

# LOAVES & FISH

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

November 2016

### DIOCESAN CONVENTION RECAP

On Saturday, November 5, 2016 delegates from around the diocese gathered at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Munster, IN for our diocesan convention. This was the first convention under the leadership of Bishop Doug Sparks and his staff. Like always, the convention kicked off with a joyful worship service. Bishop Doug delivered his convention address at the sermon time. During the service, worshippers renewed their baptismal vows, as a sign of rededication to Jesus and the work of his church. During the prayers of the people, members of the Episcopal church from this diocese who had died this past year were remembered by name.

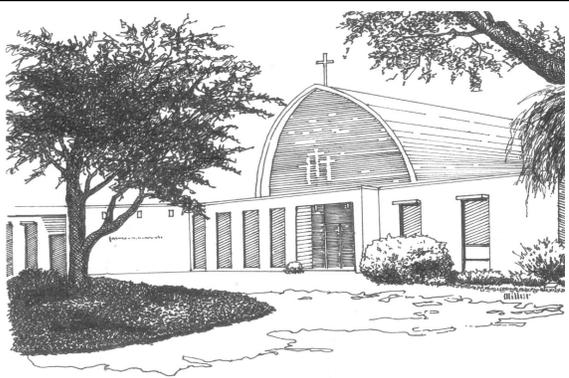
The Rev. Heather Melton, Missioner for the United Thank Offering (UTO) gave an informative presentation about the mission of the UTO. She reminded the convention delegates that every penny given through the UTO Thank Offering is given away the following year as grant money for worthy ministry ventures. She invited us to think creatively about we might move beyond our comfort zones to see Jesus in our communities, in the midst of human need, and reminded us that grant money is available for such new ventures!

In terms of the legislative work of the convention, delegates were elected for various roles: standing committee, delegates to general convention, ect. Our own David Jocelyn graciously allowed himself to be nominated to serve on the Disciplinary Board, which is the body that meets when there have been allegations of misconduct by a priest. David, thank you for being willing to serve our diocese in this fashion!

A resolution regarding the use of alcohol in the church was adopted this year after being deferred last year. A resolution requiring specific insurance and specific minimum coverage for churches in the diocese also passed. Please refer to the diocese's website for a more detailed description of all that happened at convention.

For me, diocesan events such as convention help to remind me that I don't work in isolation from colleagues and other brothers and sisters in Christ. It is good to meet with other Christians who have many of the same challenges as we have at St. Andrew's. While convention always makes for a long day, I came home strengthened and renewed for our ministry here at St. Andrew's.

Father Rob



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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!***



## November Lectionary Readings

### November 6 - All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18  
Psalm 149  
Ephesians 1:11-23  
Luke 6:20-31

### November 13 - 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-2a  
Psalm 98  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Luke 21:5-19

### November 20 - Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Psalm 46  
Colossians 1:11-20  
Luke 23:33-43

### November 27- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:36-44

## 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.

*Faith* IS NOT KNOWING  
WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS,  
BUT KNOWING  
*who holds the future.*

## Vestry Corner

Our next vestry meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 16 at 12 pm**. 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 November 2 and November 16.**

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 November Birthday!

November 2	Sue Vail
November 13	Dick Klare
November 26	Michelle Walker

## Lay Ministries Schedule

### November 6 - All Saints - Altar Color: White

Greeter	David Jocelyn
Reader	Tay Klare
Altar Guild	David Jocelyn
Sunday School	Sue Marz
Tellers	Miller/Vail

### November 13 - Proper 28 - Altar Color: Green

Greeter	Michael Ducey
Reader	John Carington
Altar Guild	Carol Hazelgrove
Sunday School	Joe Walker
Tellers	Miller/Vail

### November 20 - Proper 29 - Altar Color: White

Greeter	Lisa Emshwiller
Reader	Fred Miller
Altar Guild	Cheryl Ostermeier
Sunday School	Sally Hazelgrove
Tellers	Miller/Vail

### November 27- 1<sup>st</sup> Advent- Altar Color: Purple

Greeter	Lu Cox
Reader	Tay Klare
Altar Guild	Cheryl Ostermeier
Sunday School	Lisa Emshwiller
Tellers	Miller/Vail

## 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! We will plan on having a luncheon following the service. If you would like to donate a food item for the luncheon, please utilize the sign up sheet in the narthex. Thank you!

## Adult Inspirations Corner:

The Adult Inspirations group concluded our exploration of the DVD version of Adam Hamilton's book, Half Truths. This was an thought-provoking study that everyone seemed to enjoy. Thanks to everyone who 'joined the conversation!'

Adult Inspirations is going to take a break for the next few months and then reconvene after the new year. If you have any ideas for our next study, please talk with Father Rob!

## Diocesan Convention — November 5

Our annual diocesan convention will begin with Holy Communion at 9 am on Saturday, November 5 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Munster. (Getting there a few minutes early to get a seat is a good idea!) The convention is expected to conclude by 4 pm. Our delegates to convention are Father Rob Dorow, David Jocelyn and Tim Vail.

## Breakfast with St. Nicholas — Dec. 3

Last year, St. Andrew's sponsored an event for elementary age children entitled "Breakfast with St. Nicholas." The purpose behind this event was to educate our young people about the real life saint who served as the inspiration for the myth of Santa Claus. St. Nicholas' story was told by St. Nick himself, who appeared dressed in his bishop's robe and miter. We need help in getting the word out about this event. Please talk to Father Rob if you would be willing to help!

1. Tell the Good News of the Kingdom
2. Teach, baptize and nurture new believers
3. Tend to human need with loving service
4. Transform unjust structures of society
5. Treasure God's creation and renew the Earth

Marks of Mission.”

In his most recent video that was released on the diocesan website, Bishop Sparks shared his vision for our work at Christ's people in Northern Indiana. (You can find the video under the "Bishop" tab on the website. Look for the Bishop Video Update released October 2, 2016.) I strongly encourage everyone to watch the video and consider how we at St. Andrew's might understand our work in the light of the "Five

## Our vision as a diocese: The Five Marks of Mission



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