

# The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

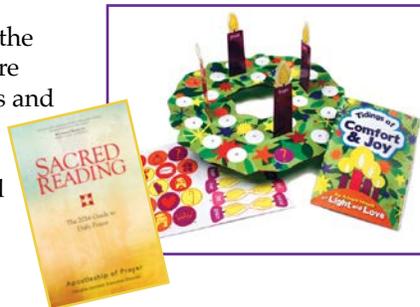
November 27, 2016



The Rt. Rev. Ronald Jackson, bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes, made his first visit to St. Andrew's last weekend. He is pictured above, back row, with Fr. Ron Baird and the youth and adults who were confirmed, received into the Anglican branch of Christ's One, Holy and Apostolic Church, or who renewed their baptismal vows. See next week's edition of "The Net" for more pictures from the festivities.

## Advent Devotionals available now

Advent begins today, so be sure to pick up a complimentary devotional for your family in the Narthex if you haven't yet. Our two choices are "Sacred Reading," printed by Ave Maria Press and "Tidings of Comfort and Joy," published by Creative Communications. "Sacred Reading" is a more traditional devotional for adults and "Tidings of Comfort and Joy" is described as "an Advent wreath of light and love (stickers and devotions for children)."



We know how busy the holidays can be, so we wanted to offer our parents with young children an easy Advent devotional that their kids can enjoy and possibly read on their own. It's a short and easy devotional to read at the dinner table or even in the car, and the paper wreath takes the stress of lighting real candles with young ones! Parents may pick one of each if they would like one for personal devotions as well.

## Youth Christmas party, Zoo outing Sunday, Dec. 18

We will once again be having a Youth Group Christmas party and trip to the Columbus Zoo. Mark your calendars now for the afternoon of Sunday, Dec. 18, and watch for more details in next week's edition of "The Net!"

## Women's Tuesday Bible Study meets next week, Dec. 6

The Tuesday Women's Bible Study group's next meeting will be Dec. 6 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Parish House. This will be our last meeting before Christmas. We will reconvene Bible Study after the holidays on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

## Festival of Lessons & Carols set for Dec. 18

The St. Andrew's Choir will present the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9 a.m. service on the fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 18. This Anglican Advent tradition dates back to 1880, but Organist and Choir Director Laurie Darke will introduce a decidedly St. Andrew's flavor with the involvement of our youth and children. Many of our youth will be reading the lessons, and our children will present a Nativity tableau, bringing alive the Christmas story.

Edward White Benson, later to become the Archbishop of Canterbury, designed the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in 1880 for use on Christmas Eve in Cornwall, England. In 1918, King's College in Cambridge, England, began performing the Festival of Lessons and Carols each year, and in the United States, the Groton School in Massachusetts has been performing the festival annually since 1928. Performances of the Nine Lessons and Carols have since become an Advent tradition throughout much of the Anglican Communion.

The festival tells the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus through nine short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols and hymns. This will be the first time St. Andrew's has

*Read more inside*

**O**ur children will have a visit from a very special Advent saint next Sunday, Dec. 4, during the 10:15 a.m. "Grow in Faith" time!

Be sure to come out for pictures and a treat from St. Nicholas!



# The Daily Lectionary

Week of the First Sunday in Advent · Nov. 27-Dec. 3

**Sunday, November 27** — A.M.: Psalms 120, 121, 122, 123, 124 & 125; Isaiah 1:1-20 (21-31); Matthew 24. 1-28 P.M.: Psalms 126, 127, 128, 129, 130 & 131; Isaiah 2:(1-9) 10-22; John 3:1-21

**Monday, November 28** — A.M.: Psalms 132, 133, 134, 135; Isaiah 3: 1-15 (16-26); Mark 1: 1-20 P.M.: Psalms 136, 137 & 138; Isaiah 4; Revelation 6

**Tuesday, November 29** — A.M.: Psalms 139 & 140; Isaiah 6; Mark 1:21-45 P.M.: Psalm 141, 142, 143; Isaiah 8:16—9:7; Revelation 7

**Wednesday, November 30** — A.M.: Psalms 144, 145 & 146; Isaiah 9. 8-10:4; Mark 2:1-22 P.M.: Psalms 147, 148, 149 & 150; Isaiah 10:5-23; Revelation 8 **Feast of St. Andrew** — Deuteronomy 30:11-14; Psalm 19 or 19:1-6; Romans 10:8b-18; Matthew 4:18-22

**Thursday, December 1** — A.M.: Psalms 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5; Isaiah 10:24-34 (& 11:1-10) Mark 2:23-3:12 P.M.: Psalms 6, 7, & 8; Isaiah 13: 1-14:2; Revelation 9

**Friday, December 2** — A.M.: Psalms 9, 10, 11; Isaiah 14:3-27 (14:28-15:9); Mark 3:13-35 P.M.: Psalms 2, 13, 14; Isaiah (16) 17; Revelation 10

