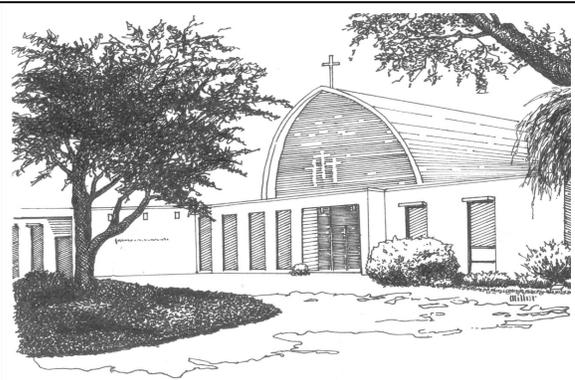


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## News from St. Andrew's by-the-Lake Episcopal Church

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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!***

Dear friends in Christ,

Last week, on a whim, Lainie and I stopped at a local pet store that has a cat room stocked with animals from several rescue organizations that need a forever home. Less than a week later, the kids and I returned to the pet store with a carrier and brought Ellie, a one year old female tiger tabby, home with us. Given that I was obviously suffering from a case of temporary insanity, I resolved to steer clear from the Southlake mall and car dealerships for a while!

The kids have been asking for a pet for the last few years. I was always hesitant about making the commitment to an animal, knowing the weight of responsibility would naturally fall on the adult in our house (me). Making a commitment to a pet for its lifetime is not something I take lightly.

However, this experience of being won over by Ellie's friendliness and playfulness and deciding to bring her home reminds me a certain truth of life. I believe that the greatest joys of life are only accessible through commitment. While enjoying the company of someone is one thing, committing to love them for a lifetime is something completely different. The structure of a commitment, of decided to be "all in" for one another creates the environment where we are most deeply known, loved and fulfilled. While human beings fail to always fulfill the commitments we make to each other, we are best served to do everything in our power to nurture and sustain those commitments for our own good and those whom we love.

This hasn't been an easy article to write, as Ellie just tried to "help" me by walking across the computer keyboard, as she sought my attention!

May God give us the courage to commit to caring for others and the grace to preserve in those commitments. See you on Sunday!

Fr. Rob



## **February Lectionary Readings**

### **February 2 – Presentation of Jesus**

Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm 84

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

### **February 9 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12)

Psalm 112:1-9 (10)

1 Corinthians 2:1-12, (13-16)

Matthew 5:13-20

### **February 16 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

### **February 23 – Last Sunday after Epiphany**

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

## **Annual Meeting – Feb. 2**

Please plan to attend our church's annual meeting on Sunday, February 2. This year, we are inviting everyone to bring a dish to share for lunch. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex; please let us know what delicious dish you are planning on bringing! At the annual meeting, we'll elect new vestry members, review the proposed budget for 2020 and celebrate what was accomplished this past year.

## **Vestry Corner**

Our next vestry meeting will be **February 15th 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 on the first and third Wednesday of the month. **This month, we will worship at Rittenhouse on Feb. 5th and 19th.**

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 volunteer!



## **Happy February Birthday!**

Feb. 3 Pasha Ducey

Feb. 21 Olga Ducey

Feb. 23 Lainie Dorow

## Lay Ministries Schedule

### Feb 2 – Presentation of Jesus

#### Altar Color: White

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

### Feb 9 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

#### Altar Color: Green

Greeter	Bill/Carol Hazelgrove
Reader	Sue Vail
Altar Guild	Carol Hazelgrove
Sunday School	Sue Marz
Tellers	Vail/Volunteer

### Feb 16 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

#### Altar Color: Green

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

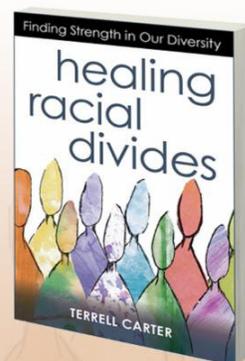
### Feb 23 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

#### Altar Color: Green

Greeter	Williams Family
Reader	David Jocelyn
Altar Guild	Carlene Patzka
Sunday School	Lisa Emshwiller
Tellers	Vail/Volunteer

## Lenten Sung Evening Prayer & Soup Supper

Beginning on March 4, you are invited to participate in a sung service of Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesdays in Lent. We will gather at 5:30 pm in the commons hall for a simple meal of soup and bread. The service will begin at approximately 6 pm. There will a sign up sheet to volunteer to bring soup in the narthex soon!



“How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!”  
—Psalm 133



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## Adult Inspirations: Healing Racial Divides Book Discussion

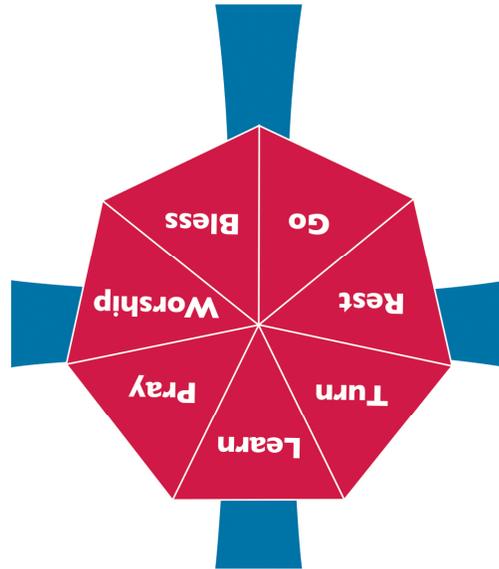
At the Adult Inspirations hour on Feb. 16, we will be listening to a podcast featuring Terrell Carter, an African American pastor, artist, former police officer and author of the book Healing Racial Divides. Several copies of his book are available in the narthex to be borrowed and read in anticipation of our discussion of the book on Sunday, Feb. 23. Please join the conversation!



## Ash Wednesday— February 26 @ 5:30 pm

We will celebrate Ash Wednesday February 26 at 5:30 pm. The service will include the imposition of ashes. Please begin your Lenten observance with worship on Ash Wednesday at St. Andrew's!

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