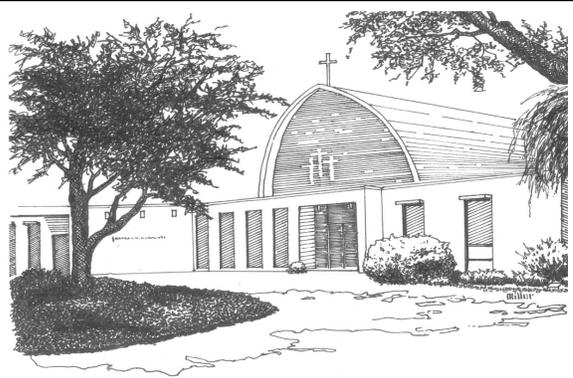


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News from St. Andrew's by-the-Lake Episcopal Church

November 2017



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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!

OUR COMMITMENT TO ONE ANOTHER

I attended my first Diocesan Council meeting on Saturday, October 29. This is the first time I have ever served on the diocesan level and I was not quite sure what to expect. I did learn a couple of things from this first meeting, however. I learned that the Council functions as the interim legislative body in between diocesan conventions and, consequently, has the power to make important decisions. The flip side of being part of a body that makes real decisions is that council members are open to being sued, should a suit be brought against the diocese. YIKES! What did I sign up for? Actually, I'm not concerned about that at all, although it is good to know that it could happen.

What I have found valuable through this experience so far is that I have been reminded of the cost and the benefit of being in relationship with other Episcopalians on the local, diocesan and national level. As members of the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, we stand with each other in giving support to each other and in receiving support from each other.

One measure of our support of the wider ministry of the Episcopal Church is reflected in the monies given by our diocese to the national church. I learned that, in the past, our diocese sent approximately 11% of its annual income as its voluntary contribution. However, the expectation set by the most recent General Convention would be that dioceses would send approximately 15% of their income as a pledge to support the national church. Our diocese is moving in that direction incrementally, which likely will mean slightly higher assessments on parishes in our diocese. However, this should not be a cause for alarm. The truth is that we are not Congregationalists; we do not stand on our own, but that we stand in a national (even international) coalition of Episcopalians, committed to supporting one another with our prayers, and yes, even our finances.

God bless you and see you in church on Sunday!

Rob +



November Lectionary Readings

November 5 – ALL SAINT’S SUNDAY!

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

November 12 – Proper 27

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalm 78:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

November 19 – Proper 28

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

November 26 – Proper 29/Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

Office Hours for Father Rob

My normal office hours are:
Wednesdays from 10 am–3 pm,
and by appointment.

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



Happy November Birthday!

Nov. 2 Sue Vail
Nov. 13 Dick Klare
Nov. 26 Michelle Walker

Vestry Corner

Our next vestry meeting will be held on **Saturday, November 11 at 8:30 am.** Please remember all church members are welcome to attend vestry meetings. Our current vestry includes:

Senior Warden/Treasurer - David Jocelyn
Junior Warden - Bill Hazelgrove
Secretary - Sue Vail
Lisa Emshwiller



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. This month, we will host worship at Rittenhouse on November 1 and 15.

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!



Lay Ministries Schedule

November 5 - All Saint's Day (transferred)

Altar Color: White

Greeter	Gail Kinney
Reader	Sue Vail
Altar Guild	David Jocelyn
Sunday School	Joe Walker
Tellers	Miller/Vail

November 12 - 23rd Sunday / Pentecost

Altar Color: Green

Greeter	Bill/Carol Hazelgrove
Reader	Tay Klare
Altar Guild	Carol Hazelgrove
Sunday School	Sue Marz
Tellers	Miller/Vail

November 19 - 24th Sunday/ Pentecost

Altar Color: Green

Greeter	Fred Miller
Reader	John Carington
Altar Guild	Cheryl Ostermeier
Sunday School	Bruce Williams
Tellers	Miller/Vail

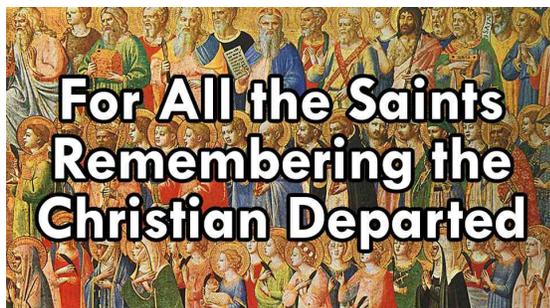
November 26 – Christ the King Siunday

Altar Color: White

Greeter	Tim/Sue Vail
Reader	Fred Miller
Altar Guild	Tay Klare
Sunday School	Lisa Emshwiller
Tellers	Miller/Vail

Like us on Facebook!

Did you know that St. Andrew's has a Facebook page? (Thank you very much, Sue Marz!) Please "like" our page next time you check your page and invite your friends to like us too!



Adult Inspirations Corner:

The Adult Inspirations class will reconvene on Sunday, October 17 with a six week DVD study entitled "The Broken Way" by Ann Voskamp. "Brokenness comes in all shapes and sizes. Over all the of our broken chaos there's Jesus having on the cross, Jesus agonizing over all our brokenness, Jesus bleeding here in our mess. Our brokenness is made whole by His brokenness." Join us in exploring how facing our brokenness can be the path to wholeness in Christ. Join the conversation! The schedule is as follows:

Oct. 29	Real Koinonia
Nov. 5	Embracing Inconvenience
Nov. 12	Who We Serve

Help needed for 'Breakfast with St. Nicholas' 2017

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. Fr. Rob needs some help in planning this event for December 2017. Please talk with him if you would be willing to help!

All Saint's Day—Nov. 5

Please note that the All Saints' Day holiday will be transferred from its usual date on November 1 to our Sunday morning worship on November 5. We will begin the service with a special ceremony of remembrance for those that we have loved and lost to death. Please join us in remembering the saints who have passed on to glory on that Sunday!

This year, we remembered the feast day of St. Francis by having our Sunday morning worship service outside and by inviting our furry friends to join us! 11 animals were blessed during the service and we were blessed with a beautiful fall morning!

SUNDAY WORSHIP & PET BLESSING



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Return Service Requested

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