**Saturday, December 3** — A.M.: Psalms 15, 16, 17; Isaiah 18; Mark 4:1-20 P.M.: Psalm 18; Isaiah 19:1-17; Revelation 11

**Next Sunday, December 4** — A.M.: Psalms 19, 20, 21; Isaiah 5:1-16; Matthew 24:29-51 P.M.: Psalms 22, 23; Isaiah 5:(17-30) 18-30; Luke 1:1-25

**Next Sunday's Lectionary · Dec. 4 (Second Sunday in Advent, Year A)**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 11:1-10

**Psalm 72:1-15 (16-19)**

**Second Reading:** Romans 15:1-13

**Gospel:** Matthew 3:1-12

## New Lectionary in use today

Beginning today, the first Sunday in Advent, we'll be using the Anglican Church in North America's new Lectionary for our Sunday Scripture readings, as well as for the Daily Lectionary, above. The readings during the Liturgy of the Word are from the English Standard Version (ESV) translation of the Bible. You may link to the daily readings, also from the ESV, from our website. See next week's edition of "The Net" for more information about the new lectionaries.

## Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Bishop Dean Wolfe and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Kansas.

The diocese was founded in 1859, nearly two years before Kansas statehood, and existed for five years before any clergy accepted the call to be bishop (because of the harsh living conditions and small number of churches then in the diocese). Until 1901 the diocese encompassed the entire state. The eastern and western portions were split in 1901, and the western section now is the Diocese of Western Kansas

The Episcopal Church is home to about 11,000 people in 44 congregations in cities and towns across eastern Kansas.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for 62:12 Ministries, Wadsworth, Ohio, and the Rev. Canon Andrea Orchard.

Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Steve and Sue Allen; David & Mary Alvarado; the Early Birds Small Group; and the Acolytes.

## Encouragement for your prayer time with God

"When we pray for someone, we are aligning ourselves to respond to the pull of God." (From "Embracing Forgiveness" by Barbara Cawthorne Crafton.) "Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, and who seek Him with all their heart." (*Psalm 119:2*) "We give thanks to God always for you all, mentioning you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patient hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of God and our Father." (*1 Thessalonians 1:2-3*) — *From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries Team*

## Pledge drive at \$383,880

Ninety-two families have responded to the 2017 General Fund stewardship drive, pledging \$383,880 as of this Friday.

Our goal is \$460,000, which means we have \$76,120 yet to raise. If you are among those who have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so today so the Vestry can finalize the 2017 budget.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed to Christ's mission at St. Andrew's Anglican Church!

## December Birthdays

Candy Tracy

Sarah Fabian

Donn Ross

Jon Wallace

Naythan Christie

Braeden Snead

Burt Otani

Rachel Cherubini

Aiden Darke

Avril Darke

Peter Vanderhoff

Alan Seitz

Deryck Richardson

Steve Darke

Kerri Brock

Steve Sattler

Kristin Lowery

## December Anniversaries

Bill & Debbie Sterling

Carlo & Rachel Cherubini

Ryan & Diane Bobay

Steve & Jan Zacharias

Bob & Alex Seyerle

Frank & Jo Edda Habeker

## Festival of Lessons

*Continued from the front*

performed the festival.

## A reminder to parents

Parents are reminded to let Judy Baird or Tally Whitehead know today if your child wishes to be involved, and plan to come to a rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary. You may also contact Judy or Tally for more information.

We hope as many of our children and youth as possible can participate in this event, which is sure to enhance our Advent worship as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child!

# Prepare ye the Way of the Lord



In this Advent season, prepare a place in your heart and life for the coming of God in the flesh: Emmanuel! Make a commitment to yourself and to God to come to church each and every Sunday in Advent, to confess your sins, to hear his Word preached and to receive him into your very life in the Holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood.

By keeping a Holy Advent we open the way to make a joyful Christmas for ourselves. It serves to keep the hustle and bustle of December and the commercialism with which the world hypes Christmas in perspective.

It serves as a reminder to us that Christmas is not about presents under a tree, but about the greatest gift the world has ever been given: The gift of the Son of God enfleshed by power of the Virgin Mary. Emmanuel: The gift of God with us. The salvation of

the world! This advent let us heed the cry of John the Baptist and of the prophet Isaiah before him: Prepare ye the way!

## The Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath dates back to ancient celebrations of the Winter solstice — that time of year when the sun reaches its Southern-most point in the heavens and the days are darkest and most gloomy.

Because they longed for the return of the sun's light and life, the ancients stopped all usual activity, sacrificed the use of their wagon wheels and hung them up, festooned with lights and greens, in their celebration hall.



There they awaited the return of their sun-god, thinking of the warmth and life he brought. Celebrations culminated in the "nativity" of the sun — the turning point of the year.

As Christians, we use the same meaningful custom to anticipate the feast of light and life: The nativity of the Savior. We add one light on the wreath for each Sunday in Advent. We

think of the darkness after Adam's sin and watch the growing hope and light as the prophets and the Virgin help us prepare for the saving birth.

