



ST. ANDREW'S MESSAGE

November 2019

Our Mission Statement – “Inspiring Change by following Jesus”

**St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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“All are Welcome”

Two Services Every Sunday
8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Click the icons below to:



Mark Your Calendar

- Nov. 1..** All Saints Day
- Nov. 2..** Youth Group S'moresgiving 5 p.m.
- Nov. 3..** Daylight Savings Time 2:00 a.m.
Harvest Sunday
- Nov. 4..** Outreach meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 7..** Bible Study 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Nov. 10..** Troop 164 Bake Sale
- Nov. 11..** Veteran's Day; office is closed
- Nov. 13..** Service Group meeting 10:00 a.m.
Confirmation class 6:30-7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 14..** Council meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 15..** Jan Peek
- Nov. 17..** Service Group Bake Sale
- Nov. 20..** Confirmation class 6:30-7:00 p.m.
Life Commission meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 21..** Bible Study 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Nov. 23..** Fall Cleanup 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Nov. 24..** Youth Group Produce Sale
New Playground Dedication
- Nov. 27..** Confirmation class 6:30-7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 28..** **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**



- Nov. 29..** Office is closed
- Dec. 1..** Decorate the Church Day

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

Daniel King

Warren Ludvigsen

Hospitalized or recuperating

Kitty Badalamenti
David Diehl

Anne Latino
Robin Muller

Nicole Safron
Steve Scalzi

Gemma Small

Wrestling with long-term health issues

Massimo Berardelli
Bill & Joan Borkowsky
Nancy Calandra
Hephzibah Cifre- Morabito
Alessandro Cuniberti

Debbie Dubois
Doug Dubois
Joanna Falcone
Judy Gordon
Vivian Hyde

Pastor Tim Kennedy
Joseph Knapp, Sr.
Karen Livingston-Bernardo
Nick Matteo
Patricia McGregor

Mary Kay McNamee
Edith Raspuzzi
Brad Wheeler
Lisa Wheeler

Facing life's challenges

Adama Bamba

Paul Kristoffersen

The Small Family

Tom Tillstrand

Mourning the passing of

Myrtle Pritz
Doug Manookian
Ernest Piermarini
Helen Kreiman
Brian Irving

Ed Wohrab
Michael Galea
Karen Haaland-Weyand
Edward V. Rohle
Lazzaro Peter Pellegrini

