



# ST. ANDREW'S MESSAGE

## February 2020

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

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*“All are Welcome”*

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

Click the icons below to:



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**Mark Your Calendar**

**Feb. 2....** Semi Annual Meeting  
..... Harvest Sunday

**Feb. 3....** Outreach meeting 7:00 p.m.

**Feb. 5....** Service Group Mtg 10:00 a.m.  
..... Confirmation class 6:30-7:00 p.m.

**Feb. 6 ...** Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**Feb. 9....** Scout Sunday

**Feb. 10..** New Member Class 7:30 p.m.

**Feb. 12..** Confirmation class 6:30-7:00 p.m.

**Feb. 13..** Council meeting 6:30 p.m.

**Feb. 15..** Youth Valentine's Dance 7:30p.m.

**Feb. 16..** Marriage Sunday  
..... Youth Group Bake Sale

**Feb. 21 .** Jan Peek

**Feb. 17..** Office Closed -President's Day

**Feb. 23 .** Worship and Music After 2 service

**Feb. 24 ...** Design Team 7:30 p.m.

**Feb. 26..** Ash Wednesday Service 7:00-

**Feb. 27 .** Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**Feb. 28..** LYO Youth Retreat (2/28 to 3/1)

*Happy  
Valentine's  
Day*

**Those in our prayers:****In need**

Daniel King

Warren Ludvigsen

**Hospitalized or recuperating**

Kitty Badalamenti  
 Ingrid Frank  
 Charlotte & Bill Hamm

Joseph Knapp, Sr  
 Linda Louie  
 Anne Latino

Robin Muller  
 Nicole Safron

Gemma Small  
 Donna Shores

**Wrestling with long-term health issues**

Massimo Berardelli  
 Bill & Joan Borkowsky  
 Nancy Calandra  
 Alessandro Cuniberti  
 Kim Dary

Debbie Dubois  
 Doug Dubois  
 Joanna Falcone  
 Judy Gordon  
 Vivian Hyde

Mike Lekhmuus  
 Roseann Lella  
 Karen Livingston Bernardo  
 Mary Kay McNamee  
 Helen O'Brien

Lucille Orcchio  
 Liz Printz  
 Edith Raspucci  
 Tony Susi  
 Brad Wheeler  
 Lisa Wheeler

**Facing life's challenges**

Adama Bamba  
 Alyssa Billingsley  
 Devon Crispell

Eric Enriguez  
 Dominic Enriguez  
 Mark Graff, Jr. & Family

Paul Kristoffersen  
 Ann Robertiello  
 Joanne Sayler

The Small Family  
 Sean and Sarah Prinz  
 Tom Tillistrand

**Mourning the passing of**

Doug Manookian  
 Ernest Piermarini  
 Helen Kreiman  
 Brian Irving  
 Ed Wohlrab

Michael Galea  
 Karen Haaland-Weyand  
 Edward V. Rohle  
 Lazzaro Peter Pellegrini  
 Donna Scimia

Henry Kulick  
 Gregorio Guerra  
 Deniece Clancy  
 Phil C. Novak  
 Jean Farrell

Gjina Bujaj  
 John Gordon  
 Mark Graff  
 David Diehl  
 Doug Knowles

**Restricted to home/nursing facilities**

Ed Gavard

Norlene McAuliffe      Mary Shepard

**Serving in the Armed Forces**

Randy Bacon  
 Daniel Bendetti  
 Brandon Cintron  
 Paul Fosse Jr.

Gregory Gonzalez  
 Kenneth Holman  
 Michael Lawless

Anthony Lawrence  
 Randal Middleton  
 Will O'Brien

Michael J. Tillistrand  
 Alex Wood  
 Jayson Zuluaga

**Bishop**

Rev. Paul Egensteiner

**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 bring it to the office or put it in the offering plate. Thank you.

**Our Missionaries**

Dr. Stephen J. and Jodi Swanson

## Pastor's Message



It is so hard to summarize a year of ministry. Perhaps a church is a bit like a garden. There is planting and harvesting, tilling and weeding, allowing parts to lie dormant while actively working in others. In a church, all these things are happening at the same time, often the same day.

So here is what we have done,  
We baptized six amazing children and we welcomed 15 new members into our congregation.



We honored 8 young people as they affirmed their faith (aka Confirmation).

We celebrated the lives of Edward Rohle, Henry Kulick, Peter Pellegrini and Bruno Rohle. We rejoiced at the weddings of Crista and Antonio Raimondo and Bobby and Ashley Cappichioni.

We flexed our spiritual muscles during mission trips to Fredrick Maryland



and San Lucas, Guatemala.

We've blessed our animals and kids' backpacks. Our youth have roasted smores in the pastor's backyard.



We hosted an out of this world VBS with our neighboring churches.