**Hey kids! How many symbols for St. Andrew can you find in the icon at left?**

## The Feast of St. Andrew



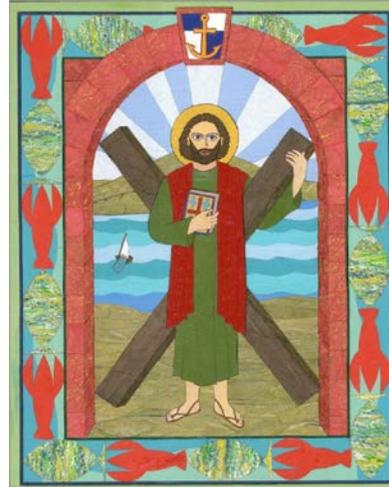
The Feast of St. Andrew, our parish's patron saint, is observed in the Church worldwide on Nov. 30.

Like his brother Simon Peter, Andrew was a fisherman in Bethsaida in Galilee, in what is now present-day Israel. He was with John the Baptist when John pointed to Jesus and said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" It was then that he began to follow Jesus, and when Jesus asked Andrew what he was seeking, Andrew replied by asking him where he lived.

Jesus said, "Come and see." Andrew then brought Simon Peter to Jesus, exclaiming, "We have found the Messiah!" The brothers left their nets to follow Jesus, who promised to make them "fishers of men."

Tradition speaks of Andrew carrying the Gospel message to Greece and Asia Minor following our Lord's ascension into heaven. He is said to have been put to death by the Roman authorities on an x-shaped cross, to which he was tied, rather than nailed.

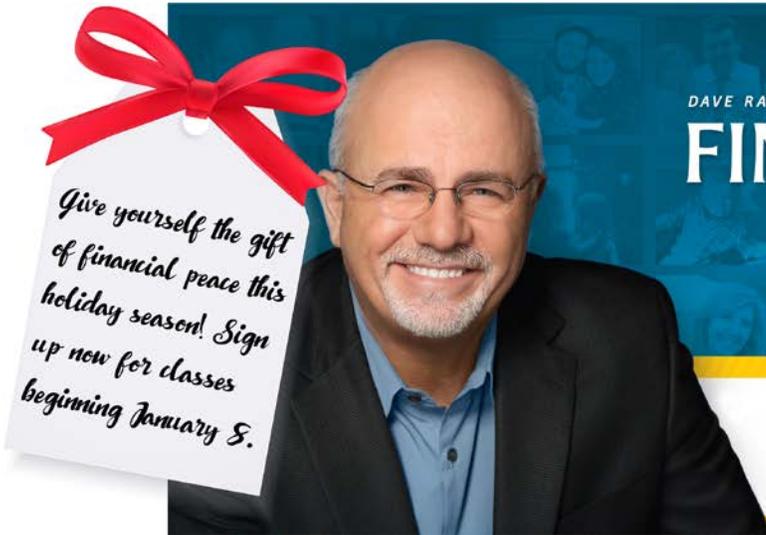
He is supposed to have been buried in Patras in southern Greece. An x-shaped cross, or saltire (reflected in our parish's cross logo, is the symbol for St. Andrew, as are fish and fishing nets. Our parish's logo cross incorporates this "X" shape. The countries of Russia and Scotland have chosen St. Andrew as their patron.



St. Andrew by David Raber  
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## A Prayer for the Feast of St. Andrew

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give us, who are called by your Holy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



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## *Christmas Flower Memorials & Thanksgivings*



The Altar Guild is now accepting contributions toward flowers to decorate the altar and sanctuary for Christmas Eve. If you would like to make a gift in any amount in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving for a loved one, an event or a blessing, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate along with your check made payable to St. Andrew's Anglican Church. Please note *Altar Guild* in the memo section of your check. Cash gifts should be placed in an envelope, along with this form.

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For more information, please contact **Ellie Schramm**, 614-846-0711, or email us at [mail@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:mail@standrewspolaris.org) **Deadline: Sunday, Dec. 18.**

## **Parishioners to perform in Vaud-Villities Christmas show**

Here's a chance to get into the holiday spirit while supporting members of our parish family. Organist and Choir Director Laurie Darke, husband Steve and son Liam, along with Randy Smith, will be performing in Vaud-Villities upcoming holiday variety show. *'Tis the Season* will be presented Friday, Dec. 9, at 2:30 p.m.; Saturday Dec. 10, at 2:30 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2:30 p.m. at the Northland Performing Arts Center, 4411 Tamarack Blvd. (off Morse Road), Columbus.

In addition to the main performance, Vocalities, the ensemble group directed by Laurie, which was such a hit this year's at our Harvest Festival, will be performing before each show on Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$15 for seniors and students; and \$10 for youth ages five through 14. Children four and under will be admitted free. See Laurie, Steve or Randy for tickets, or visit [vvshows.org](http://vvshows.org).

This year's holiday variety show is centers around the theme of being snowed-in at a cabin during the holidays, or snowed in at the cabin during the holidays.