Donna Scimia
Henry Kulick
Gregorio Guerra
Deniece Clancy
Phil C. Novak

Cherelle Browning
Willie Quas
Jean Farrell
Gjina Bujaj
John Gordon

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
Alex Wood
Jayson Zuluaga

Bishop

Our Bishop Elect Rev. Paul Egensteiner

Our Missionaries

Dr. Stephen J. and Jodi Swanson

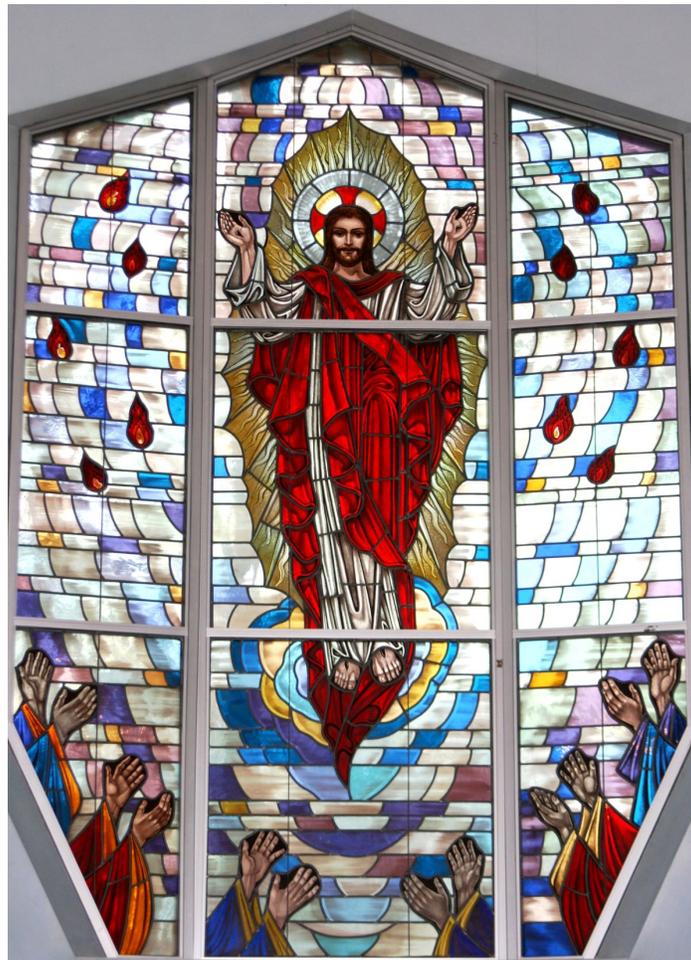
Residents of Jan Peek House



*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.



Message from Pastor

I am so pleased to announce that through the generosity of the congregation of St. Andrews, the ELCA Metro New York Synod, leadership of the Our Montessori School and many giving individuals both from the church and from the school, the new playground has been ordered! The delivery and installation have been scheduled, and depending upon the weather, we hope it will be installed before Thanksgiving.

Our Church Council deserves a pat on the back for working through some challenges seeing this project through to reality. David Hamm and Dominic Justo have both been amazing. David with his planning and logistics, and Dominic with his willingness to demolish the old playground and prepare the site. Thank you, THANK YOU.

Construction will take about a week and is scheduled to begin on November 18. During construction, the playground will be closed, the parking lot may be unavailable and other inconveniences may occur. I thank you in advance for forgiving these minor issues as we move forward with this project.

Playworld Systems (the manufacturer), are made in America, installed by professionals and meet all school requirements. Playworld has installed several parks in Yorktown and is familiar with the area. Their work includes Downing Park and all the equipment at Jack DeVito Veterans Memorial Track and Field.

I hope to have a “Blessing and Grand Opening” of the new playground on Sunday, November 24; details to come.

I also must take a moment to praise the folks from our church who have taken God’s love outside the sanctuary. We have participated in several outreach events. We took part in the JV Mall’s Community Day for the first time, we had a booth at the Yorktown Street Fair and also new to us, we will host a booth at the Yorktown Halloween Parade. It is awesome to see the energized people of this congregation taking their faith and putting it to work. It comes as no surprise that over 80% of new church members come because they were invited personally by someone OTHER THAN the pastor. YOU are our greatest means to share the love of God and grow the congregation.

To that end, it is also a pleasure to share the fruit of that work. By the time you read this, we will have welcomed 15 new and returning members to the congregation. The diversity of religious backgrounds within these individuals is substantial, but the common thread is that everyone of them found this congregation to be welcoming and interested in them. For the welcome that you extend to others in the name of Christ, I thank you!

Here in Yorktown we have a great group of pastors, rabbis and imams that gather once a month to support each other and our diverse communities of

Be sure to welcome our new members:

Jan, Mike, Ryan and Courtney Banks
Arianne, Matt and Jacob Damrow
Mickey Linahan
Tyler, Katie and Lucas Moos
Dana Pellegrini
Kristin and Riley Quaid
Crissy Smith

faith. This year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held at St Mary's Episcopal Church in Lake Mohegan, on Sunday November 24, at 5:00 p.m. This has been a popular worship time in years past and I have no doubt it will be this year as well.

See you on Sunday,

Pastor Dave



CHURCH COUNCIL

October's Meeting Highlights

- Council unanimously approved the hiring of Sarah Dockweiler as our new Office Secretary.
- St. Andrew's was awarded a \$10,000 Congregational Capital Improvement Challenge Grant from the Synod for the new playground.
- Members voted to approve the motion to move forward on the new playground with a cost of \$32,500.
- The Tappan Zee Pastor's Conference will be hosted here at St. Andrew's on Sunday, November 3, from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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

Lynn Parliman

Steve Scalzi

Dale Sharp

Financial Secretary

Margaret Hauck

Nominating Committee

Kathy DeMaio

Sue Epting

Rob Granfors

Carol Holodak

Judy Jakubik

Gemma Reinkraut

Andy Sabol



YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY - SEPTEMBER

	<u>2019</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Contributions	\$141,900		\$132,200	\$ 9,700
Other Income	53,400		48,800	4,600
Total Income	195,300		181,000	14,300
Expenses	193,100	\$194,000	189,100	4,000
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>\$ 2,200</u>		<u>\$ (8,100)</u>	<u>\$ 10,300</u>
Average Sunday attendance (excludes Easter)	82		85	-4%

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday School is going smoothly. We began our monthly Harvest Sundays on Oct. 6. We will continue to collect food for the needy on the first Sunday of each month when the kids will also hear a message from Pastor Dave.