Our council has rebranded our community with a clean, new, easy to identify logo and owned our new mission statement, "Inspiring Change by Following Jesus." We have faithfully responded to threats and opportunities.

We built a new playground and landed a grant to help pay for it.



The list could go on and on.



We participated in the Garden of Hope, a community garden group that grows and donated fresh local produce to area food banks.

We have continued to polish up our building. We participated in 3 outreach events in our community, 2 were new to us.



I thank a very diligent church council, church staff and many partners in ministry. It has taken countless hours to focus on ministries, to shift from poorly functioning to properly running. We were able to perform all these tasks because we worked together. We put our efforts in collectively, we shared our financial resources and because of this work we can praise God for a year of financial growth and membership stability. Everyone should pat Linda Bohlk on the back for a job well done and give Sarah Dockweiler a big thumbs up for renewing our office. Judy Jakubik and Margy Tillstrand continue their excellent efforts, and it shows-thank you for your work. I am proud of this church, I am proud of the work that you do to further the kingdom of God, the offerings you put into the plate identifying God as the first giver.

This is a very good place and I am honored and humbled to be called your pastor. I wouldn't want to be doing ministry anywhere else, or with anyone else. You guys are awesome and **we love New York.**



Pray for our church in 2020. The coming year will no doubt offer all the opportunities and landmines that we've seen in the past. Faithfully, we will minister together to this community through all that occurs. "Inspiring Change by Following Jesus," brings us together and sends us out. We can reflect on how Christ has changed us and share that message with others. Through your efforts our church will continue to be a beacon of hope in the coming years.

God Bless  
Pastor Dave Dockweiler



# Church Council

## JANUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Council reviewed and approved the proposed 2020 budget to be presented at the February 2, 2020 Semi-annual Congregational Meeting.
- Pastor has been speaking with Police Chief Noble regarding a presentation about security hosted by St. Andrew's sometime in March which would be open to the community.
- Contributions for 2019 were up by \$11,000 compared to 2018. However, pledge amounts for 2020 are down from 2019's pledges. If you forgot or would like to turn in a



### Pastor Dave Dockweiler

### Council Members

Linda Bohlk - President  
Judith Bailey-Hung - V Pres.  
Rita Nehmzow - Secretary  
David Hamm - Treasurer

Tim Clark  
Dominic Justo  
Kristine Kallesten  
Dora Morabito  
Lynn Parlman  
Steve Scalzi  
Dale Sharp

### Financial Secretary

Margaret Hauck

### Nominating Committee

Kathy DeMaio  
Sue Epting  
Rob Granfors  
Carol Holodak  
Judy Jakubik  
Gemma Reinkraut  
Andy Sabol

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY - YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,

	<u>2019</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Contributions	\$ 190,300		\$ 183,400	\$ 6,900
Other Income	79,400		74,900	4,500
Total Income	269,700		258,300	11,400
Expenses	263,700	\$265,000	255,600	8,100
Surplus	\$ 6,000		\$ 2,700	\$ 3,300
Average Sunday attendance (excludes Easter)	84.5		88	-4%

## Sunday School Update

Sunday School resumed after the Christmas/New Year holidays and we are back in full swing. The teachers are completing the first semester curriculum and will be moving on to the second semester curriculum shortly. Please continue to bring your children to Sunday School each week so they can continue to learn and grow in their faith.

The classes are taking turns decorating the bulletin board in the hallway this year. Please stop by and view their work while enjoying coffee and fellowship after the service.

Upcoming dates to remember:

- Sunday, Feb. 2 – Harvest Sunday
- Sunday, Feb. 9 – **Bring a Friend** Sunday
- Sunday, Feb. 23 - Lenten boxes given to children

If your child's box of offering envelopes is depleted, please contact me and I will provide you with a new box. These are not dated so they can be used in successive years until finished.

We are always looking for more people to join our Sunday School staff so please consider volunteering as a teacher, helper, etc. We'd love to have you!

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions. You can reach me via phone at 914-715-9546 or by e-mail a  
[epting.susan@gmail.com](mailto:epting.susan@gmail.com).

Looking forward to seeing you all each Sunday!

God Bless,  
Sue Epting

Sunday School Coordinator

## Continuing to Walk with the Swansons

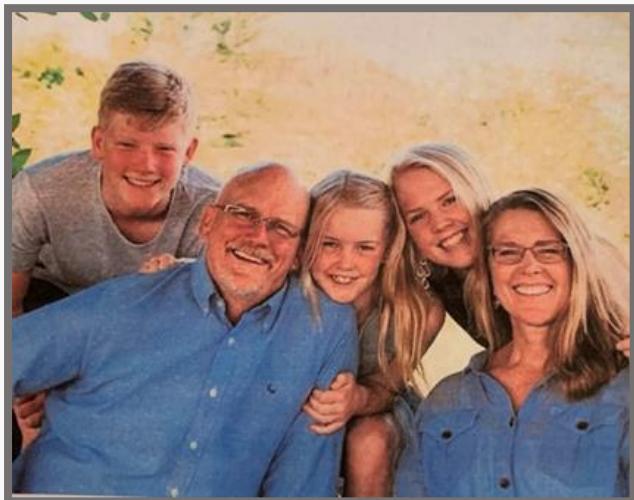
We recently renewed our ELCA covenant commitment to sponsor

Dr. Stephen J. Swanson and his wife, Jodi Swanson. They are medical missionaries serving in Tanzania, Africa.



