

# ST. ANDREW'S MESSAGE

## September 2019

***Our Mission Statement – “Inspiring Change by following Jesus”***

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**September 8, 2019**

***RALLY DAY!***

Return to Two Services:

**8:30 am & 10:00 am**

***Everyone is Welcome!***

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### **Important Dates for September:**

- Sep 2..... Labor Day - office closed
- Sep 8..... Rally Day! Return to two services: 8:30 am & 10:00 am  
Installation of Council Members  
Sunday School Teachers  
Picnic (after 10 am service)  
Work Camp Orientation  
Youth Group Meeting 11:00 am (during the Picnic)
- Sep 10..... Outreach Meeting 7:00 pm
- Sep 12..... Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- Sep 15..... Confirmation Orientation (after 10:00 am service)  
Ushers Meeting (after 10 am service)
- Sep 18..... First Confirmation Class 6:30 pm
- Sep 20..... Jan Peek – Service Group
- Sep 20-22. 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
Retreat to Camp Herrlich
- Sep 23..... Our Montessori School – Open House 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- Sep 28..... 20 Questions Bonfire with Pastor Dave (Work Camp/Gathering Fundraiser)

But we will give ourselves continually to

# Prayer

and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

## Your Prayers are requested for those:

### In need

Warren Ludvigsen

### Hospitalized or recuperating

Debbie Dubois  
Doug Dubois

Karen Livingston-Bernard    Nicole Safron

Gemma Small

### Wrestling with long-term health issues

Bill & Joan Borkowsky

Nick Matteo

Bill Smith

### Facing life's challenges

Adama Bamba

The Small Family

Tom Tillstrand

### Mourning the passing of loved ones

Manuel Dos Santos  
Maria Ortiz  
Sal Vella  
Robert Tally  
Barbara Maynard  
Inez Antinozzi  
Carol O'Brien  
Jay Bohuniek  
Robert Hogg

Raymond & Jesse Ferrieri  
Aga Rukaj  
Barbara Mulvaney  
Henning Haggblom  
Doug Knowles  
Kathy Trainor  
Isabel McAdams  
Jim Crawford  
Marthina Brown

Myrtle Pritz  
Doug Manookian  
Ernest Piermarini  
Helen Kreiman  
Brian Irving  
Ed Wohlrab  
Michael Galea  
Karin Haaland-Weyand

Edward V. Rohle  
Lazzaro Peter Pellegrini  
Donna Scimia  
Henry Kulick  
Gregorio Guerra  
Deniece Clancy  
Phillip C. Novak  
Cherelle Browning

### Restricted to home/nursing facilities

Ed Gavard

Norlene McAuliffe

Mary Shepard

Toni Testa

### Serving in the Armed Forces

Randy Bacon  
Daniel Bendetti  
Brandon Cintron

Paul Fosse Jr.  
Gregory Gonzalez  
Kenneth Holman

Michael Lawless  
Anthony Lawrence  
Randal Middletown

Will O'Brien  
Michael J. Tillstrand  
Jayson Zuluaga

**Our Bishop**

Rev. Paul Egensteiner

**Our Missionaries**

Dr. Stephen J. and Jodi Swanson

**Residents of Jan Peek House**



*Please fill out a **Prayer Request Card** (found in the pew holders) to place someone on or remove someone from the Prayer List and return it to the Church office or put it in the offering plate.*

*You may also call or email our office.*

*Thank you.*

*Prayer List Update*



We started refreshing our prayer list. Over the years, the list had grown substantially. I love that you lift-up so many in your prayers and hearts when difficult times arise. If you would like someone to stay on the list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate, or contact our office.

