

**March 2021**

# St. Andrew's Message

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

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## March

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| <b>March 3</b>     | 7:30 p.m. Lent Service                                     |
| <b>March 4</b>     | 7:00 p.m. Life Comm.                                       |
| <b>March 7</b>     | 9 a.m. Worship Service<br>10:30 a.m. Worship Service       |
| <b>March 10</b>    | 7:30 p.m. Lent Service                                     |
| <b>March 14</b>    | 9 a.m. Worship Service<br>10:30 a.m. Worship Service       |
|                    | <b>Daylight savings</b>                                    |
| <b>March 17</b>    | 7:30 p.m. Lent Service                                     |
| <b>March 18</b>    | 7 p.m. Council Meeting                                     |
| <b>March 21</b>    | 9 a.m. Worship Service<br>10:30 a.m. Worship Service       |
| <b>March 22</b>    | 7:00 p.m. Outreach/<br>Fundraising meeting                 |
| <b>March 24</b>    | 7:30 p.m. Lent Service                                     |
| <b>March 27</b>    | Easter Egg Hunt  |
| <b>March 27-28</b> | Produce Sale   |
| <b>March 28</b>    | <b>Palm Sunday</b><br>9 a.m. Service<br>10:30 a.m. Service |



Give Online



# In our Prayers :

## Hospitalized or recuperating

Kitty Badalamenti  
James Byrne  
Tom Dockweiler  
Carol Holodak

Joseph Knapp, Sr.  
Anne Latino  
Gus Hellman  
Patricia McGregor

John McGuirk  
Karen McIntyre  
Robin Muller  
Marc Prinz

Nicole Safron  
Peggiann Thorp

## Wrestling with long-term health issues

Bill & Joan Borkowsky  
Nancy Calandra  
Chuck Cassidy  
Andrea Cummings  
Alessandro Cuniberti  
Debbie Dubois  
Doug Dubois

Joanna Falcone  
Judy Gordon  
Vivian Hyde  
Mike Lekhmus  
Roseann Lella  
Bill Hamm  
Karen Living Bernaardo

Mary Kay McNamee  
Helen O'Brien  
Lucille Oricchio  
Liz Prinz  
Anita Porter  
Edith Raspuzzi  
Cindy Berg Sauter

Samantha Shores  
John Smith  
Tony Susi  
Brad Wheeler  
Lisa Wheeler  
Carl Anderson JR,

## Facing life's challenges

Alyssa Billingsley  
Devon Crispell  
Dominic Enriguez  
Eric Enriguez

Cathleen Famular  
Mark Graff, Jr. & Family  
Daniel King  
Paul Kristoffersen

Beth Marsden  
Sean and Sarah Prinz  
Ann Robertiello

Joanne Saylor  
The Small Family  
Tom Tillstrand

## Mourning the passing of

Ernest Edwards

William Kuh

Susan Blasch

Richard Zapp

## Serving in the Armed Forces

Randy Bacon  
Daniel Bendetti  
Brandon Cintron

Paul Fosse Jr.  
Gregory Gonzalez  
Kenneth Holman

Michael Lawless  
Randal Middleton  
Michael J. Tillstrand

Alex Wood  
Jayson Zuluaga

## Restricted to home/nursing facilities

Ed Gavard

Norlene McAuliffe

Mary Shepard

## Our Bishop

Rev. Paul Egensteiner

## Our Missionaries

Dr. Stephen J. and Jodi Swanson

## Residents of Jan Peek

Please call or email the office  
to place someone on or re-  
move someone from the  
Prayer List.

## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

Just before his arrest Jesus asks his closest followers to stay awake while he prays. Three times Jesus returns to find them sleeping. This seems like such a simple request, Jesus tells them, "sit and watch." Jesus prays, they nod off, again and again and again. Most of his disciples disappear, Peter denies even knowing him. Jesus has every reason to be angry, disappointed or seek some kind of payback. Jesus doesn't do what we expect. Jesus forgives, Jesus rebuilds the community of disciples, Jesus trusts this rag-tag group of dropouts to carry on his work.