We celebrated "Bring a Friend to Sunday School" on Oct. 6 and were happy to welcome a few friends to spend the day with us.

On Oct. 13, the children in the Chapel House were treated to a special presentation about the Bible by Cyndi Clark. This was held to prepare for the Bible dedication for the 3rd grade.

On Oct. 20, two 1st graders received their Catechisms and one 3rd grader received her Bible. We look forward to this special event each year as the children will use these books to continue to build their faith and learn of God's love and promise of forgiveness and everlasting life.

In November, Cyndi will be doing another presentation about Advent as we get ready to celebrate the birth of Christ. We are thankful to Cyndi for her help in educating our children.

The children in the Pre-K/Kindergarten class have completed the bulletin board in the hallway. Please take a few minutes during coffee hour to view the great work the children are doing! We should all be very proud of them!

Please keep the following important dates in mind:

Nov. 3 – Harvest Sunday

Nov. 10 – Advent lesson by Cyndi Clark

Nov. 24 – Pageant Rehearsal during
Sunday School



As the holidays are rapidly approaching, please take time to discuss the Christmas pageant with your child and let me know by Nov. 10 if your child wants a speaking part.

I will continue to email reminders of events so please be sure to return your child's "Contact Information Sheet" to the office or your child's teacher so we can reach you. If you need a new sheet, please let me know.

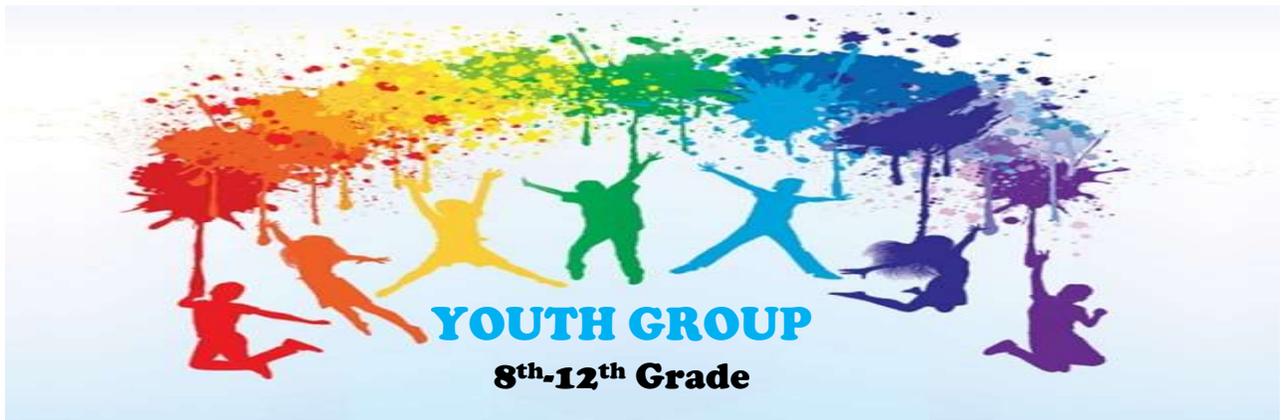
If your child's box of offering envelopes is depleted, please contact me and I will give you a new box.

We are always looking for more people to join our staff so please consider volunteering as a teacher, helper, etc. We'd love to have you! The Christmas pageant will be held on Dec. 15 and we always need help with that!

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions. You can call me at 914-715-9546 or send an email to epting.susan@gmail.com.

Looking forward to seeing you all each Sunday!

