

LOAVES & FISH

News from St. Andrew's by-the-Lake Episcopal Church

October 2016

OLD DOGS, NEW TRICKS & NEW SONGS

Conventional wisdom counsels that "you can't teach an old dog new tricks." Though technically I am a middle-aged "dog," I have had to learn some new tricks this year. Such is the fate of someone who is unfamiliar with how to maintain a pool who then buys a home with a pool. Today, after many failed attempts and two trips to the local pool store, I learned how to vacuum my pool. I will hopefully learn how to properly winterize the pool as well. The one comfort in the midst of having to learn about something I know NOTHING about is the thought that 'at least this should be easier next year!'

I think there is some truth to that old saying about old dogs and new tricks. It is very easy to settle into comfortable routines and to avoid big challenges as we age. Things are just easier that way. Yet, no matter what our age, life has a way of continuing to place us in new situations that challenge us learn and adapt. New tricks will be learned, even if we don't seek them out!

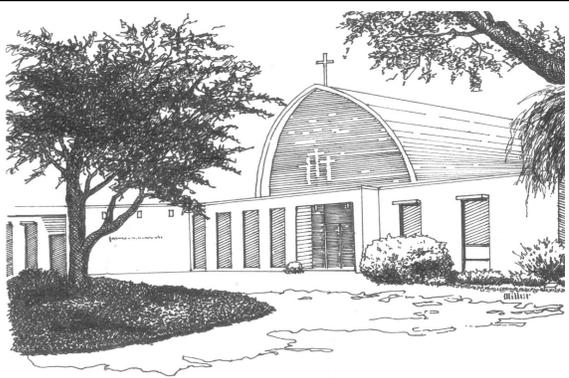
I think the same is true of our faith. The old, comfortable liturgy and habits of holiness continue to serve us well. However, sometimes God needs to 'shake us up' in order to get us focused on his will for us or for us to recognize once again how richly He has blessed us. No matter how long we have been following Jesus, it is always necessary to be renewed in our faith.

The call to "sing a new song to the Lord" appears in Psalm 33 and five other psalms as a reminder that our praise to God needs to be updated as our life circumstances change. We never outgrew the need to "sing at new song to the Lord" from time to time.

I wonder how God might have us as a congregation "sing a new song" to Him. Let's continue to seek his will in worship and in prayer, asking Him to put that new song on our hearts and our lips!

I hope to see you in worship this Sunday!

In Christ,
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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 AM

Holy Communion: Rite II

10:45 AM

Coffee Hour

11:00 AM

Adult Inspirations

***We invite you to worship, grow &
serve with us!***



October Lectionary Readings

October 2 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Psalms 37:1-10

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

October 9 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Psalms 111

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

October 16 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 19:1-8

October 23 - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 14:(1-6)7-10,19-22

Psalms 84:1-6

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

October 30 - 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 1:10-18

Psalms 32:1-8

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

Office Hours for Father Rob

My normal office hours are:
Wednesdays from 10 am—4 pm,
and by appointment.

PLEASE feel free to contact me for any
reason on my cell phone: 219-299-6772.

Vestry Corner

Our next vestry meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12 at 12 pm. For that meeting, we will have a special guest: The Rt. Rev. Douglas Sparks! Our new bishop has expressed the desire to meet with all of the vestries in our diocese, so we are excited to have him join us! Remember that all members of the church are welcome to attend vestry meetings.

Senior Warden/Treasurer - David Jocelyn
Junior Warden - Bill Hazelgrove
Secretary - Sue Vail
Michael Ducey and Fred Miller



Worship at Rittenhouse

Each month, St. Andrew's offers a 'Protestant Worship Service' at Rittenhouse Senior Living Center in Michigan City. We gather at 9:30 am, usually, on the first and third Wednesday of the month. We will host worship at Rittenhouse on October 5 and October 19.

All members of St. Andrew's are welcome to join us for worship at Rittenhouse. Equally as important as connecting with God, these services afford us an opportunity to connect with the residents at Rittenhouse! Come worship and be a friend to our senior brothers and sisters in Christ!



Happy October Birthday!

October 5 Gail Kinney
October 21 Dan Ostermeier
October 24 Viktor Ducey

Lay Ministries Schedule

October 2 - Proper 22- Altar Color: Green

Greeter – Tay and Dick Klare
Reader – John Carington
Altar Guild – David Jocelyn
Sunday School – Joe Walker
Tellers – Klare/Marz

October 9 - Proper 23 - Altar Color: Green

Greeter – The Ducey Family
Reader - Fred Miller
Altar Guild – Carol Hazelgrove
Sunday School – Sue Marz
Tellers – Klare/Marz

October 16 - Proper 24 - Altar Color: Green

Greeter – Bill & Carol Hazelgrove
Reader - Cheryl Ostermeier
Altar Guild – Cheryl Ostermeier
Sunday School – Sally Hazelgrove
Tellers – Klare/Marz

October 23 - Proper 25 - Altar Color: Green

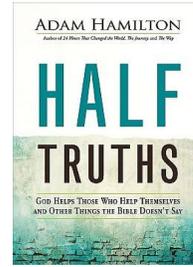
Greeter – Fred Miller
Reader - David Jocelyn
Altar Guild – Tat Klare
Sunday School – Lisa Emshwiller
Tellers – Klare/Marz

October 30 - Proper 26 - Altar Color: Green

Greeter – Vail
Reader – S. Vail
Altar Guild – D. Jocelyn
Sunday School – Volunteer
Tellers - Klare/Marz

Bishop's Visitation to St. Andrew's—Nov. 20

Please "save the date" as we welcome the Rt. Rev. Douglas Sparks to our Sunday morning worship service for the first time on November 20! This is a great opportunity for us to get to know Bishop Sparks and for him to learn about our congregation. Please make every effort to be present for worship on that Sunday! Thank you!



Adult Inspirations Corner: New study slated for the Fall

The Adult Inspirations group is continuing our exploration of the DVD version of Adam Hamilton's book, Half Truths. In this slim volume, Hamilton explores some of the clichés that Christians often use and see if they are true in the light of the Bible. This has been an interesting and challenging study! Please plan to join the conversation for the topics listed below:

October 2: "God won't give you more than you can handle."

October 9: "God said it, I believe it, that settles it."

October 16: "Love the sinner, hate the sin."

Western Deanery Meeting— Oct. 2

Attention all diocesan convention representatives! There is a pre-convention Western Deanery meeting on Sunday, October 2 at 2 pm at St. Stephen's, Hobart. Your attendance is greatly appreciated!

Annual Diocesan Convention Nov. 5

Our diocese's annual convention will be on Saturday, November 5 from 9 am until 4 pm at St. Paul's in Munster, Indiana. **We may need one more representative to convention!** If you are willing to serve in this capacity, please speak with Fr. Rob!

Our St. Francis Day Pet Blessing convened under stormy skies on Saturday, October 1. A break in the rain showers enabled a small group of attendees to gather outside for a short liturgy and individual blessings of the animals. 12 human beings attended the event and 6 animals (4 dogs and 2 cats) were blessed. Thanks to everyone who supported this event with your attendance or sent along treats for us!

2016 Pet Blessing



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