Jesus is still doing all of this today. Forgiving us when we don't expect, asking us to help when we feel unprepared, using us when we see ourselves as unable. God has more confidence in the disciples than they have in themselves-true THEN and true NOW.

During Lent we are called to watch and wait. We are preparing ourselves not only for the difficulty of the cross, but also for the glory of the empty tomb. Unlike those first disciples, we know how the story ends.

To say this season has been difficult is the understatement of the year. COVID wrecked 2020, now we wait for 2021 to come into bloom. As vaccines become more available, as things open, we wait and watch.

Since we know that Jesus' story doesn't end on the cross, we know that our waiting will come to an amazing conclusion. I AM EXCITED ABOUT EASTER! We know that this year has been hard, we all want to see an end to this time of darkness. Easter is on the horizon. We are making some big plans at St. Andrews. We are expanding our Palm Sunday Produce sale. The sale will happen outside, socially distant on March 27th and 28th. In addition to the sale, we are hosting an Easter Egg hunt probably on Saturday March 27 in the afternoon. We are waiting to find out if the town is hosting an egg hunt that day and when, we don't want to compete. For Easter we are pulling out all the stops.

Easter Sunday worship will take place in a tent on the front lawn. Socially distanced seating areas will be arranged in the same manner that was used for our in person worship. Worship times and details are still being worked out, but it will be awesome.

In the meantime, we wait and watch as disciples. Stay alert my friends and see the signs of life, as they begin to appear everywhere.

See you on Sunday,  
Pastor Dave

# CHURCH COUNCIL

## February 2021

- Hopefully, inside in-person services will be a reality again beginning March 7. Reservations will be necessary as well as following all safety protocols put into place last fall. Look for Pastor Dave's weekly updates for information about reopening the sanctuary for Sunday services. All Wednesday evening Lenten services will be through Zoom.
- Good Friday and Easter Sunday services, weather permitting, will be outside under a tent. In-person worship safety protocols will be followed. Zoom worship will also be an option.
- We determined recently that a law enacted on December 27, 2020 made us eligible to receive a large refundable payroll tax credit for the period from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. We will apply for it.
- A produce sale and possible egg hunt are being planned for Palm Sunday weekend, March 27 and 28.

Pastor  
Dave Dockweiler

### Council Members 2021

Linda Bohlk – President  
Judith Bailey-Hung – VP  
Lynn Parliman – Secretary  
David Hamm – Treasurer

Tim Clark  
Matthew Damrow  
Sue Epting  
Dominic Justo  
Kristine Kallesten  
Dora Morabito  
Rita Nehmzow  
Steve Scalzi  
Dale Sharp

### Financial Secretary

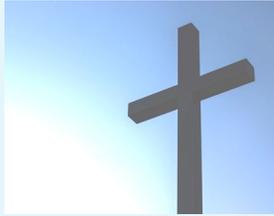
Margaret Hauck

### Nominating Committee 2021

Venita Anderson  
Chuck Farrell  
Tim Gagliano  
Jeanette Mayer  
Andrea Rai  
Tony Susi

### YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY - JANUARY

	<u>2021</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Contributions	\$ 13,300		\$ 17,500	\$ (4,200)
Other Income	3,600		8,700	(5,100)
Total Income	16,900		26,200	(9,300)
Expenses	20,400	\$23,000	25,400	(5,000)
<b>(Deficit)/Surplus</b>	<b>\$ (3,500)</b>		<b>\$ 800</b>	<b>\$ (4,300)</b>



The time has come! In person worship is returning to St. Andrews. Everyone in our community has worked together to get our COVID numbers down to a safe point to resume in person worship. Since social distancing requires extra space, therefore we have limited capacity. We will use “Eventbrite” ticketing service to reserve spots. This is just as it was a few months ago. There are 8 family spaces marked out in our sanctuary and 8 tickets available for each service. Each family only need 1 ticket. A link to the Eventbrite ticket will be included in the weekly update email. The Zoom services will not be changed.

