

LOAVES & FISH

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

March 2020

Dear friends in Christ,

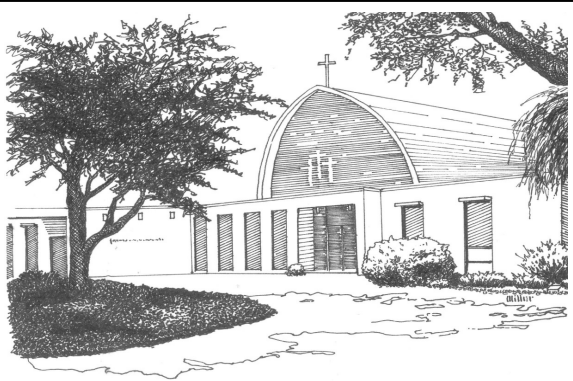
When I was in junior high, my science teacher once administered an unusual quiz to our class. We had been students in his classroom for most of the year and on one sunny, warm spring day, he led our class from his room to the bleachers at the track behind the school. The topic of our quiz was not the curriculum we had been studying, but about the various items, posters and things of interest he had placed in the classroom. In other words, he wanted to demonstrate that people are often not observant of their environment; many of us did very poorly on the quiz! Even if I did not get a passing grade on the quiz, this experience has helped me to be more intentional about noticing my surroundings.

I think one of the important parts of the season of Lent is making space to notice things. We make time to recognize how we have fallen short of God's will for our lives. We take time to consider how we might more fully live into God's will. If we spend at least some time thinking about and noticing the dynamics of our own lives, we will have wisely engaged in the practice of Lent.

On Ash Wednesday, I shared information about "The Examen" which is simply a spiritual practice that can be useful in noticing the details of one's own life. Through the Examen, a person thinks through/prays through their day, hour by hour, asking God to help us count our blessings and also to recognize things we want to change. I commend this practice to us all this Lent. It is true that we can't change what we are unaware of!

I hope this Lenten season brings each of us increased clarity about our lives: about the depth of God's love for us and how we are to live out our vocation as God's beloved children. See you 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 1 – Lent 1

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

March 8 – Lent 2

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

March 15 – Lent 3

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

March 22 – Lent 4

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

March 29 – Lent 5

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

Bishop's Visitation—April 5

Bishop Sparks will make his annual visit to St. Andrew's on April 5, which is Palm Sunday. We need a volunteer to coordinate a luncheon following the service. Please contact Fr. Rob if you would like to help!

Vestry Corner

Our next vestry meeting will be **Saturday, February 14th at 9 am**. This is a joint meeting with the vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church, where we will consider ways to continue to collaborate together, especially in the area of Christian formation for children and youth. 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 March 4th and 18th.**

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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!

Lay Ministries Schedule

March 1 – 1st Sunday of Lent

Altar Color: Purple

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| Greeter | Emshwiller Family |
| Reader | Cheryl Ostermeier |
| Altar Guild | Carol Hazelgrove |
| Sunday School | Joe Walker |
| Tellers | Patzka/Vail |

March 8 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Altar Color: Purple

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| Greeter | Tim/Sue Vail |
| Reader | Bruce Williams |
| Altar Guild | Carol Hazelgrove |
| Sunday School | Diane/Andy Sperling |
| Tellers | Patzka/Vail |

March 15 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Altar Color: Purple

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| Greeter | Carlene Patzka |
| Reader | Sue Vail |
| Altar Guild | Cheryl Ostermeier |
| Sunday School | Bruce Williams |
| Tellers | Patzka/Vail |

March 22 – 4th Sunday of Lent

Altar Color: Pink

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| Greeter | Barry Anderson |
| Reader | John Carington |
| Altar Guild | Carlene Patzka |
| Sunday School | Lisa Emshwiller |
| Tellers | Patzka/Vail |

March 29 – 5th Sunday of Lent

Altar Color: Purple

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| Greeter | Hazelgroves |
| Reader | David Jocelyn |
| Altar Guild | David Jocelyn |
| Sunday School | Sue Marz |
| Tellers | Patzka/Vail |



Happy March Birthday!

March 8 Bill Hazelgrove
March 31 Bruce Williams

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. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to supply soup for this gathering!

For the devotional part of service, we are exploring "The Way of Love." Here is a schedule of the upcoming topics:

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| March 4 | Pray |
| March 11 | Learn |
| March 18 | Worship |
| March 25 | Bless |
| April 1 | Go & Rest |

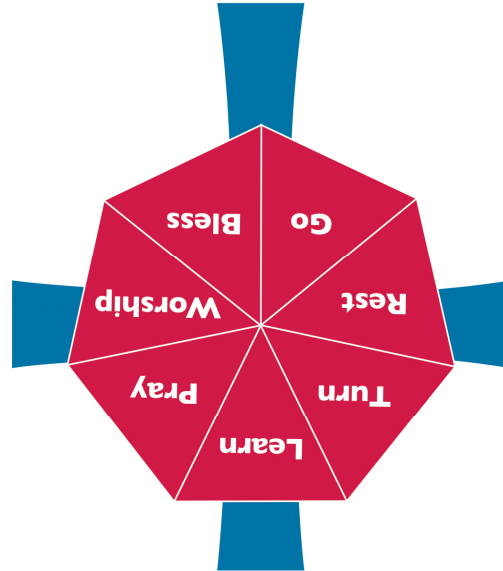
Adult Inspirations

Thanks to everyone who participated in our discussion of Healing Racial Divides! Our Adult Inspirations group will break until after Easter. We will reconvene on April 19!

Three Church Chili Cook Off

Our annual Chili Cook Off will be hosted by St. Paul's Episcopal Church in La Porte on Saturday, March 28. We will gather for evening prayer at 4:30 pm and the Chili Cook Off will begin immediately afterwards. The Rev. Tina Velthuzien will be present to update us about New Happenings ministries. The funds raised by the Chili Cook Off benefit New Happenings ministries. If you would like to represent our parish as a chili chef, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the narthex. If you aren't able to cook, please plan to join us and bring a friend too!

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Return Service Requested

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