currently Operating under a 6 Month Budget term from 7/1/24 to 12/31/24. Will convert to calendar year budget beginning in 2025)*

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>ToDate</u>	<u>6 Month</u>
<b>Budget</b>	15,461	15,461	92,764
	<u>July</u>	<u>To date</u>	<u>% of budget</u>
<b>Income</b>	14,921	14,921	97%
<b>Expenses</b>	18,763	18,763	121%

**Notes:**

\* A few large, one-time expenses occur in July every year. This accounts for the high % of To Date expense figure.

\* Detailed Monthly Treasurer Reports are available at the church office.



Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being.

Who first proposed the holiday for workers? It's not entirely clear, but two workers can make a solid claim to the Founder of Labor Day title. Some records show that in 1882, Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor. But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that machinist Matthew Maguire, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, New Jersey, proposed the holiday in 1882. Both Maguire and McGuire attended the country's first Labor Day parade in New York City that year.

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday

Many Americans celebrate Labor Day with parades and parties – festivities very similar to those outlined by the first proposal for a holiday, which suggested that the day should be observed with – a street parade to exhibit "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day.

American labor has raised the nation's standard of living and contributed to the greatest production the world has ever known and the labor movement has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership – the American worker.



*Here I am  
Lord*

### “Here I Am Lord” by Dan Schutte

“Here I am Lord”, also known as “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” after its opening line, is a Christian hymn written by the American composer of Catholic liturgical music, Dan Schutte. Written in 1979 and published in 1981, its words are based on Isaiah 6:8 and 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 3:4.

The author, Dan Schutte, wrote this hymn when he was studying theology at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley University. He was 31 years of age. He was asked to compose a hymn on short notice for the ordination of a deacon, with special requests to incorporate God's word, Jesus as the light, and the bread and wine of the Eucharist. Today, Schutte's hymn is sung in many Protestant worship services and is widely published in many hymnals.

This hymn quickly became a favorite. A poll taken by the National Association of Pastoral Musicians found among its members that it came in second for "songs that make a difference". In 2019 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" was voted the United Kingdom's 10<sup>th</sup> favorite hymn.

Submitted by Karen Emanuelsen

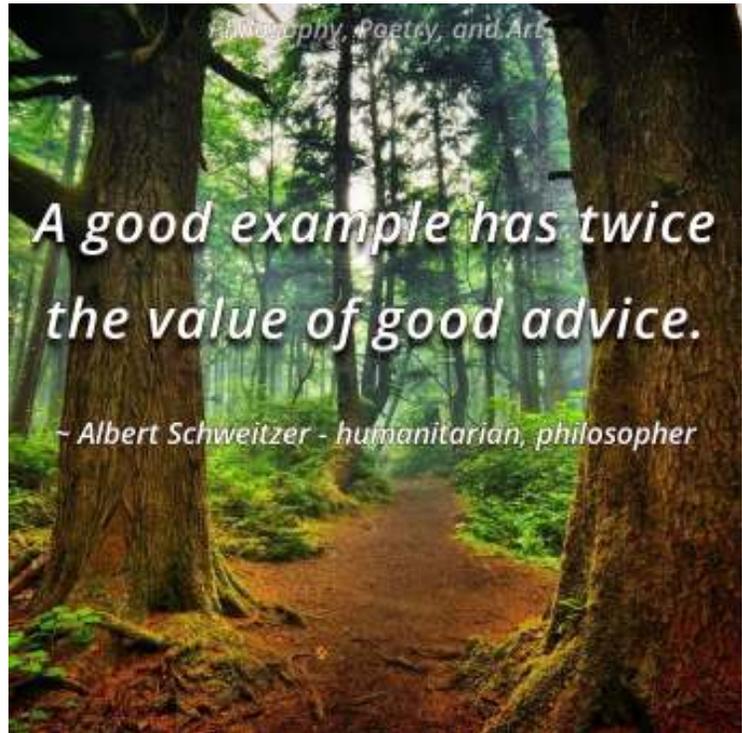
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## **Cana/Drayton Worship Times**

**Worship Times  
in Cana Chapel**

**Cana—10:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m. Coffee Time**

**Drayton—11:00 a.m.  
at 1st Pres Chapel  
10:30 a.m.  
beginning Sept. 8th**

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