God Bless,
Sue Epting

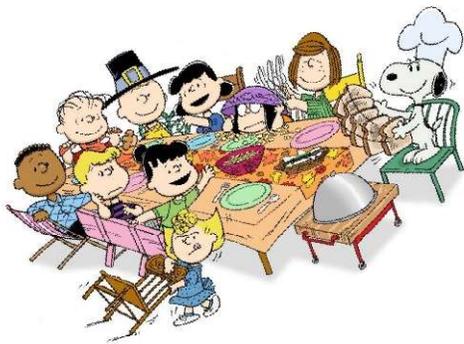


For more info or to RSVP to any event contact Judy Jakubik by email: StAndrewsYorktownYouth@gmail.com

4th Annual S'moresgiving Lock-In

November 2-3 5pm-9:30am

Invite your friends to a fun potluck turkey dinner, where we break bread and give thanks for all those we love around us. Then we head over to Pastor Dave's bon fire for dessert, S'MORES and Sarah's delicious Hot Cocoa! After the bonfire, it's a night of group games like Sardines, Chain Reaction, Musical Chairs and the Ministry of Silly Walks.



Annual Trip to NYC

Friday, December 13, 5 pm-10:30 pm

Ice Skating at Bear Mountain

January 2020



JR & SR High Retreat

Crossroads Camp, Port Murray, NJ

February 28-March 1

(\$135 per person)





The Youth Group closed out September with a Bon Fire with Pastor Dave. The Youth Group put Pastor in the hot seat and got to learn the many adventures of his life. Then in October, the Youth Group helped out with the St. Andrew's table at Community Day at the JV Mall and the Annual Street Fair in Yorktown.

For more Youth Group fun, check out our Instagram @LutheranGodSquad. For questions, to RSVP or get more information contact Judy Jakubik at standrewsyorktownyouth@gmail.com



SERVICE GROUP

The Service Group met on October 10. We covered containers for the altar flowers, refreshed the sanctuary with communion cards and envelopes and planned our annual project for Lutheran World Relief (blankets).

Important dates to remember:

Nov. 6 - Our next meeting is 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday. Please consider joining us! We would love to see you!



Nov. 17 – Bake Sale to raise money for our outreach to the less fortunate in second world countries

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

We held a special “Blessing of the Animals” on our front lawn Sunday afternoon on October 6. God created everything, and just as our pets are blessings in our lives, we bless and care

for them as part of God’s creation. Pastor Dave presided over the service for members and neighbors and their beloved pets.



WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S FAMILY

On Sunday, October 27, St. Andrew's welcomed many new members. We are so happy to have the following join us:

*Jan, Mike, Ryan and Courtney Banks
Arianne, Matt, and Jacob Damrow
Mickey Linahan
Katie, Tyler, and Lucas Moos
Dana Pellegrini
Kristin and Riley Quaid
Crissy Smith*

We also celebrated the baptism of Lillian Hill, daughter of Jaimee and Todd Hill.

Pictured below are some of our newest members and Lillian with her family and sponsors. Pastor Dave and Lillian's great uncle officiated at her baptism. We ask God's blessing on all!



HAPPENINGS

Fall Cleanup

Bring your gloves, rakes, tarps, LEAF BLOWERS and energy to help clean up outside on Saturday, November 23 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Great camaraderie, fresh air, and exercise are side benefits of beautifying our property and preparing it for winter!



ALL ARE WELCOME!!



Mark your calendar for December 1- the first day of Advent and the day we pull out all of the stops and decorate our church for Christmas both inside and out! The decorating begins in earnest after the 10:00 a.m. service and continues until all is done. Please plan to stay and help to transform our front yard with our beautiful Nativity scene and thousands of twinkling lights; decorate our tree and put out our special Nativity in the narthex; and hang the wreaths in the sanctuary. After all the decorating is completed, stay for a delicious lunch and fine fellowship!

Produce Sale

Our Youth Group is having its annual Thanksgiving Produce Sale on November 24. Proceeds from this highly popular and successful fundraiser will be used towards next year's Youth Mission Trip. Buy up, eat up!



Daylight Savings Time

It's that time of year again! Please don't forget to turn back your clocks one hour as Daylight Saving Time will begin at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 3! Enjoy the extra hour of sleep.



Sarah Dockweiler is Our New Secretary

We are pleased to announce Sarah Dockweiler (Pastor's wife) is our new office secretary. She comes to us from Trinity Lutheran Church in Brewster where she served as their office secretary for about 1½ years. Please feel free to welcome her aboard. We are happy to have her and we look forward to her serving St. Andrew's in this capacity.