This will be St. Andrew's second year supporting their work through finances and prayers. Their most recent letter detailing their work and family life is linked on our website at [www.standrewsyorktown.com](http://www.standrewsyorktown.com).

Be sure to look at it to see how our support becomes a blessing to others!





Are you prepared for March 1 when a new NYS law takes effect banning single-use plastic carryout bags? We have the perfect solution!

**Purchase St. Andrew's reusable bags! You will be helping to take care of our God given beautiful environment, making a valuable contribution to our Capital Improvement Fund and promoting our church in the process.**

You can purchase the bags after each Sunday service in February. Be sure to stop by our table to buy a bag or two or three!



### New Year New Intentions...

I have never been a big fan of New Year's resolutions. I can't even remember the last time I took seriously any New Year's promises made to myself. Usually revolving around weight loss or money practices they have never stuck for more than a few weeks. Over the last year, Sarah and I seem drawn to the word "intentionality." Coming from her deep love and practice of yoga, intentionality is something seems to have more of a draw than a resolution. I have set some goals for myself that I don't consider New Year's resolutions, but more a hope of an intention set. One in the spiritual realm, one physical and one for the benefit of our family.

I've been reflecting on my ordination and one of the things that I promised before God and community was to be diligent in my study of Scripture. Therefore, I am working towards reading the Bible in *about* a year. I've printed out a Bible reading plan and am already behind. But, I've read more scripture -outside of preparing for a sermon- than I can remember. To read the entire Bible in a year means reading 3 chapters a day. Usually that's about 15-20 minutes of reading. So far I have read Matthew, Ezra and Judges. It's early in my journey so I ask your prayers for fortitude. I also ask you to consider joining me on this journey.

Take some time to review your life. Talk with a partner or friend about how you feel your life is going and if there are some goals to set, set them. Pray about it, ask God to join you-trust me God's excited about it-and give it a try. I'm cheering you on! You can cheer me on too.

See you on Sunday,  
Pastor Dave

## Smeared in Sin, Washed in Love



With ash and soot we begin this Lenten season with confession. On Wednesday February 26th at 7pm we will join together to begin our Lenten season.

We'll recite an ancient prayer and it will become new again: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions." We speak our truths from the shadow of our sin, the very shadow that marks our mortality. Like ash traced upon our foreheads, we are marked with the reality of our frailties and failings. It is stark reminder that sin and death are smeared all over us. From this inevitable reality, we cry out for mercy! For as bold as it is to name our sin and sinful ways that lead to death, it is all the more audacious to summon our God! To summon the one who actually has the power to do something about sin and the ways of death! On this day, through the work and witness of Christ Jesus, we brashly summon God to come, to hear our prayer, and to listen to our confession.



So, with our truths laid bare, we confess our unfaithfulness to God, our lackluster love for our neighbors, our neglect of suffering and injustice in the world. In the same breath, we ask God to wash us, to purge us, and to create in us clean hearts. The smears of sin are washed clean through the love of Christ. And yet, we will leave worship this day still carrying the cross-shaped trace of sin and death upon us. It is a reminder that, even amid our confession, we continue this Lenten season to listen for the perpetual call to return to the Lord our God who is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love.

See you in worship,  
Pastor Dave

## February Worship Schedule

### Feb 2

8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion  
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Harvest Sunday  
Annual Meeting following  
Second Service

### Feb 9

8:30 a.m. Scout Sunday & Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. Scout Sunday & Holy Communion

### Feb 16

8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. Marriage Sunday & Holy Communion  
Youth Bake Sale

### Feb 23

8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

### Feb 26

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service





The Youth Group wrapped up December with their annual trip to NYC.

This year, our out of town youth group member and our honorary member from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Pleasantville were in attendance for this outing.

Taking the traditional path, the Youth Group visited the lions in front of the NYC Library, the Rockefeller Tree, and St. Patrick's Cathedral.



In January, the Youth Group went Snow tubing at Campgaw Mountain in Mahwah, NJ.



During the beautiful 60°F day, the Youth Group whipped down the slippery slopes with no jackets and big smiles.



For more Youth Group fun, check out our Instagram @LutheranGodSquad.

