



Bishop-elect Mark Engel

## ADGL elects a new bishop

The Standing Committee of the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes is pleased to announce the selection of the Very Rev. Mark Engel as our new Diocesan Bishop-elect. After a year-long process of prayer and discernment, the Lord has led us to a new bishop.

The ADGL held a Special Meeting of the Synod on Saturday, Nov. 14, for the purpose of selecting a new bishop. There were two candidates in the final selection process: The Very Rev. Mark Engel and the Rev. Lamar Reece. There was a majority obtained in both houses (Clergy and Laity) for the Very Rev. Mark Engel.

Fr. Engel has pastored a number of churches during over 40 years of vocational ministry including 10 years in Taiwan as a missionary. When asked for comment, Fr. Engel said, "I am humbled by this charge that has been entrusted to me by the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes. Terri and I earnestly desire the

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Parishioners at the 9 a.m. service last Sunday enjoyed special music from Ann Schnapp, left, and Lori Cornett. Thanks you, Ann and Lori, for sharing your talent with us!

## Christmas Eve worship brings need for special seating plan

With Advent just two weeks away we're turning our thoughts to Christmas, and how that will look at St. Andrew's this year. A resurgence of Covid-19 this fall means a continuance of precautions to assure the health and safety of those attending worship services in person, including reduced seating capacity in the Worship Area.

We can accommodate a maximum of 60 people at any one service, so to assure that everyone has a seat for Christmas Eve we're asking you to sign up in advance for the service you plan to attend. In addition, we'd like to know how many people you'll be bringing with you so that we can arrange seats accordingly to maintain proper social distancing. This will also help us gauge whether we need to add additional services.

Right now we're looking at offering two services, at 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. You may click one of the links below to sign up for the service you plan to attend.

- [5:30 p.m. service](#), contemporary service with traditional carols from members of our worship band.
- [8 p.m. service](#), traditional service, with Christmas carols by our organist.

You may also sign up by calling the Parish Office at 740-548-5112, ext. 1. Seating is first come-first served. If you sign up and find later that you're unable to attend that service, please let us know so that we can release those seats for others.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us make this Christmas meaningful for all of those worshipping with us here at St. Andrew's!

# The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost • Nov. 15-21

**Sunday, Nov. 15** — A.M.: Psalm 40; Judith 9; Acts 15:36—16:5 P.M.: Psalms 39, 41; Isaiah 28; Luke 2:1-21

**Monday, Nov. 16** — A.M.: Psalms 42, 43; Judith 10; Acts 16:6-40 P.M.: Psalm 44; Isaiah 29; Luke 2:22-52

**Tuesday, Nov. 17** — A.M.: Psalm 45; Judith 11; Acts 17:1-15 P.M.: Psalm 46; Isaiah 30; Luke 3:1-22

**Wednesday, Nov. 18** — A.M.: Psalms 47, 48; Judith 12; Acts 17:16-34 P.M.: Psalm 49; Isaiah 31; Luke 3:23-38

**Thursday, Nov. 19** — A.M.: Psalm 50; Judith 13; Acts 18:1-23 P.M.: Psalm 51; Isaiah 32; Luke 4:1-30

**Friday, Nov. 20** — A.M.: Psalms 52, 53, 54; Judith 14; Acts 18:24—19:7 P.M.: Psalm 55; Isaiah 33; Luke 4:31-44

**Saturday, Nov. 21** — A.M.: Psalms 56, 57; Judith 15; Acts 19:8-20 P.M.: Psalms 58, 60; Isaiah 34; Luke 5:1-16

**Next Sunday, Nov. 22** — A.M.: Psalm 59; Judith 16; Acts 19:21-41 P.M.: Psalms 63, 64; Isaiah 35; Luke 5:17-39

## Next Sunday's Lectionary

The Feast of Christ the King • November 22

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 34:11-20 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.); 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (11:15)

**Psalm 95** (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

## Prayers for the Church

**Anglican Church in North America:** Archbishop Zacharie Katanda, his wife Naomi, and the bishops, clergy, and people of the Anglican Province of Congo.

**Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes:** Abbot General Brother Tim Luken and the members of Company of Jesus, Living Stones Monastery, Newport News, Virginia.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Ted and Daphne Spradling and Madison Martin; Bill and Debbie Sterling; Ed and Kathy Summers; the Daughters of the Holy Cross; and Common Ground Free Store Ministries.

