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The Newsletter for

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Valparaiso, Indiana

Worship Christ + Grow Together + Serve Others

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a particular way of considering something.



Many years ago I knew a woman named Mary who was a typical of the era stay-at-home mom, and not a person who would have described herself in any way as a “minister”, merely as a Christian. However.

When someone she knew, from church, or the neighborhood, or her kids' school, was in the hospital, or ill at home, or shut-in, Mary would visit them, just because Jesus said to do so,

Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.

Matthew 25: 37-40

In 1985 the Episcopal Church's General Convention passed a new canon allowing lay people to take communion to ill or infirm members of their congregation. Originally called “Lay Eucharistic Ministers”, later, “Lay Eucharistic Visitors”, this ministry was re-named “Eucharistic Visitors” in 2003. The changes to the canons reflect our evolving understanding of the ministry of all the baptized, and the developing theology and practice of this ministry.

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CALENDAR

March 3—ONE CHURCH service 9:00 AM. Sunday with brunch.

March 17— American Guild of Organists recital at St. Andrews 4:00 PM

March 24—31 Holy Week & Easter
Wednesday—Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM

Maundy Thursday—7:00 PM

Good Friday—Noon & 7:00 PM

Great Vigil of Easter—7:45 PM

Easter Sunday 8 & 10 AM

April 7—ONE CHURCH service 9:00 AM. Sunday with brunch.

Weekly recurring items

Sunday Youth Group 4:30 PM

Tuesday Men's Bible Study 7 AM

Tuesday Intercessory Prayer 9 AM

Wednesday Morning Prayer 9 AM

Wednesday Healing Eucharist & Bible study 6 PM

Other recurring items

PADs Dinner – 3rd Wednesday

Ministry Leaders – 2nd Tues 10:15 AM

Vestry – 3rd Tuesday 6 PM

Parish Social Event – usually 4th

Wednesday 5:30 PM

Worship @ Life Care – 1st Fri 2 pm

Worship @ Pines Village – 3rd Friday 1 pm

County Road clean-up - Quarterly

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Contrary to what one might think, this is not at all a new ministry. In the early church, Christian lay people would take the Sacrament home following the Sunday celebration, and during the week would communicate themselves, their families,



and any who were ill or infirm. Some of our current practices for Eucharistic Visits are derived from an ancient account from around 200 CE, and the practice continued until about the fourth century, when some church leaders became concerned that individuals might stay at home and receive the Sacrament, instead of attending church. The practice was gradually restricted further, and by around 1000 CE, only ordained persons were permitted to bring communion to those at home, and later it was further limited to only priests or bishops, *(though there were always exceptions for extreme circumstances)*. With the liturgical movement of the twentieth century, among other ministries grounded in baptism, the church began to recapture the use of eucharistic visitors, and restored this important and fulfilling ministry to all the baptized. Eucharistic Visitors must be trained and be licensed by the bishop. If you feel you are called to this ministry, or if you have any questions, please speak with me!

In case you missed it...

Our annual meeting poll determined that Christmas is your favorite by a mile! Easter & Thanksgiving received multiple votes, and All Saints, Epiphany, Pentecost, Advent, Shrove Tuesday, Good Friday, St Valentine, St Francis and St Patrick received 1 vote each.



One Bread, one Body...One Church

Our next One Church gatherings are March 3rd and April 7th. **We will have ONE service at 9:00 AM Sunday on the FIRST SUNDAY of the month,** followed by brunch. Please join us to talk with those in our parish family whom you might not know very well! This pattern will continue into the summer when the response will be reviewed by the Vestry. Our C.A.T. Survey indicated that 68% of respondents were in favor of occasional joint services to promote unity. Hope you can be there!

Greetings from new Senior Warden Jeff Klemczak

I have recently been elected as vestry Sr. Warden. My wife and I usually attend the 8:00 service. I have been a resident of Valparaiso for 40 years and I've worked for NIPSCO for 42 years. My wife and I enjoy camping and travelling. We have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 4 cats. I have several old cars and several old motorcycles that I enjoy tinkering with. The vestry and I will work hard and be open to new and creative ways to build the life and mission of St Andrews.