Keep on praying!  
*Pastor Dave*

# *Message from Pastor*

## **We have an opportunity before us.**

The churchwide assembly was held in early August. Like a giant version of a congregational meeting, the national assembly is a time when leaders are chosen through election, the ELCA discusses and potentially endorses stances on certain topics and sets budgets for the church. This gathering happens every three years. During the assembly in Milwaukee, our representatives voted to honor the deaths of the “Emanuel 9” and will commemorate June 17 as a day of prayer, remembrance and discussion on anti-racism. The Emanuel 9 were killed during prayer when an ELCA baptized and confirmed white supremacist attacked. Two of the killed were graduates of ELCA seminaries.

The ELCA declared itself a Sanctuary Denomination, dedicated to serving and supporting the protection of migrants in communities nationwide. The movement was spearheaded by the Metropolitan New York Synod. This means that as a congregation within the ELCA, St. Andrew’s is encouraged to become a place of peace for people

seeking provided refuge, and asylum for people fleeing injustice. “Sanctuary” in this context means more than physical shelter but also: become a response to raids, detentions, deportations, and the criminalization of immigrants and refugees; to work together nationally to create a strategy to fight individual cases of deportation, to advocate for an end of mass detention; to amplify immigrant voices; to embody a vision for what communities and the world can be; and to hold fast to the moral imperative to take prophetic action of radical hospitality rooted in the ancient traditions of our faith communities.

“I am thrilled to be part of the sanctuary initiative,” said MNYS Bishop Paul Egensteiner. “The ELCA has long been one of the most welcoming denominations, and we look forward to broadening this initiative on a national scale, much like we have done with our efforts in the LGBTQIA community, and our efforts surrounding racism awareness, domestic violence training, and inclusion and protection of women and children.”

I think here at St. Andrew's, we have a great opportunity. We can learn about these statements and wonder together how they could help shape our local work. We can allow ourselves to be challenged in our thinking about race

and racism and consider what God's future for us looks like. The opportunity is before us. I will be crafting some group discussion times where we can join in prayer and learning about these initiatives.

May the Risen Lord Bless you this day!

*Pastor Dave*

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## Pastoral Acts



### *Baptisms*

August 11, 2019  
*Simon Salvatore Ferone*  
Born July 11, 2018

August 11, 2019  
*Luca Joseph Ferone*  
Born July 11, 2018

August 18, 2019  
*Kiera Leigh McGovern*  
Born April 10, 2019

August 25, 2019  
*Emma Kan*  
Born March 18, 2019

### *Funerals*

July 18, 2019  
*Henry H. Kulick*  
Died July 14, 2019

July 26, 2019  
*Lazzaro Peter Pellegrí*  
Died June 8, 2019

# CHURCH COUNCIL

## Notes

- Council accepted with regret the resignation of Linda Cuniberti. We thank her for her dedication and service the past three years!
- Rita Nehmzow and Linda Bohlk will co-chair the Life Commission. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend commission meetings and participate in planning and helping with future endeavors.
- Rally Day is set for September 8. At the 10:00 am service, Sunday School will begin, and Sunday School teachers and Council members will be installed. Everyone is invited to a BBQ/Picnic on St. Andrew's grounds following the service.

### Pastor

Dave Dockweiler

### Council Members

Linda Bohlk – *President*

Judith Bailey-Hung – *Vice Pres.*

Rita Nehmzow – *Secretary*

David Hamm – *Treasurer*

Tim Clark

Dominic Justo

Kristine Kallesten

Dora Morabito

Steve Scalzi

Dale Sharp

### Financial Secretary

Margaret Hauck

### Nominating Committee

Kathy DeMaio

Sue Epting

Rob Granfors

Carol Holodak

Judy Jakubik

Lynn Parliman

Gemma Reinkraut

Andy Sabol

## YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY - JULY

	<u>2019</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Contributions	\$ 112,000		\$ 105,800	\$ 6,200
Other Income	44,300		40,200	4,100
Total Income	156,300		146,000	10,300
Expenses	156,100	\$158,000	151,100	5,000
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 200		\$ (5,100)	\$ 5,300
Average Sunday attendance (excludes Easter)	84		88	-5%

# Special events!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**



## Installation of

**Sunday School Teachers  
& Church Council Members**  
at the 10:00 am service



## Churchwide Picnic



## BBQ/picnic after the 10:00 am service

We will have a picnic on the front lawn; food, fun and games.