## Encouragement for your time with God

Prayer is the bridge between panic and peace. "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:6) "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you." (Isaiah 26:3) — *From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministry Team*

Have a prayer request or praise report? Fill out the online form at [standrewspolaris.org](http://standrewspolaris.org) under the "Scripture & Prayer" drop-down menu (you don't need to log in to submit a prayer request); or call us at 740-548-5112, ext. 1, and we'll pass your request along to the Prayer Chain.

## Midweek Prayer Service offered on Wednesdays

Midweek Prayer is held in the Sanctuary at noon every Wednesday. Prayer is offered with special intention for our parish, the city, the state, the nation and the world, as well as for individual prayer needs.

If you're unable to come out for the services on Wednesdays you may wish to continue the practice of praying from home, which was begun by members of our Prayer Ministries during our earlier hiatus from in-person services.

## Easy links

Remember that [underlined text in dark red like this](#) in "The Net" and our other electronic publications represents a hot link that you may click to download a resource, go to a form or another page on our website, or send an email to an individual mentioned in an article.

## Forgot your password?

If you've forgotten your Member Connection login or password, go to [standrews.onechurchsoftware.com](http://standrews.onechurchsoftware.com) and click on "Forgot Password?" You'll be prompted to enter your email address, and will receive an email with instruction to re-set your password. If you get a message that your email address is not associated with a Member Connection account click on "Register" and follow the prompts.

## New bishop

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prayers of God's people that we may serve Jesus Christ and His Church faithfully and well."

The Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes is made up of 48 churches in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky as well as congregations in New York, Virginia and Canada.

We wish Fr. Engel and his wife Terri God's speed and blessing as they move forward in this new season of ministry to which he has called them.

# Share the love of Christ in a card or a shoebox this Christmas

St. Andrew's has the opportunity to share the love of Christ with others this Christmas through two simple projects—Cards for Christ, which hopes to bless every incarcerated person in Ohio with a personal greeting card, and Operation Christmas Child, the shoebox ministry that brings joy to children in need around the world.



Donna Gough, who is organizing St. Andrew's participation in the Cards for Christ project, reports that she has collected 130 cards from four St. Andrew's families so far. In addition, Resurrection Anglican Church in Shalimar, Florida, where Donna's stepson Frank serves as rector, has contributed another 130 cards. There's still time to brighten the holiday of Ohio prisoners, who are experiencing extreme isolation this year because of COVID-19 concerns, by writing Christmas cards. For details, please contact Donna at 614-948-3833 or [goughdonna@aol.com](mailto:goughdonna@aol.com). More information is also under the "Files" tab of the "St. Andrew's e-Net" group. Cards are **due no later than Nov. 22**, but earlier is better. See guidelines on the back page.



In the midst of a global pandemic, Operation Christmas Child wants to collect more shoeboxes than ever before, because now more than ever, children need hope! Please consider filling a shoebox or two—available at the Information Desk—to bless a child this Christmas. **Shoeboxes are due back to church no later than Sunday, Nov. 15.** If you're unable to get out to pick up box, you may fill one virtually. [Click here](#) for more information, or contact Marty Scott at [mScott@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:mScott@standrewspolaris.org) or 614-284-0182, or Sue McKeown at [McKeownsw@yahoo.com](mailto:McKeownsw@yahoo.com) or 614-578-1245.

## Join us on YouTube at 9 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

To join us via livestream on Sundays, [click here](#) to go directly to our YouTube channel, or search for us on your YouTube app by "Saint Andrew's Anglican Church."

You'll also find this link on the home page slider of our public website—[standrewspolaris.org](http://standrewspolaris.org). When we're live, clicking the "Watch our Worship Livestream" button will take you directly to the service. Otherwise, it will take you to our YouTube channel.

We encourage you to subscribe to our channel by [clicking here](#), then clicking on the red "Subscribe" button. We've mentioned before that YouTube doesn't seem to link the current Sunday's video to the main page of our channel after the livestream until Monday. As a subscriber you'll be able to see all of our videos—including those for the current Sunday—anytime you click on "St. Andrew's" in your Subscriptions feed.