Welcome to our new Vestry members

At our Annual Meeting on February 4th, Jim Brown and Hope Smith were elected to the vestry, joining current members:

Jeff Klemczak—elected Senior Warden

Rich Kado—Junior Warden

Theresa Argueta

Kandyce Kraus Hannon

Kevin Kerr

Jill Ritchie

Many thanks to those who have completed their terms.

Senior Warden Allison Cath

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Vestry Clerk Linda Halas

Salina Anderson



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Intercessory Prayer Group - New Prayer cards Katy Hamilton

It is a privilege for me to lead the Intercessory Prayer Group. I started attending St. Andrew's shortly before the Covid lockdown. I had been looking for a way to serve the church when Allison approached me about leading the group. Her timing was excellent, I had recently had a conversation with a parishioner who was, in her words, "feeling useless." This dear friend said..." but at least I can pray." Her words touched me, and I thought perhaps there are others in our parish that may feel the same way. Allison put me in contact with Tom Muchesko. His wife Karen organized and kept the group active during the Covid challenge before she passed away last winter. I never had the pleasure of meeting Karen, but I feel her presence in this important work. Her files and notes have made my job so much easier.

There are several ways you may submit requests, and I stress that all are kept confidential, unless specifically noted. When in doubt, we always err on the side of confidentiality. It is up to you how much personal information is included, full names, first names or no names. **If you indicate that you want the request made public, and have received permission from the person to do so,** they will be included in the Sunday intercessions, beginning in March. We will only use first names; never last names. We receive many requests that are unsigned, which is fine, God knows who you are. You can fill out a card and drop it in the collection plate, or in the box at the back of church next to the candle stand, or in the outdoor prayer box at the entrance of the driveway. You can also contact me or call the office. Requests will stay on the list for 4 weeks, then, if the need is ongoing, you may resubmit your request. We appreciate notification if circumstances change, so we can give thanks for answered prayers.

The requirements to be a member of the Intercessory Prayer Group are a commitment to pray for others on most days, and an ability to maintain confidentiality. We meet weekly at church, but we do have some members who cannot meet in person and we have found ways for them to participate. If you are called to explore this ministry, please contact me. I can be reached at khamilton@standrewsvalpo.org, or you can leave a message for me at the church.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there" among them.

Matthew 18:20

Property updates

The addition to the columbarium will be ordered shortly. Fabrication and delivery will take three to four months, and will be followed by construction of the wooden case to house the new unit. The new section will contain sixteen niches and will be located to the left of the existing units. The kiosk formerly located in the Gathering Space is now in the outdoor pavilion and can be used for services or other events there. The new furnaces and ecobee thermostats have been installed and are functioning well. The 2024 contract for the pond maintenance has been signed, as well as the quote to inspect and rebuild the fountain motor and pump as necessary. (Every 3 years). The issue of false alarms being generated from one specific motion sensor is being addressed with the vendor.

Why we do it

Missy Parks, Altar Guild leader, describes serving on the Altar Guild as a service to the church and to God, to prepare for the worship service so it goes smoothly. She adds that it is a great way to become closer to those who are also serving. Working together and coordinating tasks lets you get to know others and be more connected. It also makes you more invested in everything, and more attentive and invested in the church when you take part in preparing everything for the service. The Altar Guild sets up for each church service and cleans up afterwards, maintains the linens, paraments, votive holders and other items use in worship, and ensures there is an adequate supply of bread, wine, communion cups, candles, and all the myriad items that are used in church throughout the year. They also decorate the church for seasons and special services. Missy hopes there are some more persons who would like to deepen their faith, and maybe make new friends, by participating in the Altar Guild.