Your help with set-up, clean-up and food is needed.

A sign-up sheet is on the Narthex table.

Thank you!!! See you there!!!

## Sunday School Update for September

Welcome back to Sunday School! We hope you all had a fun and safe summer and that your children are ready to join their teacher and classmates at St. Andrew's for another action-packed year! Last year we welcomed several new children, and everyone worked hard and learned a lot! The teachers continue to prepare great lessons which the children enjoy each week. Please continue to bring your children to Sunday School each week so they can continue to learn and grow in their faith.

Rally Day, which celebrates the return of Sunday School, will take place on Sunday, Sep. 8. The children will proceed into church at the start of the 10 am service, listen to a children's message, and then return to their classrooms to kick off the year.

The Sunday School enrollment continues to be pretty thin, so we are combining the classes as follows: Pre-K/Kindergarten; 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grades; 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grades; 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grades.

The children in the back room (Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) have a snack each week. If possible, we'd appreciate if the parents of those children could provide something twice a year (fall and spring) to be shared. The teachers keep the snacks in plastic containers so they will last awhile. Please speak to the



teachers, Jeanna Shepard or Tracy Blechner for suggestions.

We will continue to celebrate Harvest Sunday by bringing non-perishable food items on the first Sunday of each month, beginning on Oct. 6. Reminders will be emailed and distributed the previous Sunday.

We'll also continue what we began last year by having the children in the Chapel House (grades 3-7) attend church with their classes on a rotating schedule so they become more familiar with the liturgy. This will result in the children attending an entire worship service approximately 3 times during the Sunday School year.

We are always looking for more people to join our Sunday School staff so please consider volunteering as a teacher, helper, etc. It's lots of fun and besides sharing our faith with the kids, we also learn from them. We'd love to have you so please give it your prayerful consideration and let me know if you are interested.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions. You can call me at 914-715-9546 or

email me at [epting.susan@gmail.com](mailto:epting.susan@gmail.com). Looking forward to seeing you all in September!

God Bless,  
*Sue Epting*

**September 15**  
Confirmation orientation



**September 18**  
First Confirmation Class



**September 20-22**  
8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat to Camp Herrlich



**September 28**  
20 Questions with Pastor Dave Bonfire (Work Camp/Gathering Fundraiser)

## Look What's New!



If you have been away all summer, you may not know that our altar has a new look! In July, through the efforts of our Design Team and Absolute Flooring, a beautiful white vinyl tile was installed on the altar, while a soft colored blue-gray

carpet was installed on the steps and surrounding area. Everything looks clean and fresh and will be easier to maintain. Many thanks to all who were involved. Zoom in for a closer look. Come worship and praise God!



## Ushers Meeting

September 15 after the 10:00 a.m. service.

All ushers, new and returning, please plan on attending a brief meeting after the service in the back of the church to review a few recent changes and prepare for the upcoming worship year.

## PASTOR'S REPORT TO THE SYNOD

Bishop McCoid, Pastor Linman, and everyone connected to the Texler Grant process,  
Grace, Mercy and Peace to you all!

By just about every measure our trip to San Lucas Toliman was a huge success. Our group comprised 6 people from 3 churches. From St Andrews, myself, Tony and Sandy left on June 22 from New York, Alex (Tony's daughter) and Drew (her boyfriend) left from Washington DC. We converged in San Salvador and continued to Guatemala City together. Pastor Jen Boyd from Trinity in Brewster flew directly to Guatemala City on Sunday June 23 because she presided over a wedding on Saturday.

