

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

Sunday, August 16, 2015

SALT Leadership Conference August 22

The next St. Andrew's Leadership Touchstone (SALT) conference is scheduled for Saturday, August 22 from 9 a.m. to Noon at the church. We're delighted that **Pastor Mike Weaver** will return to lead us in another wonderful mini-retreat for all leaders and servers at St. Andrew's.

Mike is an ordained Lutheran pastor, currently serving at All Saints Lutheran Church, in Worthington, and a professional improviser. As he did last August, Mike will share his unique perspective and gifts with us in an entertaining and engaging conference

All ministry leaders, including Sunday school teachers, are encouraged to attend! Others interested in learning about how to lead like Jesus are also welcome.

A light continental breakfast will be served. You may sign up in the Narthex today, or register online at standrewspolaris.org.



Men and Boys Brats Bash

After a stormy start to the week, the skies cleared on Tuesday, making it a beautiful day for the 2015 Dave Cook Memorial Men and Boy's Brats Bash, hosted by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Thanks to Ed Summer for taking pictures, and giving us a glimpse into the fun! See more on the back page!

New service times start in September

Beginning the first weekend in September, we'll be introducing a Saturday evening service, and moving to two Sunday morning services, with a dedicated time in between for discipleship for all ages, and a greater focus on fellowship.

This change, which we first announced earlier this summer, comes after much prayer and discernment, several years of discussion parish-wide, in small groups and one-on-one, and

two member surveys. While the surveys alone did not reveal a clear consensus as to service times, there was general agreement surrounding the need for:

- all of our children, who now attend Sunday school at two separate times, to attend class together;
- greater fellowship opportunities between services;
- more time for parishioners and clergy to interact on Sunday mornings; and
- reduced "traffic noise" in the Narthex during the last service of the morning.

Your Vestry and I believe the new worship service schedule addresses all of these needs.

Children's & Youth Ministry

Our children will benefit specifically by a more consistent class structure, which will allow teachers to plan for a 45-minute class period, including gathering time and closing prayer, which sometimes gets cut short under the current schedule.

In addition, all of our children — who now attend Sunday school at two separate times — will have an

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The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 16), August 16-22

Sunday, August 16 — A.M.: Psalm 118; P.M.: Psalm 145; 2 Samuel 17:1-23; Galatians 3:6-14; John 5:30-47

Monday, August 17 — A.M.: Psalm 106:1-18; P.M.: Psalm 106:19-48; 2 Samuel 17:24-18:8; Acts 22:30-23:11; Mark 11:12-26

Tuesday, August 18 — A.M.: Psalm [120], 121, 122, 123; P.M.: Psalm 124, 125, 126, [127]; 2 Samuel 18:9-18; Acts 23:12-24; Mark 11:27-12:12

Wednesday, August 19 — A.M.: Psalm 119:145-176; P.M.: Psalm 128, 129, 130; 2 Samuel 18:19-23; Acts 23:23-35; Mark 12:13-27

Thursday, August 20 — A.M.: Psalm 131, 132, [133]; P.M.: Psalm 134, 135; 2 Samuel 19:1-23; Acts 24:1-23; Mark 12:28-34

Friday, August 21 — A.M.: Psalm 140, 142; P.M.: Psalm 141, 143:1-11(12); 2 Samuel 19:24-43; Acts 24:24-25:12; Mark 12:35-44

Saturday, August 22 — A.M.: Psalm 137:1-6(7-9), 144; P.M.: Psalm 104; 2 Samuel 23:1-7, 13-17; Acts 25:13-27; Mark 13:1-13

Next Sunday, August 23 — A.M.: Psalm 146, 147; P.M.: Psalm 111, 112, 113; 2 Samuel 24:1-2, 10-25; Gal. 3:23-4:7; John 8:12-20

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Collect: BCP 232

First Reading: 1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43

Psalm 34:15-22 (BCP 628)

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Gospel: John 6:56-69

Encouragement for your prayer time with God

God loves to hear us pray. " 'This is what the Lord, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears;' " (2 Kings 20:5b) "... then that person can pray to God and find favor with him, they will see God's face and shout for joy; he will restore them to full well-being. Job 33:26 "Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!" Psalm 66:20) "Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God's people, on the golden altar in front of the throne. The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God's people, went up before God from the angel's hand." (Revelation 8:3-4) — **St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries**

Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Bishop Dr. Maternus Kapinga** and for the priests, deacons, religious, and laity of the Diocese of Ruvuma, Tanzania. Ruvuma is one of the 18 mainland and one island dioceses in the Anglican Church of Tanzania, in east Africa. Anglican worship in the area covered by the Diocese began in 1902 and the Diocese itself was created in 1971. The Diocese has been growing, with some 1,000 confirmations since 2000. The Diocese now has 40 parishes (and each parish may have up to five "outstations," served by lay catechists), 40 clergy, and some 55,000 members. Both urban and rural areas are encompassed by the Diocese but poverty is endemic across the area; the bishop has no regular stipend and priests' pay is often overdue by many months, if not years! Please pray especially for St. Augustine Open Seminary, established by the current bishop to provide continuing education for clergy; for the work among youth; for more vocations to the priesthood; and for the Prayer Fellowship.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Fr. PT Morgan** and **Fr. Jon Back** and for the people of **St. Anne's, Anderson, Indiana**.

Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Bernie** and **Ellie Schramm**; **Mike Schroeder**; **Frank** and **Marty Scott**; the **Senior Saints**; and the **Community Garden Ministry**. Please also pray for all who care for children: Lord, please give them love and patience, remembering that children are a heritage from you, and the Kingdom of God belongs to them.

Prayer teams are available for intercessory prayer

Prayer teams are available to pray with you at the altar rail between the 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services. You may seek prayer for personal cares and concerns, concerns for others or offer thanksgivings for God's blessings. The prayer team will also offer the sacrament of Holy Unction — the anointing with oil, laying on of hands and prayers for healing — upon request. All prayers are confidential.

Harvest Festival Notes

Planning meeting July 30

The Harvest Festival Planning Team will meet at 7 p.m. at the Parish House. Plan to join us as we prepare to welcome our community to St. Andrew's for our largest outreach event of the year on Saturday, Oct. 24!



Children's games volunteers

Sign-up sheets are out in the Narthex for volunteers to help with children's game at the 2015 Harvest Festival. Stop by the Information Desk today to see

Raffle announced

We will once again have a raffle in conjunction with the Harvest Festival, and this year there are even more ways to win!

The top prize will be a \$500 Visa Gift Card; second place will be a \$150 Kroger Gift Card; third place will be \$50 Bath and Body Gift Card; and fourth place will be a \$50 Max and Erma's Gift Card.

Tickets are \$5 each, or \$20 for a book of five. Only 300 tickets will be sold.

Tickets will be available the first of September. Watch "The Net" and our website for further details!

Prayer for the election of a bishop

All churches in the Diocese have been asked to pray for our retiring bishop and the bishop to be elected.

Almighty God, Our Heavenly Father, we humbly ask for the grace of discernment as our Diocesan Standing Committee engages in the task of discerning and recommending to the ACNA House of Bishops the candidates for the next Bishop.

We lift our retiring Bishop Roger Ames up to you, thanking you for his faithful stewardship as the founding Bishop of our Diocese. Continue to bless him and Gretsie in these days of transition.

May you grace us in the Diocese of the Great Lakes with the wisdom to discern and embrace the next Bishop that you have planned for us. We pray this in the name of Jesus our Savior and Lord who is one with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever, *Amen*.

New to St. Andrew's? Come learn more about us on Sunday, August 30!

"Class 101: Discover St. Andrew's," an orientation to our parish, will be offered on Sunday, August 30, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Parish House Conference Room. This class, taught by **Fr. Ron Baird**, is an introduction to St. Andrew's, and is for anyone who is interested in joining the parish, or who just wants to know more about our mission and ministry!

In Class 101 you'll learn about Our Purpose: Why we exist as a church; Our Mission: How and where we fulfill our purpose; Our Faith: What we believe and what God has done for us through his son, Jesus Christ; and Our Commitment: Who God calls us to be and what he calls us to do.

You may register online at standrewspolaris.org, or by contacting **Judy Baird**, 740-548-5112, ext. 3 or jbaird@standrewspolaris.org. Child care will be provided for those families who need it, but we do ask that you let us know when you register so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

Who should attend Class 101?

Anyone who is interested in joining St. Andrew's, or just wants to know more about our mission and ministry!

I've been Anglican/Episcopalian all my life. Do I still need to take Class 101?

If you want to join St. Andrew's, yes! Class 101: Discover St. Andrew's is our formal method of incorporation into the parish. We think it's important to know a little bit about who we are before you join our parish family. This class focuses more on the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's than it does on the Episcopal or Anglican faith tradition.

I've been coming to St. Andrew's for awhile now. Do I still need to take Class 101?

We welcome your presence with us in worship and other activities, regardless of whether you've made a formal commitment to membership at St. Andrew's. We believe, however, that there are some important reasons to make a commitment to a local church community, and this class will help you decide if that is something you'd like to do. Making a formal commitment to membership also makes you eligible to vote in parish elections and serve in positions of parish leadership.

If I take Class 101, do I have to join the parish?