Brian Bartniczak , AV/IT leader describes serving in these roles as giving back to the community, and for his personal education as a kind of live technology beta-testing environment. His aim is to keep St. Andrew's moving forward technologically. **He notes that the live stream was very effective at reaching those who could not be here during COVID-19 pandemic, and continues to be valuable for those who must still be cautious during the winter illness season, those who are away from home, those who can't attend at our usual service times, and even people from other countries!** Brian hopes that more people might learn to help with the Sunday process. Some of the tasks include helping to set up and take down the microphones, putting together the lower thirds and prompts for the stream, and uploading the bulletin on the website. A hope for the future is having a person to act



as **“chat moderator”**, so that those viewing live can comment and we can respond during the service in order that viewers feel more connected to the event. Additional operators of the live stream and recording are also needed, and training will be provided. When asked what else parish members ought to know about our live streaming, Brian said, *“Always use the microphones, even if you aren't on camera, for announcements or directions or whatever. People viewing the livestream won't hear you otherwise.”*

Souper Chili Bowl Cook off The Winning Recipe!

Many thanks to Jennie and Dave Brock for sharing this great recipe!

VENISON CHILI

Ingredients:

- 1 lb ground venison or lean ground beef
- 1 chopped onion
- 4 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 2 28 oz cans crushed tomatoes
- 1 28 oz can tomato sauce
- 3 TBL chili powder
- 1 1/2 TBL ground cumin
- Red pepper flakes to taste
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 TBL salt
- 1 green pepper, chopped fine
- 1 1/2 cans dark red kidney beans, drained and rinsed

In a large pot, brown ground venison with onion and garlic. Add tomatoes, water as needed, herbs and spices, combining mixture well. Simmer uncovered for one-two hours.

Add green pepper and beans, simmer 30 minutes more.

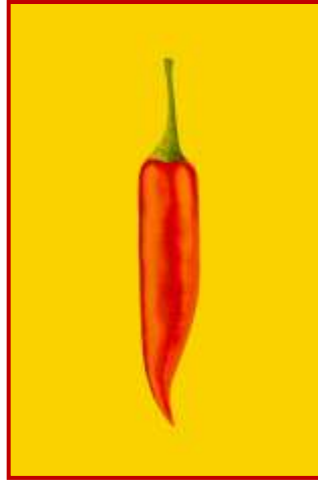


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Good Works

Watch for announcement coming soon:

Movers for Moms drive for The Caring Place

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...is always ready to receive your donations for the Christian Food Pantry. **March donation requests** include cleaning items in green (color) packaging, e. g. dish and laundry detergent, all purpose cleaner. **Easter donation requests** include canned fruit, corn, creamed corn, jiffy corn muffin mix, jello, hamburger helper, cooking oil, condiments, PBJ, boxed potatoes, cake frosting, paper products & puffs. **See Karl's list!**

Safe Church

Training Opportunity for those who have **not** taken Safe Church Training in the last 3 years. Conducted on Zoom, Saturday, March 9, 2-5 p.m. (EST) Space is limited and **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

If you need to renew your Safe Church training, and were trained within the past 3 years, you may complete the online refresher through Praesidium Academy. For more information contact Cindy Spice at safeguarding@ednin.org

Inquiring minds...A recurring item of things you've always wondered about.

How is the date of Easter determined?

On pages 880-881 of the Book of Common Prayer the actual calculation is described. In brief, Easter is the Sunday after the full moon on or after the spring equinox on March 21 (*not necessarily the astronomical date of the equinox*). Easter can be no earlier than March 22 and no later than April 25. The date of Easter determines the date of Ash Wednesday, Pentecost, and therefore how many Sundays after Epiphany are observed, and which "proper" collect and readings are used to begin the season after Pentecost following Trinity Sunday. Before most people had access to calendars (*and before Google!*) the date of Easter and other dependent observances were announced by the deacon at the Feast of the Epiphany.

Love's Destination: A Lenten Reflection

Lent is a journey, not a destination. It is the ultimate walk in love. As we hear the story of Jesus' physical journey toward Jerusalem and the events of Holy Week, we take our own spiritual journey. We follow that rocky road as our readings walk us through foreshadowing and heartache until we arrive at the foot of the cross. We are invited on this journey not because we need to suffer as Jesus suffered, but so that we may understand the Grace that comes from living through difficult moments. Jesus models this work, and while he will be martyred and raised, his invitation is not to follow him into death, rather to follow him into the compassion and empathy that come from resisting and crossing over our darkest instincts.