The Mission in San Lucas Toliman was established 52 years ago by Father Greg Schaffer. His life work was increasing the dignity and lives of those living in San Lucas by leveraging volunteerism. The parish itself dates back to the late 16<sup>th</sup> century. We were able to receive hands on learning regarding the life of the modern Mayan Guatemalan. Each morning, we participated in various construction projects alongside the residents of the house we were building. The mission has two basic home designs featuring wooden houses for people who rent property and block houses for those who own their land. From this experience, my wife and I have created

A call and repeat prayer crafted after building simple homes for families in Guatemala.

Dear God,  
Thank you for the roof  
that keeps us dry.  
For the walls that keep us warm.  
For the floor that keeps us clean.  
And for the love in between.  
Amen

a bedtime prayer for our children and those of this congregation.

We toured and learned about the four major program areas of the mission-the hospital, the school, the coffee program and the Women's Center. Personally, I have gained so much by returning several times since my first trip nearly 15 years ago when my friends and I helped to clear a field to be used for the Women's Center. Now this fully running facility acts as a social safety net for women in domestic abuse situations in addition to many educational activities for women and girls in the area.

A new experience to me was the coffee presentation. Father Greg used an inheritance from his parents to launch a coffee purchasing program to ensure the funds used to purchase the finished

product get back to the farmers who grew the beans. The mission is now proudly an awarding winning coffee producer. They took first place in a regional competition; in a region where coffee is taken very seriously. The head coffee roaster explained every step along the coffee journey, and we enjoyed a java roasted during the presentation.

Blessings,

*Pastor Dave Dockweiler*

I am thankful to God that Metro New York Synod partnered with us financially to help make this trip a possibility. It had all the markings of a repeatable and interesting experience to others. Pastor Jen Boyd is now considering leading a trip of her own as well. Again, thank you for your partnership in ministry. I feel very supported in this synod and am excited about a long career in this place.



## Youth Group Mission Trip

In July, 6 of our St. Andrew's youth attended Work Camp in Frederick, Maryland. Dominick Morabito, Sabrina Justo, Ava Justo, Kenny Reinkraut, Ryan Banks & Stephen Haglund had an amazing time participating in the week's events. They were joined by one youth and one chaperone from Resurrection Lutheran Church in Mt. Kisco, and Pastor Dave and Judy Jakubik from St. Andrew's.

From nightly energetic worship services with the other campers to the hot and



humid work days at their resident's houses, they were **RELENTLESS** in their pursuit of God and serving the Frederick community. Each of our youth and chaperones was split up into 10 different crews on the very 1<sup>st</sup> night of camp. They met other youth from all over the country, and had to learn to work together on a project they had never done before.

Our youth were involved in projects like building decks, painting houses, scraping paint off of exterior bricks, and

climbing up on roofs for repairs. They also had the opportunity to talk with their



residents and learn their personal stories. During the day, the campers worked diligently to get the job done and at night they got to hang out and make friends with other campers. They were singing, dancing, playing games and enjoying time together as a community.

Some of the St. Andrew's crew even got up on stage and participated in our



nightly worship services. Ryan Banks joined other campers and played David



in the “David and Goliath” skit. Stephen Haglund and Dominick Morabito got up

on stage and shared God Sightings from the day. On Wednesday, the youth got a chance to go explore Frederick, Maryland. Beginning with a trip to the park and a quick, impromptu swim in the river, the youth then headed over to Flippin’ Pizza to enjoy the best outside of New York, New York Pizza with the coolest soda machine

Work Camp proved to be an empowering and spiritually enriching trip for our youth. The lessons they learned have opened their eyes to other ways of living and learning to be RELENTLESS in their pursuit of God while looking for God sightings throughout their day.

Thank you to our wonderful St. Andrew’s family, for your overwhelming generosity with our youth group. These trips become a significant part of our youths’ spiritual development and we are so grateful for all of your support.





## Service Group

Hope everyone had a relaxing, fun summer! After a well-deserved break, the Service Group will start up again in September when we serve the meal for Jan Peek Homeless Shelter on September 20.

