

LOAVES & FISH

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

April 2019

Dear friends,

I admit that I am a fan of that which is predictable and regular. I love the comforting rhythm of our worship in the Episcopal Church. I put my wallet, keys and cell phone in the same place every night. When I got Meijer's to food shop, I park in the same general area every time. Routines provide stability and comfort in my life.

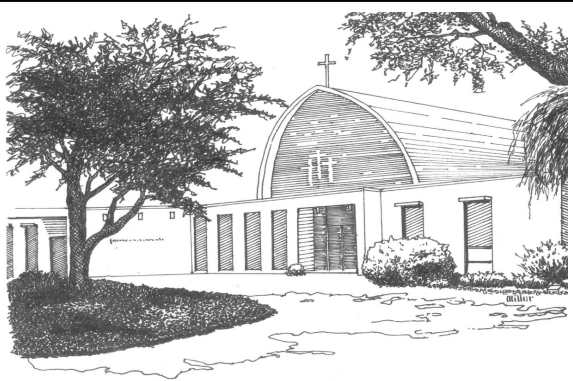
That being said, it is important to alter our routines every now and then to infuse new life or to gain a new perspective. I'm happy to report that, as a church, we are breaking out of our Holy Week routine this year. I'm very grateful for Carole and Terry Ziemke for organizing Maundy Thursday's "Meal in the Upper Room." It sounds like a wonderful event and I'm really looking forward to it. I'm also grateful for our informal partnership with the folks from Trinity who will join us on Maundy Thursday and then are hosting worship for both churches on Good Friday. Please, please "break the routine" and join us for both of these upcoming events and bring a friend too!

One routine I'm really pleased not to break is our Lenten soup suppers and Holden Evening Prayer. As usual, we have been treated to delicious homemade soups and have enjoyed the beauty of the Holden Evening Prayer service. Our final Wednesday night Lenten gathering is on April 10.

This year, I've attended two meetings regarding the 2019 Michigan City Wide Vacation Bible School program hosted by St. John's UCC and supported by numerous local churches, including ours. A goal that we have been actively working towards is to fundraise in order to pay for the cost of the VBS program (about \$3,000 is needed to serve 180 community children.) Please stay tuned for ways that we can help!

May the God who is making all things new refresh you this Easter season!

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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!



April Lectionary Readings

April 7 – 5th Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

April 14 – Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:14 – 23:56

April 21 – Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

John 20:1-18

April 28 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32

Psalms 118:14-29

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

“Couple’s Checkup” Free On-line Survey!

The “Couple Checkup” is an on-line survey that helps couples strengthen their relationship by identifying the strengths and weaknesses of their bond. In partnership with Trinity Episcopal Church, St. Andrew’s is offering the opportunity for any willing couple to complete the “Couple Checkup” for free (normally \$29.95). Couples are evaluated in seven areas. While the results are sent directly to the couple who did the survey, Fr. Rob is available to help couples understand their results, celebrate their strengths and respond to growth areas. The survey period begins on March 10 and ends on April 14. Contact Fr. Rob for the survey code or with any questions!

Vestry Corner

Our next vestry meeting will be held on **Saturday, May 11** at 9 am. 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 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 April 3 and 17th.**

All members of St. Andrew’s are welcome to join us for worship at Rittenhouse. We continue to be in need of volunteers to help with this ministry. Please use the sign up sheet in the narthex, if you are able to help!

Happy April Birthday!

April 4 Gail Kinney



Lay Ministries Schedule

April 7 – 5th Sunday of Lent

Altar Color: Purple

Greeter	Bill & Carol Hazelgrove
Reader	John Carington
Altar Guild	David Jocelyn
Sunday School	Joe Walker
Tellers	Anderson/Volunteer

April 14 – Palm Sunday

Altar Color: Red

Greeter	Tim & Sue Vail
Reader	Cheryl Ostermeier
Altar Guild	Carol Hazelgrove
Sunday School	Sue Marz
Tellers	Anderson/Volunteer

April 21 – Easter Sunday

Altar Color: White

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

April 28 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Altar Color: White

Greeter	Fred Miller
Reader	Fred Miller
Altar Guild	Tay Klare/Carline Patzka
Sunday School	Lisa Emshwiller
Tellers	Anderson/Volunteer

Easter Day Service

Please join us in celebrating Jesus' resurrection at 9:30 am on Sunday, April 21. You are welcome to bring bells from home to ring whenever the word "alleluia" is used! An Easter Egg Hunt will be held in the church following the service.



Holy Week Services

This month, we have two opportunities to worship with our brothers and sisters from Trinity Episcopal Church.

On **Maundy Thursday**, April 18, at 6 pm St. Andrew's will host the event, "The Meal in the Upper Room." Please come for a seder-like meal accompanied by selections of music and mediations. The purpose of this event is to help us imagine what it was like for the disciples to share that last Passover meal with Jesus before his crucifixion. Please bring a friend or neighbor with you! A free will offering will be taken to cover the cost of the meal.

On **Good Friday** at 7 pm, Trinity is hosting a service that will include veneration of the cross and Holy Communion.

Let's make a concerted effort to support both of these services. It is a blessing for the church communities of St. Andrew's and Trinity to have opportunities for shared worship and fellowship.



The 6th annual Chili Cook Off was held on Saturday, March 23. Trinity was the host church this year. We learned from the Rev. Tina Velthuisen that it costs approximately \$600 to send one child for a week long summer camp experience through New Hap-penings Ministries. Between the Cook Off and a few additional donations received on the following Sunday, Trinity, St. Andrew's and St. Paul's churches raised \$632 with this year's event! Great job, team!

2019 THREE CHURCH CHILI COOK OFF



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Return Service Requested

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