The walk of love teaches us that the path through scarcity and anxiety is in trusting in the abundance we have been shown, the gifts that we have been given. We are, each of us, given gifts to grow God's Kingdom: kindness, generosity, strength, wisdom, creativity, passion, and so many more. Stewardship reminds us to harness and nurture these gifts so that we might be able to share them more extravagantly with those we meet on our journey.

J. Davey Gerhard is Canon for Stewardship and the Executive Director of TENS. He lives, works, and worships in San Francisco, California.

WE ARE A RECYCLING CHURCH !

You may have noticed our new blue recycling bins placed around our church. We acknowledge God's creation care as an act of discipleship; We are stewards of the earth, summoned by God to "work it and care for it". Our uses of the earth must be designed to conserve and renew it rather than to deplete or destroy it.

To that end we have placed blue recycling bins for your use. Paper (non-soiled) such as used bulletins, empty water bottles and cans, paper cartons (non-soiled), clean cardboard, etc. can go in the blue bins.



The white trash cans are for....trash! Empty coffee cups, paper plates and soiled paper napkins are some of the items considered trash. **If in doubt, check the bottom of the container for the universal recycle symbol Numbers 1-4 Valparaiso considers recyclable.**

When trash and recyclable items are mixed together, it takes valuable time and resources to sort and clean those items.

Thanks for helping us achieve our goal of being good stewards of God's creation.

PLASTIC RECYCLING CHART				
	PET POLYETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE	COSMETIC CONTAINERS FOOD JARS JELLY AND JAM CONTAINERS MOUTHWASH BOTTLES	PEANUT BUTTER CONTAINERS PLASTIC BOTTLES PREPARED FOOD TRAYS SALAD DRESSING BOTTLES	BINKLE USE WATER BOTTLES SOFT DRINK BOTTLES SPORT DRINK BOTTLES
	HDPE HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE	AGRICULTURAL PIPE DETERGENT BOTTLES EXTRUDED PVC BROODER BARS	ICE CREAM TUBS MILK JUGS JUICE JARS OIL VINEGAR BOTTLES	PALE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT SHRIMP BOTTLES SAFFRON CONTAINERS
	PVC POLYVINYL CHLORIDE	BLOWER TUBES BLDG BARS CABLE SHEATHING CARPET BACKING	FLOOR TILES GARDEN HOSE WREST WRAP MEDICAL TUBING	OUTDOOR FURNITURE PLUMBING PIPE WINDOW FRAMES WIRE INSULATION
	LDPE LOW DENSITY POLYETHYLENE	4 PUCK BASKS BREAD BAGS DRY CLEANING BAGS GARBAGE BAGS	HEAVY DUTY BAGS WOLDED LANDFILL EQUIPMENT PLASTIC FOOD WRAP	RECYCLING BARS SQUEEZABLE BOTTLES TOYS



Youth Enjoy Sushi!

Clergy, Staff & Vestry

The Rev'd Cathy Carpenter	Special Priest in Charge
Mrs. Michelle Klemczak	Church Administrator
Mrs. Jeanne Foster	Music Director
Ms. Nancy Seeley	Sexton
Mr. Jeff Klemczak	Senior Warden
Mr. Rich Kado	Junior Warden
Ms. Kandyce Kraus Hannon	Vestry Clerk
Mr. Bob Bryant	Treasurer
Mrs. Theresa Argueta.	Vestry Member
Mr. Jim Brown	Vestry Member
Mr. Kevin Kerr, Esq.	Vestry Member
Mrs. Jill Richie, Esq	Vestry Member
Ms Hope Smith	Vestry Member

Ministry Team Leaders


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	Jonathan Bis
	Valerie Schlink
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	Jenn Rodd
Finance	Barb Janulis
Hospitality	Chris Kado
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