

# The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

February 12, 2017

## Missionaries to visit next weekend

*In that day you will say: "Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted."*

— Isaiah 12:4

The second Sunday before the end of Epiphany is World Mission Sunday, which this year is Feb. 19. St. Andrew's will welcome missionaries to the Middle East at all three services this weekend, making this special day spiritually challenging, prayerfully engaging and practically motivating!

Joel, who is currently in the ordination process with the Anglican Church in North America, will be our guest preacher at all three service, and will speak during the Adult Forum at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday.

Joel and his wife were officially accepted as candidates with Interserve Fellowship ([www.interserveusa.org](http://www.interserveusa.org)) in 2016, and have begun their journey of support-raising. The mission God has given to them is to love and serve Muslims in the Middle East as an extension of God's great love for all. "His love compels us to love, to bless, to serve and to share our very lives with people who are radically different and sometimes radically opposed to us," they wrote in their recent newsletter.

On Feb. 18 and 19, they hope to have opportunities to share more about their future ministry with us. For more information, please contact Marty Scott, outreach coordinator, at [msscott@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:msscott@standrewspolaris.org) or 614-284-0182.

## Chili Cook-off set for before Annual Meeting

It's time for the annual St. Andrew's Youth Group Chili Cook-off! This year's event will be held on Sunday, Feb. 26, at 2 p.m. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd,

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## A new deacon

Above, Bishop Ron Jackson lays hands on Ernie Tracy during his ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons this past Tuesday at Holy Spirit Anglican Church in Akron; and at right, Ernie, his wife Candy, and Fr. Ron Baird process in for the service. This is the first step in the process toward ordination to priesthood in the Anglican Church for Ernie, who is a retired United Methodist pastor who has been attending St. Andrew's since 2012. We look forward to having Ernie take a more active role at the Christ's altar here at St. Andrew's.



## Annual Meeting Feb. 26

The Annual Parish Meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 26, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This meeting will be an opportunity to hear from Fr. Ron Baird and members of the Vestry about the state of the parish in 2016, and look ahead to what's planned for 2017. It's also an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the 2016 Annual Report, which will be available on Sunday, Feb. 19. Child care will be available.

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Feb. 28

Please note Feb. 28 on your calendar, when the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will once again sponsor our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. We will be preparing for the Lenten season by feasting on pancakes, sausages, and all the traditional side dishes. Supper will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (or until the food runs out, whichever comes first). As in the past, the supper will be held in the Gathering Area of the church. There is no charge for the food; however, a free-will offering will be accepted to cover the expenses of the supper. Sign-up sheets are available throughout the church and online at [standrewspolaris.org](http://standrewspolaris.org), under the "Forms and Downloads" tab. If you are able to attend, please sign up so we know how many to expect. That

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# The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Sixth Sunday of Epiphany • February 12-18

**Sunday, February 12** — A.M.: Psalms 62, 63, 64; Amos 9:5-18; John 7:37-52 P.M.: Psalms 65, 66, 67; Isaiah 64; Luke 7:1-10

**Monday, February 13** — A.M.: Psalms 68; Tobit 4:5-19; Acts 21:17-36 P.M.: Psalms 69, 70; Tobit 13; Acts 21:37—22:22

**Tuesday, February 14** — A.M.: Psalms 71, 72; Baruch 1:15—2:10; Acts 22:23—23:11 P.M.: Psalm 73, 74; Baruch 2:11-35; Acts 23:12-35

**Wednesday, February 15** — A.M.: Psalms 75, 76, 77; Baruch 3:1-9; Acts 24:1-23 P.M.: Psalm 78; Baruch 3:9-37; Acts 24:24—25:12

**Thursday, February 16** — A.M.: Psalms 79, 80, 81; Baruch 4:21-30; Acts 25:13-27 P.M.: Psalms 82, 83, 84, 85; Baruch 4:36-37—5 end; Acts 26

**Friday, February 17** — A.M.: Psalms 86, 87, 88; 2 Maccabees 4:7-17; Acts 27:1-26 P.M.: Psalm 89; 2 Maccabees 6:12-31; Acts 27:27-44