Our first meeting of the year to plan our LWR project and other outreach, will be held on Wednesday, September 9 at 10:00 a.m.

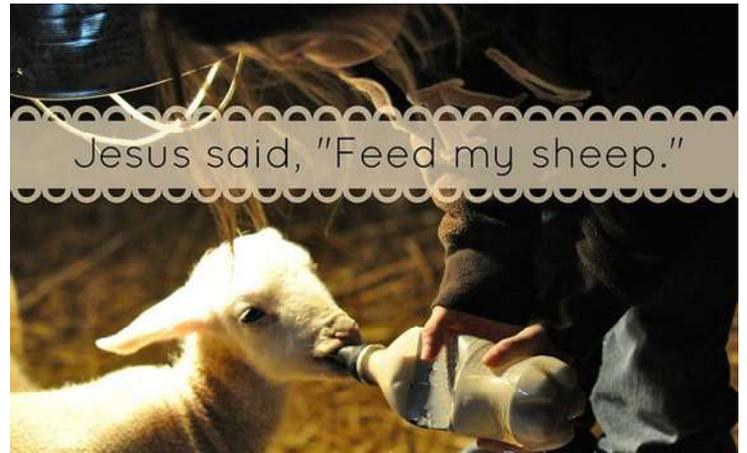
We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.  
All are welcome here!!

Blessings,  
*Kathy DeMaio and Rita Nehmzow*  
Coordinators

## Jan Peek

In July and August, several of the ladies in the SSC sponsored the meal for the residents. In July, Karen Conlon, Kathy DeMaio, Laura Susi, Rita Nehmzow, Sonja & Angelo Letizia provided a delicious summer meal. Karen and Rita served many appreciative residents.

In August, once again the SSC was the meal sponsor. Laura Susi, Kathy DeMaio, Lynn & Peter Parliman, Rita Nehmzow and Sarah Dockweiler provided the meal. Kathy and Peter were there to serve the residents. The Jan Peek residents are so happy when we visit and provide a nice dinner for them. The Service Group will be sponsoring the September meal.



Please keep this important outreach in mind, and if you can assist in providing, delivering or serving a meal on the third Friday of each month please let us know.

Kathy DeMaio will be the new coordinator starting in September. Remember to give her a call if you can help in any way.

## Fresh Vegetables for Food Pantries

St. Mary's Food Pantry <http://www.cfpstmarysmoheganlake.com/>  
First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry <https://fpcyorktown.org/mission/food-pantry/>  
and Yorktown Community Help Food Pantry <https://www.yorktownny.org/community/support-organizations> have all received fresh organic produce for their clients from St. Andrew's two rows of vegetables in the Garden of Hope. We have contributed Bibb lettuce, green beans, yellow and zucchini squash, cucumbers, basil, peppers, cherry tomatoes and slicing tomatoes. Still to

mature are eggplant and Brussel sprouts.

Our faithful gardeners watered, weeded, fought off the bugs and slugs, and harvested during the heat of July and August! Thank you to Venita Anderson, Judith Bailey-Hung and family, Linda and Ted Bohlk, Tim Clark and family, Kathy DeMaio, Donna Kellett, David Leaver and family, Joan Perugini, and Sal Siciliano and family. The gardening was good for the mind, body and soul, and friends were made along the way!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

Yorktown Cooperative Vacation Bible School was held here at St. Andrew's this summer from July 8-12! We celebrated our 52<sup>nd</sup> year as we welcomed 64 children who participated in this amazing ministry! We also had 25 adult volunteers and 40 teen volunteers! We traveled To Mars and Beyond as we relied on God's power within us to Go Beyond in Faith, Boldness, Kindness, Thankfulness and Hope! The children explored where God's power could take them through amazing Assembly Times,

memorable Bible Stories, themed Snacks, creative Crafts, exciting Science, fun Recreation and relevant Music. We ended the week with our traditional Friday night Worship service where the children and teens performed songs for over 100 family members and friends! We Praise God for this opportunity to bring Him glory! And we thank God for all the people who volunteered to make VBS a success once again! Many Thanks!