OUTREACH

Giving Generously

Through your generous gifts and extra money from the mission trip to Guatemala, St. Andrew's recently donated \$1,500 to Lutheran Disaster Response to aid those affected by Hurricane Dorian. One hundred percent of this gift will go to response efforts. We also sent a \$600 donation to The Friends of San Lucas in Guatemala.



Thank you for helping to make other people's lives better!

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching and we will once again provide food baskets with all of the ingredients for a Thanksgiving feast for less fortunate families in our local area through Head Start. On November 3, there will be a sign up chart in the narthex and food bags to fill up. This year, we are being asked to provide for ten families. All food must be at church by Sunday, November 24, for delivery to Head Start in Yorktown on Tuesday, November 26. Please contact Linda Bohlk if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support in this important outreach ministry.



Hour Children Toys and Gifts

From November 10 to December 8, we will collect toys and gifts for the children of mothers in the Bedford Correctional Facility. Through the Hour Children's Center at the prison, mothers choose gifts to give to their visiting children at Christmas. All gifts must be **new** and **unwrapped**. Please place them in the



box in the closet in the narthex. A list of acceptable gifts will be on the table

in the narthex. We will deliver the gifts to the correctional facility in early December. Please contact Linda Bohlk if you have any questions. As always, the Outreach Committee is blessedly grateful for your support of this ministry!

Remember the Clothing Shed!

As you tackle your fall closet organization, please consider donating your unwanted good, clean clothing and linens to our St. Pauly Textile Inc. collection shed.



St. Pauly's goal is to get useable clothing to organizations and people that can use it in the U.S. and developing countries. They also collect useable footwear, purses, blankets belts, and drapes (no household items). St. Andrew's also benefits as St. Pauly Textile pays us for each pound donated.

Jan Peek Meal

St. Andrew's served the dinner meal at the Jan Peek Homeless Shelter in Peekskill on Friday night, October 18. A huge thank you to Steve Scalzi for supplying the entree for 25 people, to Kathy DeMaio for the sides and to Rita Nehmzow for the dessert. Kathy and Rita served the VERY grateful residents. If you would like to contribute to this most important and gratifying outreach, please let Kathy DeMaio know (awesomenana@optonline.net or 737-1831). Your help is needed and most appreciated!!!



CARING FOR THE
HUNGRY AND HOMELESS OF
PEEKSKILL

Our Missionaries



Our medical missionary family, Dr. Stephen Swanson and his wife, Jodi, recently sent us a wonderful, informative newsletter. We encourage you to read about their important lifesaving mission work in Tanzania and about their young family by visiting our website (<http://standrewsyorktown.com/useful-links/>) where there is a link. It has been a challenging year for the Swansons as they have been grappling with their own health issues. Please keep them in your prayers as they perform God's work in a faraway place.



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

If you visited the Jefferson Valley Mall Community Day on October 5 or Yorktown's Street Fair on October 13, you may have seen some familiar faces manning St. Andrew's table highlighting many of the good things our active congregation is accomplishing.

Many thanks to all who participated in these events and interacted with visitors at our table! Our new banners with St. Andrew's logo, designed by Emily Small, were on full display and are pictured here with the smiling faces of some of our volunteers!

JV Mall Community Day



Yorktown Street Fair



Yorktown Halloween Parade and Carnival

Ghosts, goblins, pirates, princesses and more paraded onto Yorktown's Jack DeVito Field on Saturday, October 26 for the annual Halloween Parade and Carnival. St. Andrew's youth, led by Judy Jakubik, hosted a game entitled "Ghosted" for the children with special prizes for all who participated. One could feel the joy of community and the fun spirit of Halloween that afternoon!



SCOUTING AT ST. ANDREW'S

Troop 164 Court of Honor

On Wednesday evening, October 16, St. Andrew's hosted the Fall Court of Honor for Scouts BSA Troop 164. Chartered by St. Andrew's in 1966, Troop 164 has 50 boy and girl scouts aged 11-17. The Court of Honor celebrates each Scout's accomplishments, including earning merit badges and advancing in rank. Scoutmasters Tom Marron and Freddie DeAcutis presided, and Pastor Dave opened the event with a prayer that inspired all in attendance to live according to the Scout BSA law; be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. The Troop 164 Scouts earned collectively an impressive 172 merit badges since last spring's Court of Honor.

