

12-16-25

Attendees:

Julie Watanabe
Fiona Archer
Donna Arsenault
Pam Berger
KathyBest
Pat Boland-Saoud
Antonio Dick
Sue Johnston
Sue Krajewski
Cynthia Malow
Rose Pikor
Colleen/Allen Rausch
Carol Schroeder
Pat Watanabe

1. Opening Prayer - Pat W

2. SNL Update

December 2nd - Advocay Day in Lansing

From our circle Colleen and Allen Rausch, Pat Boland Saoud, Rose Pikor and Carol Schroeder attended.

There were about 120 people in attendance with many ministers from the Episcopal faith. After a meeting to distribute information, we were sent out to pay a visit to the Senate chambers before we went to the offices of Senators to which we were assigned. In the Senate chambers, we stood and were recognized. Some of us attempted to meet with our assigned Senators by sending in notes to them while they were in the Chambers. Pat, Rose and I had no luck so we went directly to their offices to leave information.

We were going there to bring awareness to 3 Senate bills if they ever go to a vote.

SB 508 - designates sensitive locations such as places of worship, courthouses, hospitals, and schools as immigration-enforcement free zones.

SB 509 - prohibits state agencies from sharing personal Information solely for immigration enforcement purposes without a judicial warrant per our Constitution.

SB 510 - prevents on-duty law enforcement officers from concealing their identity with masks/face coverings.

After our lunch, we were asked to visit some of the offices of the house to again distribute information. Gathering together again as a whole group, we did a wrap up sharing how our visitations went. Finally, there was a play about Jesus as an immigrant and a closing prayer.

**Senator Chang is to introduce the above bills. The soonest that it could pass would be summer 2026.

The people who rode the buses paid a visit to the Michigan State Police Chief. According to Colleen, he came onto the bus and addressed the group.

(Senator Veronica Klinefelt was on the East Detroit School Board for years so I personally know her. We should keep her name in mind if we need to contact the Michigan Senate for any reason. I believe that she would help us.)

3. St. Michael SNL Activities

Driving Lupe:

Signup genius: Please check one of the earlier meeting minutes for the URL.

Utica Police meeting - no update

Christmas service project -

Items were donated and cubes were put together. The consensus is that the cubes worked out really well and should be used for Easter with a beach towel for a cover for the cube.

4. Looking ahead to 2026

Lenten Communion Service - this might not happen this Lent since Deacon Franz is looking at a Family Mission, Bible study and Stations of the Cross instead. Perhaps we could do the Stations with a speaker added.

5. Tentative date for annual luncheon- April 19th

Individuals who want to volunteer at the event should contact Bill O'Brien.

Raffle baskets again

6. Bulletin

How can we make people aware of our group?

Proposal to write testimonials about why SNL is a passion for us.

7. Next meeting - January 20th

Agenda - Julie

Minutes - Carol

Opening Prayer - Kathy B

Closing Prayer - Rose

Respectfully submitted by

Carol Schroeder