For questions, to RSVP or to get more information contact Judy Jakubik at [standrewsyorktownyouth@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsyorktownyouth@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events

### Valentine's Day Dance

**Saturday, February 15 7:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**

\$5 Entry Fee

\*all proceeds will go towards Work Camp 2020

### Marriage Sunday Bake Sale

**Sunday, February 16 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.**

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**Jr/Sr High Retreat to Crossroads Camp in Port Murray, NJ LYO EVENT**

**Friday, February 28-March 1**

\$135 per person

Sign up by February 15

### Spring Meeting

**Sunday, March 8 after the 10am service**

## **Marriage Sunday Celebrations**

Every year around Valentine's Day, we have a celebration of marriage in our worship service. As we have in the past we will lift up those couples celebrating fifth incremental year anniversaries. We will celebrate and pray for

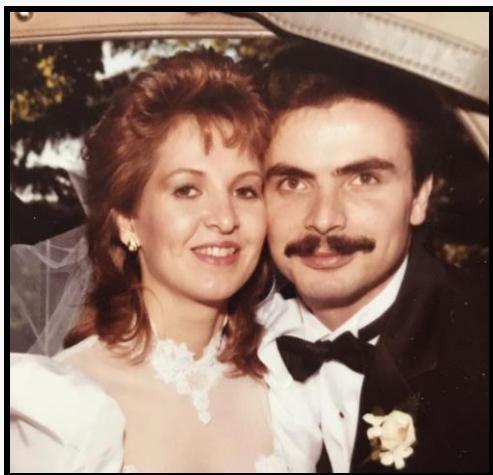
**David Leaver and Virginia Steinberg**  
(25th anniversary year)



**Stephen and Emily Small**  
(30th anniversary year)



**Angelo and Sonja Letizia**  
(35th anniversary year)



## **Linda and Edo Cuniberti**

(35th anniversary year)



## **Collectively, that 130 years of marriage!**

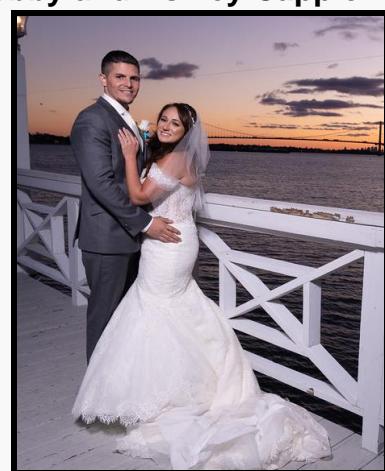
Thanks be to God for the deep relationships we are given with our loved ones. We also give thanks to God for the tenacity, faithfulness and commitment it takes to walk through life with another.

**New Marriages**  
Celebrating the first year of marriage!

## **Crista and Antonio Raimondo**



## **Bobby and Ashley Cappichioni**



## Celebrations



- |                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2 .... Noah Dockweiler     | 14 .... Cassandra Fox         |
| 3 .... Connor Anderson     | 15 .... Joyce Vo              |
| 3 .... Nadia Williams      | 16 .... Connor Bergstrom      |
| 4 .... John Markiewicz     | 16 .... Tara Bergstrom        |
| 4 .... Sue Wagner          | 16 .... Hailey Behen          |
| 4 .... Stephen Scalzi      | 17 .... Peter L. Seith        |
| 6 .... Lila Muller         | 17 .... Kristen Kelly         |
| 7 .... Mary Haley          | 17 .... Jonathan Justo        |
| 7 .... Kyra Gustavson      | 22 .... Christine Mattson     |
| 7 .... Erica Brisson       | 23 .... Richard Van Tongeren  |
| 8 .... Brianna Kelly       | 23 .... Michelle Van Tongeren |
| 9 .... James Piteo         | 24 .... Bill Gallagher        |
| 9 .... Victoria Zupa       | 24 .... Randi Polizzi         |
| 12 .... Henry Borgelt      | 25 .... Carolyn Seith         |
| 12 .... Francesca Bonavita | 25 .... Robert Headley        |
| 13 .... Barbara Fischer    | 25 .... Ryan Manfredonia      |
| 13 .... Gustav Hellman     | 26 .... Christopher Holodak   |
| 13 .... Karl Grutzmacher   | 26 .... Devon Rose Leaver     |
| 13 .... Larry Herbst       | 27 .... Ryan Headley          |
| 14 .... Randal Middleton   | 27 .... Alyssa Frickmann      |
|                            | 28 .... Linda Cuniberti       |
|                            | 28 .... Carol Holodak         |



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Messages will be posted on our website <http://standrewsyorktown.com/> under the Newsletter tab as password protected PDF files. The password will be 1956 for each month's file.



63 Years Serving Christ

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP with Holy Communion**  
**8:30 & 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 Hung, Vice President  
Sarah Dockweiler, Office Secretary

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