The addition of girls to Troop 164 is new. Boy Scouts of America first allowed girls to join Cub Scouts in 2017, and Scouts BSA (formerly Boy Scouts) in February 2019. Troop 164 is the first troop in Yorktown to welcome girls and one of the first and largest Scouts BSA troops with girls in Westchester County.

If you have questions about Scouts BSA, please speak to Mike Epting, our Charter Organizational Representative. Also, the names of the Troop 164 Eagle Scouts are listed on a plaque next to the coat closet in the narthex. Please take a look the next time you visit St. Andrew's.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND UPDATE

Last year we established a Capital Improvement Fund to be the primary source for non-budget, major/capital expenditures; instead of using Memorial funds. We did this to help preserve our financial future.

Encouraged by a member's offer to match the first \$20,000 of contributions, the fund's balance quickly built up to \$50,000. Expenditures for 2019, other than the new playground, will approximate \$10,000, mostly for new flooring at the altar and front entrance, and planned audio/visual upgrades.

We may need to use as much as \$15,000 from this fund for the playground. This would leave the fund's balance at around \$25,000.

Please keep in mind that unlike a specific capital campaign, contributions are meant to be made to the Capital Fund continually anytime. We are also looking for contributions specifically for the playground. There are red envelopes in the pews for these donations.

The following are pictures of both sides of the set we ordered, but we opted for green and brown.



This will be a vast improvement over our current dilapidated looking equipment. It will literally be a ton of fun!

NEW SIDEWALK

We have a brand new front sidewalk! The owner of Honey-Do-Men approached Pastor Dave a few months ago offering to replace our front sidewalk for FREE. They completed the new sidewalk at the end of September and widened it in the process. We can't thank them enough. This is just one of their numerous charitable efforts. Please go for a short stroll to check it out.



NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays

1	<i>Eleanor Clark</i>	15	<i>Alessandro Cuniberti</i>
1	<i>Hayden Behen</i>	15	<i>Ava Justo</i>
2	<i>Michelle Grossman</i>	16	<i>Perry Shepard Jr.</i>
3	<i>Justin Rodriguez</i>	16	<i>Jenna Grutzmacher</i>
3	<i>Sean Muller</i>	17	<i>Carl Maus</i>
4	<i>Meagan Hopkins</i>	17	<i>Jacob Bliefernich-Galvin</i>
5	<i>Susan Hamm</i>	18	<i>Melissa Magrath</i>
6	<i>Perry Shepard Sr.</i>	18	<i>Malcolm Thomas</i>
6	<i>Finnley Wheeler</i>	19	<i>Linda Henning</i>
7	<i>Dan Greco</i>	19	<i>Meribelle Stringham</i>
7	<i>Hudson Stewart-Carbello</i>	19	<i>Isabella Manfredi</i>
8	<i>Taylor Leaver</i>	20	<i>Hannah Shepard</i>
9	<i>Richard Zapp</i>	20	<i>Elizabeth Dockweiler</i>
10	<i>Virginia Steinberg</i>	21	<i>Patrick Kelly</i>
10	<i>John Markiewicz Jr.</i>	21	<i>William Van Aken</i>
10	<i>David Grossman</i>	21	<i>Cynthia Clark</i>
11	<i>Taylor Frickmann</i>	21	<i>Thomas Hamm</i>
11	<i>Angelo Letizia</i>	24	<i>Betty Markiewicz</i>
11	<i>Angela Shepard</i>	24	<i>Michael Labriola</i>
14	<i>Lisa Billingsley</i>	25	<i>Suzanne Volpato</i>
15	<i>Eric Walter</i>	27	<i>Natalie Johnsen</i>
15	<i>Sarah Dockweiler</i>	30	<i>Scott Difini</i>

Anniversaries

10	<i>Joyce & Chau Vo</i>
11	<i>Lynn & Richard Ruzicka</i>
12	<i>Beverly & Richard Finger</i>
21	<i>Jeanne & John Delgado</i>
28	<i>Margaret & Fred Hauck</i>



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under the Newsletter tab.



We Are Family

63 Years Serving Christ

SUNDAY WORSHIP with Holy Communion - 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (age 3 – 7th grade) – 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Dave Dockweiler, Pastor

Margy Tillstrand, Music Director

Linda Bohlk, President

Judith Bailey-Hung, Vice President

Sarah Dockweiler, Office Secretary

The church office is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



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