

Apostles Anglican Church

E-Newsletter December 10, 2020



The Sacrament

During this pandemic, many are choosing for good reasons to participate in Sunday worship services by joining the online livestream. Every Sunday from 11:30-12:30 we make available the Sacrament for pick-up for the following week's service. Our hope is that as in-person and on-line participants we receive the

Sacrament together. The Sacrament is given to us by the Lord Jesus to be a means of grace; the grace of His Body and His Blood. There is great spiritual benefit in receiving the grace made available in the Sacrament. Just as the Holy Spirit is at work when we read the scriptures to give us the grace to hear the voice of God; so the Holy Spirit is also at work in the Sacrament to give us the grace to receive the life of Christ. At the center of our life as Christians is to hear the voice of God through the scriptures and to feed on the life of Christ in the Sacrament. We need both means of grace to flourish in our spiritual life. We encourage you to daily read the scriptures and weekly receive the Sacrament. If you are participating in Sunday worship by means of the online livestream, we encourage you to pick up the physical Sacrament at least once a month for it's spiritual blessing. Please augment receiving the Sacrament spiritually with the physical Sacrament. The clergy are available to deliver the Sacrament to those who are homebound.



Advent Booklets

Advent Booklets are available in the office. Or call and we will mail one out to you. Join the Apostles community as we read the same scriptures and reflections on our way to Christmas Day.

New Camera

We have begun using a new camera for the online livestreaming of our Sunday Service. The new video picture is sharp and allows closer viewing of the podium and altar.

Thanks to Chuck and Lynn Farley for the donation of the equipment. Thanks to David Ray for installation. Thanks to Carson Daniel who is operating the system on Sunday.



Tech Help Needed on Sunday

We are looking for volunteers to train to run our camera on Sundays. Carson Daniel will provide training. The seat on the back platform is Covid safe! We intend to offer a livestream service on Sundays well into the new year. Help is needed!

Christmas Services

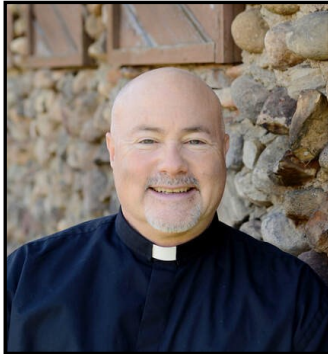
- ◆ **Christmas Eve 7pm** register online please; Holy Eucharist with Christmas carols and sermon; will be livestreamed online
- ◆ **Christmas Day 10am** register online please; Holy Eucharist with sermon; quiet service without music; will not be livestreamed online
- ◆ **Dec. 29 First Sunday of Christmas 10am** register online please; Christmas carols and sermon; will be livestreamed online

No Children's Ministry or Nursery at this time ... children are welcome to sit with parents

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Bishop-elect Mark Engel



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, November 14, 2020, 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 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.

Interim Organist

We welcome Gwen Frazier who will serve as our organist from Dec. 6 thru Ash Wednesday 2021. Gwen is an accomplished musician who has served significant music programs playing pipe organ and leading choirs. She and her husband have returned to Lexington after several decades in the Northern Virginia area.



Cleaning Service

We have contracted with Coverall Service Company to handle our weekly cleaning needs in the building.



This contract will allow us to save some money in the budget while maintaining the upkeep of the building. What the cleaning service will not be doing is setting up and taking down chairs and tables for meetings, and will not be cleaning up in the kitchen downstairs or the office kitchen area. Therefore, we ask **when you move tables and chairs for meetings, please put them back up. When you eat or drink in the building, please clean up after yourselves.** Together we can do this and keep our building in good shape.



Children's Ministry

Katie Peck has resigned as Children's Pastor effective at the end of this year. We will miss her and her ministry with our children. Katie has loved our kids well and helped them learn to connect with God and His love for them. We are now searching for someone to fill this position, even as a short term interim. Please contact Fr. Martin if you have comments or a referral.