Sonja Letizia, 2019 VBS Director

*Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us! (Ephesians 3:20)*









Next summer, VBS will be held at the Yorktown Methodist Church! VBS 2020, **“Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King’s Armor”**, invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength

of God’s power by exploring how we put on the armor of God. Kids will take on the role of brave Knights and begin their quest each session by opening the King’s Book. See you then!



St. Andrew's Annual

# COATS **for** KIDS DRIVE

(we also accept Adult size coats)

We are collecting:

**Used (and New) Kids coats**

**Kids Boots (no adult boots)**

**Gloves, Mittens, Scarves**

**Warm Sweaters, Vests**

*Whatever* we can collect by **October 15** will be taken to NYC and given to children in need. When getting *your* children ready for the winter with new coats and boots, **please, please** consider donating the old coats, boots etc. to keep *other* children, warm this winter...

Donations can be dropped off at **St. Andrew's Church office**:  
2405 Crompond Rd, Yorktown Hgts., NY 10598 between 9-1pm.

***Thank you so much!***

Please contact Diane Testa at 914-962-9564 with any questions.



# SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

## Birthdays

1	<i>Emily Hopkins</i>	16	<i>Ava Polizzi</i>
2	<i>Craig Gustavson</i>	17	<i>Christina Peragine</i>
2	<i>Anthony Bonavita Jr.</i>	17	<i>Luke Hung</i>
3	<i>Christina Gustavson</i>	17	<i>David Dockweiler</i>
3	<i>Christopher Bohlk</i>	18	<i>Mary Ehke</i>
4	<i>Luca Polizzi</i>	18	<i>Paul Kuhhorn</i>
5	<i>Stephanie Ruzicka</i>	18	<i>Madison Thomas</i>
7	<i>Emily Small</i>	21	<i>Margaret Jakubik</i>
7	<i>Mikayla Gustavson</i>	23	<i>Anthony Letizia</i>
8	<i>Jenna Shelley</i>	26	<i>Carolyn Tufano</i>
9	<i>Michael Martin</i>	26	<i>Erika McGovern</i>
9	<i>Alexandra Susi</i>	26	<i>Jenna Lancellotti</i>
11	<i>Isabella Vo</i>	27	<i>Pat Manfredonia</i>
12	<i>Donald Zaeh</i>	27	<i>Chase Mayer</i>
12	<i>Gemma Reinkraut</i>	30	<i>Donna Kellett</i>
14	<i>Gerard Henning</i>	30	<i>Samantha Stahl</i>
15	<i>Carly Pease</i>		

## Anniversaries

7	<i>Joanna &amp; Mark Falcone</i>	21	<i>Lisa &amp; Bill Gallagher</i>
12	<i>Deirdre &amp; Scott Letscher</i>	23	<i>Linda &amp; Gerard Henning</i>
12	<i>Katie &amp; Andrew Werbrock</i>	23	<i>Renee &amp; William O'Brien</i>
13	<i>Cheryl &amp; Karl Badalamenti</i>	25	<i>Robin &amp; Kenneth Muller</i>
13	<i>Natalie &amp; Paul Panik</i>	30	<i>Virginia Steinberg &amp; David Leaver</i>
14	<i>Lillian &amp; Thomas DiRusso</i>		
19	<i>Laura &amp; Karl Grutzmacher</i>		

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP with Holy Communion**  
**8:30 & 10:00 am**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL (age 3 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade) – 10:00 am**

*Rev. Dave Dockweiler, Pastor*  
*Margy Tillstrand, Music Director*  
*Linda Bohlk, President*  
*Diane Testa, Office Secretary*

**The church office is open 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Monday – Friday**