

LOAVES & FISH

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

March 2018

PERFECT PARTNERSHIPS

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

Psalms 133:1-2

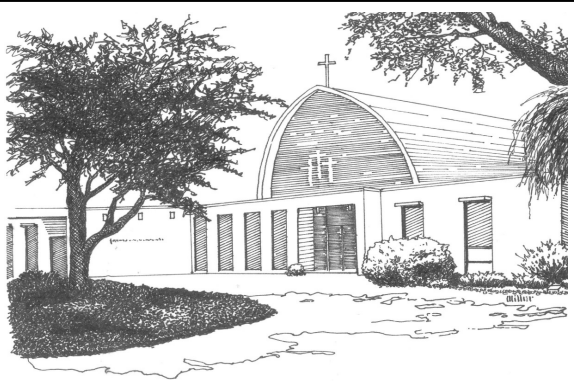
As I am writing this newsletter column and looking at the upcoming events for this month, I'm reminded of the importance of partnerships in ministry. On March 17, St. Andrew's will host the 5th Annual Chili Cook Off! It is personally satisfying that this event has come 'full circle,' in that St. Andrew's hosted the very first Chili Cook Off, then our three partner churches each took a turn hosting and now the event has returned to our facility! For the last four years, we have raised approximately \$600 per year for the benefit of Camp New Happenings! That is something we should be truly proud of, because enabling children with an incarcerated parent to have an authentic camp experience and the opportunity to make lasting friendships is truly a worthy endeavor! We could not have done this without our Christian brothers and sisters of Trinity, Michigan City, St. Paul's, La Porte and St. Francis, Chesterton. PLEASE plan to attend this year's Chili Cook Off AND please break out of our comfortable social circle to make sure these fellow Christians know that they are welcome here!

Regarding partnerships, Trinity, Michigan City has generously invited our congregation to join them in preparing youth for confirmation and adults for reception within the Episcopal Church. Carol Hazelgrove has attended the adult class at Trinity and, hopefully, Pasha Ducey and I will participate in the youth class. I hope that we can continue to find ways of partnering with Trinity that bless both parishes.

Regarding an even broader partnership, there is a planning meeting for the Michigan City Wide Vacation Bible School program on Monday, March 5th. If anyone would like to join me in representing St. Andrew's, please just let me know!

God bless you and see you in church on Sunday!

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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!



March Lectionary Readings

March 4 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

March 11 – 4th Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

March 18 – 5th Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-13
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

March 25 – Palm /Passion Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1 – 15:39

The Seven Deadly Sins Sermon Series

Our examination of the “Seven Deadly Sins” continues this month and concludes on the 5th Sunday in Lent. The schedule is:

March 4—*Anger and Lust*
March 11—*Gluttony*
March 18—*Sloth*



Happy Birthday!

March 8 Bill Hazelgrove

Vestry Corner

Our next vestry meeting will be held on **Saturday, April 14 at 8:30 am**. Please remember that all church members are welcome to attend vestry meetings.

Senior Warden—Lisa Emshwiller
Junior Warden—Bruce Williams
Secretary—Sue Vail

Bill Hazelgrove and John Carington also serve on the vestry.



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 March 7 and 21.**

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!

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.

Lay Ministries Schedule

March 4 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Altar Color: Purple

Greeter	Gail Kinney
Reader	Cheryl Ostermeier
Altar Guild	David Jocelyn
Sunday School	Joe Walker
Tellers	Volunteer/Vail

March 11 – 4th Sunday in Lent

Altar Color: Purple

Greeter	Bill & Carol Hazelgrove
Reader	David Jocelyn
Altar Guild	Carol Hazelgrove
Sunday School	Bruce Williams
Tellers	Volunteer/Vail

March 18 – 5th Sunday in Lent

Altar Color: Purple

Greeter	Williams Family
Reader	Sue Vail
Altar Guild	Cheryl Ostermeier
Sunday School	Sue Marz
Tellers	Klare/Volunteer

March 25 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Altar Color: Red

Greeter	David Jocelyn
Reader	Tay Klare
Altar Guild	Tay Klare
Sunday School	Lisa Emshwiller
Tellers	Volunteer/Vail

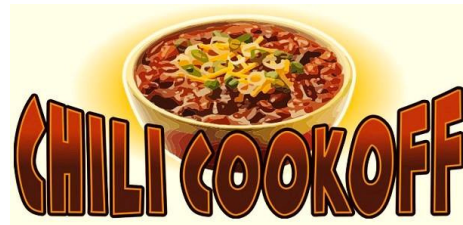
Lenten Sung Evening Prayer & Soup Supper

As part of your Lenten routine, please join us for a sung service of Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesdays in Lent. We will gather at 6 pm in the commons hall for a simple meal of soup and bread. The service will begin at approximately 6:30 pm. For the meditation during the service, we are learning about Benedictine spirituality and how it can benefit and inform our own spiritual practices. Please join us!



Adult Inspirations Corner:

On Sunday, March 4, St. Andrew's will screen the movie, *All Saints*, during the our Adult Inspiration time. *All Saints* is based on the true story of how a parish that was expected to close its doors forever found renewed life and purpose in ministering to and with refugees from Southeast Asia. We will have popcorn and drinks available! The movie is 109 minutes long. Please join us!

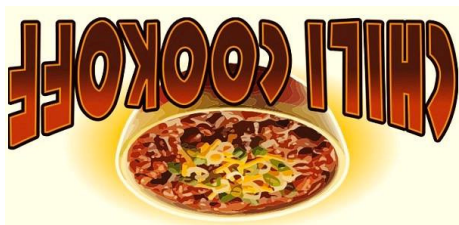


Three Church Chili Cook Off March 17, 2018

The date for the 5th annual Chili Cook Off has been set for St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17! It is our turn to host the Chili Cook Off once again! Trinity, Michigan City and St. Paul's in La Porte will be our guests this year. Please join us for Holden Evening Prayer at 4:30 pm in the sanctuary, with the Cook Off starting at 5 pm in our parish hall. We need 4 chili cooks to compete in the cook off. Please see Father Rob if you want to enter this year's competition! Also, we will need volunteers for set up and tear down, as well as donations of drinks, desserts and chili fixings! Remember that all funds raised by the Cook Off benefit New Happenings Ministries, our diocesan camp for children with an incarcerated parent. Please join us and bring a friend too!

The Three Church Chili Cook Off will be held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Saturday, March 17! Join us for Holden Evening Prayer at 4:30 pm in the church and the Cook Off at 5 pm in the parish hall! Be there or be square!

THREE CHURCH CHILI COOK OFF—SATURDAY, MARCH 17



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Return Service Requested

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