Please note that this channel is different from our Young Saints channel where we post our Godly Play videos. The church channel is public, while Godly Play requires videos of their lessons to be private, and available only to those provided with the link.

## Service bulletin available for download

This week's service bulletin is available by [clicking here](#). This is a helpful resource for those of you who are joining us online, as it provides all of our worship materials—including the order of service, the Scripture readings and Psalm for the day, and the service of Holy Eucharist—in a single PDF file.

# Pledge drive at \$318,811

Sixty-two families have responded to the 2021 General Fund stewardship drive, pledging \$318,811 as of this past Friday. Our goal is \$444,300, which means we have \$125,489 yet to raise.

If you are among those who have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so today if possible so that the Vestry can finalize the 2021 budget. Extra pledge cards are available on the table at the back of the worship area. You may also mail your pledge to St. Andrew's Anglican Church, 7521 S. Old State Rd., Lewis Center, Ohio 43035, or pledge online. Instructions are on the back page of the 2021 Stewardship Brochure, which you may download from the Member Connection.

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

## Share your blessings this Thanksgiving

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, the St. Andrew's Prayer Teams ministry encourages members to express and share their thanksgivings to God. Responses will be compiled and published for the Thanksgiving Day service on Thursday, Nov. 26, as well as for the regular services on Saturday, Nov. 28, and Sunday, Nov. 29. [Click here](#) to submit your thanksgivings.

## Thanksgiving Day Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

This Thanksgiving, take a few moments before the turkey-day rush to center yourself in Christ, from whom all blessings flow, by attending the annual Thanksgiving Day Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 26. This will be a quiet service of about half an hour in length.

# Finding God in exile, and everywhere!

This week we are pleased to welcome back Godly Play storyteller Lori Cornett to share with our children and their families the story of “The Exile and Return.”

In our earlier lessons we learned that Abraham and Sarah traveled away from their home, a land where people thought that gods were in each thing—such as in the sky, in a river, or in a tree. The understanding that all of God might be everywhere sustained Abraham and Sarah as they finally made their way to Canaan, where Isaac was born. And they learned that God was there too.

In this lesson, nearly the same arcing journey is taken by God’s People, but this time in the opposite direction. Even though this journey is forced onto God’s People, the same astounding discovery is made.

God was not just in one place, in the temple in Jerusalem. God was also in a foreign and strange land. God’s presence is not here or there, but everywhere, waiting.

To be found. To find us.

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See your weekly e-Net, or download the “Godly Play Video Index” from the Member Connection for the link to this week’s lesson.



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## Bring holiday cheer to inmates isolated by COVID

The Cards for Christ ministry hopes to send every incarcerated person in Ohio a card this Christmas. How many can you do to brighten the holidays for a prisoner who has been isolated by the coronavirus pandemic? Two ... twenty ... more?

For security reasons, please follow these guidelines:

**Absolute DON'Ts:** No envelopes, just cards; no tri-folds; no pockets; no pop-ups; no glitter; no loose pictures or messages; no trinkets, keepsakes or gifts; no full names, just sign your first name if you wish; no addresses; no phone numbers; no crayon — ink only!

**Absolute DOs:** Write encouraging messages ; use ink only; address your

card to Brother, Sister or Friend; be kind and share Jesus; be the Church!

You may sign your card from “Your Brother or Sister in Christ, [**your first name only**],” or just “Your friend.” Remember that not all recipients will be Christian, but all will respond to kindness and caring shown in Christ’s name.

Please also pray that each card go the one who needs it the most, even if that person feels he needs it the least.

Place your cards in packages with the number of cards included, or a larger envelope with the number of cards, and bring them to St. Andrew’s. Donna Gough hopes to pick them up. Cards by Thanksgiving, but earlier is better.

If you prefer to ship your own cards—or miss the Nov. 22 deadline—you may send them to:

Cards From Christ  
PO Box 392  
Marysville, Ohio 43040

Cards must be received in Marysville **no later than Dec. 1**. Please let Donna know if you sent cards directly so we can track how many were sent.

If you’d like to contribute but don’t have time to write cards yourself, you may donate blank cards for others to write. Please drop them off at the church by next Sunday, Nov. 22.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna at 614-948-3833, or e-mail [goughdonna@aol.com](mailto:goughdonna@aol.com).