Although you will be invited to join St. Andrew's at the close of the class, you are under no obligation to do so. Once you complete the class, you may join the parish at any time simply by signing and returning the Membership Covenant that is in the Participant's Manual that you will receive.

I'd like to have my child baptized at St. Andrew's. Do I need to take Class 101?

Yes! When your child is baptized at St. Andrew's, he or she becomes a member of this parish. We believe it's important that the parents be members too, since they are covenanting to raise the child in the faith.

Should I attend Class 101 if I wish to be married at St. Andrew's?

Yes! The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, the union of a woman and man in Christian marriage, is available at St. Andrew's to couples who are members of the parish. If you are considering marriage, your first step is to attend Class 101. You should then set up a time to talk with Fr. Ron to arrange for marriage preparation, and call the church office at 740-548-5112 to schedule a date for the wedding. There is no cost for the services of the clergy, or for the use of the church, to church members.

Save The date! Wine, Women & Whatever returns!

"Wine, Women & Whatever," a fellowship event for women and girls of the parish, will return on Sunday, Sept. 20, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the home of Robin Field. Mark your calendars now, and watch "The Net" and our website for more information!

Prayer Service Wednesday, August 26

The next Weekday Prayer Service will be Wednesday, August 26, at 12 Noon in the Sanctuary. Come, pray, and notice what God accomplishes!

Coming up ...

Women's Bible Study interest meeting: Tuesday August 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Parish House. Contact Tally Whitehead, twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org, for more information.

Teacher Dinner, Thursday Sept. 3. Watch "The Net" and our website for details.

Rally Sunday, Sept. 13! Watch "The Net" and our website for details!

Calling all married couples

If you are married, whether for a short time or a long time, the Marriage Enrichment and Support Community Ministry wants to invite you to a special event. The ministry will be screening the recently shown Hallmark movie, "Just The Way You Are," on Friday, August 21, at the church and we invite you to join us.

We plan to have popcorn and cold beverages and would love to have your fellowship. Consider it a "date night!"

We will also take five minutes to share a little information about the Marriage Enrichment and Support Community, and why you might want to join us at meetings in the future.

If you need child care, please let us know and we will try to arrange it.

Please RSVP by contacting **Larry and Patti Cooper** at polarismarriageenrichment@gmail.com, or by calling them at 740-369-0832.

Lunch on the Lawn August 30

Please join us on Sunday, August 30, from 12 Noon to 2 p.m. under the trees at the Parish House for "Lunch on the Lawn." Bring a bag lunch for you and your family and come enjoy an informal afternoon of fellowship with your church family. As an alternative to a sack lunch, some families prefer to order food to be delivered. If you would like to take that route, please let Tally Whitehead know by contacting her at twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org for help arranging take-out food. Beverages will be provided by the church.

The swing set area is open this summer for kids to play on, but feel free to bring any lawn games you have as well as lawn chairs and/or blankets to spread on the ground.



Men and Boys Brats Bash

Above, left, Dick Busick shares about the background music he provided for the Brats Bash; above, right, Mike Schroeder and Fr. Ron Baird chat under the shade of the tress on the Parish House lawn; at left, Bill Lucas goes through the food line; and center, one of our youth selects some goodies.

New service times

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opportunity to explore the Bible, and learn about the liturgy of the Church, together with others their age, which will serve to strengthen the bonds of friendship among them.

For children in pre-school through 3rd Grade, we'll offer a Children's Chapel during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9 a.m. service, beginning after the Gospel is read.

Fr. Ron encourages you to make both worship and Sunday school a priority for your family. Children's Chapel differs from Sunday school in that it provides children a place to worship God in a way that is meaningful to them, while Sunday school is where they learn the stories of the Old and New Testament, about the sacraments of the Church, and the story of Salvation. Both are vital to

our children's spiritual growth and development.

Youth will also meet in between services.

Adult Discipleship

Having a time between services on Sunday mornings will expand our opportunities for adult discipleship. We'll offer a variety of studies throughout the course of the year, which will be both clergy-and lay-led. Fr. Ron will teach the first study, which you'll hear more about as we get closer to Rally Day and the kick-off of our fall program on Sept. 13.

Fellowship

The new service schedule allows people to "meet in the middle," and gather in fellowship in a less-hurried atmosphere.

Worship

Our new schedule will look like this:

- Saturday, 5 p.m., Traditional liturgy and Holy Communion, with no music
- Sunday, 9 a.m., Traditional liturgy and Holy Communion, with organ and choir
- Sunday, 10:15- 11 a.m., Discipleship for all ages and fellowship time
- Sunday, 11:15 a.m., Contemporary worship with Holy Communion

Please watch your mail at home this week with a letter from Fr. Ron with further details. And watch "The Net" for more information about Rally Day and the kick-off of our new worship schedule and fall program.