**Saturday, February 18** — A.M.: Psalms 90, 91, 92; 2 Maccabees 7:1-19; Acts 28:1-15 P.M.: Psalms 93, 94; 2 Maccabees 7:20-41; Acts 28:16-31

**Sunday, February 19** — A.M.: Psalms 95, 96, 97; Genesis 1:1—2:3; John 1:1-18 P.M.: Psalms 98, 99, 100, 101; Genesis 2:4-25; Mark 10:1-16

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Next Sunday's Lectionary • February 19 (World Mission Sunday, Year A)

**First Reading:** Isaiah 49:1-7

**Psalm 67** (BCP 675)

**Second Reading:** Acts 1:1-8

**Gospel:** Matthew 9:35-38

## Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Bishop David Njovu and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Lusaka, Zambia, one of the 15 dioceses in the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

The Anglican missionary in the area now covered by the Province arrived in 1861. The first bishop died of blackwater fever not long after his arrival when the boat he was traveling on, ironically with medical supplies, sank. While he survived the sinking, there were no medicines to treat his ensuing fever. The Province became an independent part of the Anglican Communion in 1955 and now has 6000,000 members spread over the nations of Botswana, Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

The Diocese of Lusaka is one of the five dioceses in Zambia and is located in Lusaka, the capital and largest (1.7 million) city in Zambia. Lusaka, located at an elevation of 4,000 feet and having a humid subtropical climate, is one of the fastest growing cities in southern Africa. Zambia has a wealth of minerals and produces the most copper in Africa.

With rapid growth has come some family fragmentation and an increase in gender-based violence. The Diocese has sponsored the Anglican Street Children's Programme to minister to the increasing numbers of orphans and street children. In 2010, for example, the Church opened a nursery and primary school with three children. That number has now grown to 130 in nursery to Grade 7, with plans to expand to 200 children soon. The Church has been very involved in combating and reducing gender-based violence, as well.

Please pray especially for the Church's outreach to children and women and for continued evangelism.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Fr. Joseph Mlaker, Deacon Samuel De Makuach, Deacon Shabaz Nawab, and the people of Christ the King and Christ the King Mission Church, DeWitt, Mich.

Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Phil, Lori, Jonathan and Hannah Cornett; Steve, Laurie, Connor, Liam, Aiden and Avril Darke; the Living Stones Small Group; and the Greeting Card Ministry.

## Encouragement for your prayer time with God

When we are in prayer, we are spending time with God. So whether or not a specific prayer is answered in a specific way, we are blessed by having been with God. "How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings ... For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light." (Psalm 36:7,9) — *From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries Team*

## Ash Wednesday, Lenten Study Program coming up

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday services on March 1 at 12 Noon and 7 p.m., and once again we'll be offering a five-week Lenten Study Program on Tuesdays, beginning March 7. With programs for adults, youth and children, our hope is that families will come together to make this Lent a time of discipleship, fellowship and worship in preparation for Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, which opened the door to eternal life for us and for all who know him, and choose to follow him and call him Lord.

Further details will be provided within the next several weeks for the study, as well as for the soup and salad supper, which will precede the study at 6:15 p.m.

## Stations of the Cross to be offered Fridays in Lent

Fr. Wil Verhoff will be offering the Stations of the Cross to be prayed by all who attend on Friday evenings during Lent. The service will be held at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary at St. Andrew's, with a potluck supper following at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Area. If you plan to stay for supper, please bring a dish to share. For further information, please call Fr. Wil at 704-602-8810. A sign up sheet for potluck contributions will be at the Information Desk weekly.

## Chili Cook-off

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and 3rd place and Fan Favorite, as well as a prize for the most unusual recipe.

If you are planning to attend or to enter a chili into the contest, please sign up at the Information Desk or online at [standrewspolaris.org](http://standrewspolaris.org), under the "Forms and Downloads" menu tab. For more information, please contact Karen Osmond, 614-975-0878 or [khosmond@gmail.com](mailto:khosmond@gmail.com).

## Pancake Supper

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enables us to provide the right amount of food. We hope to see you all there! Any questions can be directed to Ed Summers at 614-371-1649, or to any member of the Brotherhood.

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**The next meeting of the Women's Bible Study Group will be Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 9:30 at the Parish House.**