

Breaking Bread. . . .

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Christine Caswell is the new editor of *St. Paul's News*, the church newsletter at St. Paul's, Lansing. A member of the church for more than four decades, Caswell is also the communication director for the Michigan Center for Truck Safety and a writer for *The Greater Lansing Business Monthly*. She assumes the newsletter responsibilities from former editor **Sue Millar**.

The Emrich Conference Center board has named **Lucy Gauvin** as its new director. Gauvin is a parishioner from St. Andrew's, Ann Arbor, and recently served as a delegate to Diocesan Convention.

Raising the Roof



Members of the bishop's committee at Holy Cross, Novi, along with other churches from the Diocese of Michigan recently attended an Alban Institute conference called "Raising the Roof" in Grand Blanc, Michigan. The two-day conference provided insights into how to grow congregations and make the transition from a pastoral to a program size church.

Members of Holy Cross bishop's committee are (standing, l-r): Treasurer Betsy Severn, Junior Warden Pat Nielsen, Senior Warden Larry Jansen, Kathleen Chicester, and Katherine Housman.

Seated are Alice Mann from the Alban Institute and the Rev. Karen Henry, priest in charge at Holy Cross.



Breaking Bread highlights the work of our congregations and their parishioners to break the bread of Christ. In this section, we welcome you to share the event or ministry that best reflects how your congregation is representing Christ in your community each month.

"The Eucharist is the sacrament of Christ's resurrection and his ongoing presence at work among us."

—*A New Dictionary for Episcopalians*, (p. 72)

A rested development Chaplain Steven Kelly

by Herb Gunn

The Rev. Steven Kelly has a new beat. He'll be walking the streets of the First Precinct—and occasionally cruising with the officers of the Detroit Police Department.

The rector of St. John's, Detroit, was inducted into the Detroit Police Chaplain Corps, continuing a long line of St. John's priests who have served the city tirelessly in that capacity. First and second year chaplains were sworn in at St. John's on November 4.

Representing the police department, Assistant Chief Walter Shoulders thanked the corps for its many years of service and said "while I am called to lock up souls, you are called to save them."

Chaplains who were admitted a year ago into a probationary first year took an oath, while Kelly and five other pastors received their badges and began their initial year in the corps. The six new chaplains completed an eight-week training course that covered scout car decorum, firearm safety, religious diversity, and how to deal with emergency situations, among other things.

"Our main emphasis is on police officers and their families," explained Chief Chaplain Robert Holt, who is a pastor with the Allen Temple Christian Methodist Church in Detroit.



The Rev. Steven Kelly, rector of St. John's, Detroit

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"It is a ministry that you must be called to and you must love it. We receive no compensation, but we receive many rewards."

More than 50 police chaplains, who are expected to dedicate between 10 and 16 hours a month, now work within the Detroit Police Department.

"I was look-

ing for a way to tithe a part of my time to the community," said Kelly. "Being involved in the chaplain corps was a good way to do that."

Kelly explained that the corps itself is remarkably diverse and has broadened its role since its founding in the 1930s, when it principally reacted to emergencies. Back then, the corps only had three persons: a Protestant, a Roman Catholic, and a Jewish chaplain.

"Obviously, the corps has developed immensely since then," Kelly said. "There is an Orthodox priest, a Roman Catholic chaplain, a Muslim chaplain in the corps, and a conservative Jewish rabbi. The vast majority are from various Protestant denominations in Detroit."

In addition to working the streets of the First Precinct, Kelly's beat includes the downtown police headquarters and the 36th District Court—all within walking distance of St. John's.