

LOAVES & FISH

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

February 2019

LOVE YOUR FRENEMY

One of the most difficult, and likely least practiced, of Jesus' commands to his followers is to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Loving one's enemies seems easiest to do from a distance. However, what if your enemy is a work colleague or even a fellow church member that you cannot avoid? In her article entitled "*On a Typical Thanksgiving*" published in the November 2018 edition of Christianity Today, Judy Wu Dominick notes that Jesus called members of enemy groups to be his followers. Jesus called blue collar, subsistence level fishermen alongside of Nathanael, a rich man of noble birth. Jesus called a Zealot, Jewish radicals who embraced violence to resist their Roman oppressors alongside of a tax collector, widely considered as collaborators of those same oppressors. Despite these very profound differences, Jesus called these men into an intentional community where they actually had to practice learning to love the enemy (frenemy?) in their midst.

Today's churches continue to be places where people are not identical when it comes to their political beliefs and other issues that people hold dear. We are unique individuals, yet all called by the same Lord and called to be part of his one body, working together for the sake of the world. We too will have many opportunities to love our enemy, even in the context of the church.

During the spring and summer, I am constantly weeding the rock beds around the foundation of my home. I've found that it is easier to pull the weeds when they are still small and don't have deep roots yet. My appeal to our congregation is for us to be proactive in dealing with the problems we have with our fellow church members, not allowing that conflict to grow deep roots. The way of the cross invites us to die to ourselves and to live into a new way of life that is found only in Christ.

God bless you and see you at worship 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!



February Lectionary Readings

February 3 – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

February 10 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8(9-13)
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

February 17 – 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

February 24 – 7th Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38

Safeguarding God's Children Training for Vestry Members

A Safeguarding God's Children training specifically for vestry members and other church leaders will be held on Saturday, March 16 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Michigan City. Vestry members, please save the date on your calendars!



Happy February Birthday!

Feb. 3 Pasha Ducey
Feb. 21 Olga Ducey
Feb. 23 Lainie Dorow

Vestry Corner

Our next vestry meeting will be held on **Saturday, February 23** at 9 am. We will have a special guest for that meeting: Bishop Sparks will be with us. Our bishop has made a commitment to meet with every church vestry in our diocese on an annual basis. Please remember that all church members are welcome to attend vestry meetings.

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

Fred Miller and John Carington also serve



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 February 20 only. Due to Fr. Rob and others being away on Feb. 6, we have canceled the service for the first Wednesday of February.

All members of St. Andrew's are welcome to join us for worship at Rittenhouse. **WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS IN SUPPORTING THIS MINISTRY; PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER SIGNING UP. THE SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE NARTHEX OF THE CHURCH. THANK YOU!**

Lay Ministries Schedule

February 3 – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Altar Color: Green

Greeter	Gail Kinney
Reader	Bruce Williams
Altar Guild	David Jocelyn
Sunday School	Joe Walker
Tellers	Anderson/Volunteer

February 10 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Altar Color: Green

Greeter	Hazelgroves
Reader	David Jocelyn
Altar Guild	Carol Hazelgrove
Sunday School	Sue Marz
Tellers	Anderson/Volunteer

February 17 – 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Altar Color: Green

Greeter	David Jocelyn
Reader	Tay Klare
Altar Guild	Cheryl Ostermeier
Sunday School	Bruce Williams
Tellers	Anderson/Volunteer

February 24 – 7th Sunday after Epiphany

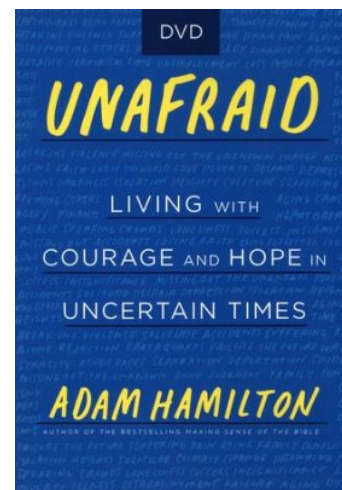
Altar Color: Green

Greeter	Williams Family
Reader	John Carington
Altar Guild	Tay Klare/Carline Patzka
Sunday School	Lisa Emshwiller
Tellers	Anderson/Volunteer

Ash Wednesday—

March 6 @ 6 pm

We will celebrate Ash Wednesday on March 6 at 6 pm. The service will include the imposition of ashes. Please begin your Lenten observance with worship on Ash Wednesday at St. Andrew's!



Adult Inspirations:

Unafraid

Our Adult Inspirations class will soon begin a new DVD study entitled *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times*. The author of the book that inspired the DVD series is Adam Hamilton, senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in the Kansas City area. This study is for anyone struggling with fear, worry or anxiety or who wonders how families and communities can live as peacemakers in troubled times. *Unafraid* offers an informed and inspiring message full of practical solutions. The schedule of topics is listed below. Please join the conversation on this important topic!

Feb. 10	Crime, Race, Terrorism & Politics
Feb. 17	Failure, Disappointing Others, Insignificance & Loneliness
Feb. 24	Apocalypse, Change, Missing Out & Finances
March 3	Aging, Illness, Dying & Fear of the Lord

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana is organizing a two day Beloved Community Conversation workshop. The purpose of this workshop is to enable participants to develop and sharpen their skills in story-sharing around issues of race and faith in order to facilitate racial reconciliation. After the workshop has been completed, newly trained facilitators will work with their parish priest to explore ways of engaging their communities regarding the topic of racial reconciliation. The cost of the workshop is free, as the diocese has secured a grant to cover these costs. The training will be on Friday, March 22 from 5-9 pm and Saturday, March 23 from 9 am-4 pm at Lindenwood Conference Center. Please register by March 6 on the diocese's website.

BECOMING BELOVED COMMUNITY FACILITATOR TRAINING WORKSHOP



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