I want to thank our Reopening Task Force: Sue Epting, Donna Kellet, Tony Susi, Arianne Damrow, Linda Bohlk and David Hamm. These folks brought an abundance of medical understanding and passion for our congregational safety. We are planning to reopen the sanctuary on March 7 for in person worship. Reservations will be required as we have to monitor capacity, social distancing will be enforced through dedicated seating areas. Masks will be required. Communion will take place in your seating area using the pre-packaged communion cups we are using for our outdoor service. Reservations will be done using “Eventbrite” a free online ticketing system. There will be no cost to attend.

In person worship will not be the same as when Covid shut us down. Group singing, involves deep, unified breathing and is therefore a dangerous activity, so musically our worship will be exploring other options such as soloists (significantly distanced) and instrumental pieces.

Each worship service will have 8 tickets. Only one ticket is needed per family unit. We have divided the sanctuary into 8 seating sections that are 6 feet long and at least 6 feet from any other worshipping group. The tickets are free and will be found online at Eventbrite. A link to the ticketing service will be included in the weekly update sent on Tuesday. If you are part of a multi-generational family that would require more seating space than 6 feet, each family will need a ticket and the sections will not be adjoining.

All worship participants will come through the front door. You do not need to print out your ticket confirmation. An usher will verify your name and phone number. This is required and may be needed for contact tracing if Covid appears within our community. An usher will then guide you to your seating area for the morning. We will partake in communion in the pews using the single serve cups we have been using outside. After our service, ushers will dismiss by row and all will leave the building via the front door. Before and between the services the seating sections will be wiped down with anti-bacterial spray.

## Outreach News

News from Our Missionaries

All nations have their own ways of handling the pandemic. Tanzania where our missionaries, Steve and Jodi Swanson are serving, is no exception. Tanzania does not publicly report COVID cases and deaths. The government discourages being vaccinated and offers advice on how to prevent and cope with the disease using local herbs. In spite of the challenges presented to them, the Swansons faithfully carry out God's mission for them.

Please read their February newsletter which may be found under "Links" on our website: [www.standrewsyorktown.com](http://www.standrewsyorktown.com).

Also, please remember the Swansons and their three children in your prayers! We are blessed to be sponsoring such a dedicated, faith filled family.

## Be a Light for Texas

The recent severe winter storms in Texas have devastated the lives of many people. If you would like to give some hope and help to those in need, please go to [disaster@elca.org](mailto:disaster@elca.org) to make a donation. Gifts designated "U.S. Severe Storms" will be used 100% for direct response.

## Produce Sale – Saturday, March 27 and Sunday, March 28



Mark your calendar for St. Andrew's Spring produce sale! Fresh produce supplied by member and favorite greengrocer, Tim Gagliano of WBP, will once again grace our market tables. Prime fruits and veggies will be available for purchase for your Holy Week and Easter dining!

We are also looking into hosting an egg hunt for the children and providing the opportunity to buy treats from a few favorite **food trucks on Saturday, March 27**. So, break away from pandemic exile in your house. It is time for some fresh produce and socially distant fun!

## Time Change



**Sunday March 14 is day light savings so remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour.**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

We are continuing to hold the "Saturday School" classes for the children and they have been going well with about 5-7 attending each time. The sessions are held twice a month for those in grades 3 through 7 and once a month for the Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Because we had to cancel the Feb. class for the younger children, we have added an additional time for March. All classes are via Zoom at 10 AM and the links are sent out several times in the week prior to the class. We are happy to have found a way to keep the kids engaged with the church during these difficult times. The following are the classes scheduled for March:

**March 13<sup>th</sup> & March 27<sup>th</sup> – Grades 3 through 7**

**March 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> – Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade**

Again, thank you to the teachers and to Pastor Dave for helping with teaching our children.

**On Sunday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, the annual Bible and Catechism dedication was held. The following third graders and first graders received their Bible/Catechism given by St. Andrew's:**

Bibles – Third Grade - Gianna Gagliano, Haiden Rai, Salvator Siciliano

Catechisms – First Grade - Jacob Damrow, Noah Dockweiler, William Gagliano, Arianna Hernandez, Ava Kan

I continue to send weekly e-mails with some puzzles/coloring sheets for the children to work on. And we plan to do some special activities to celebrate Palm Sunday and Easter. We are hoping that we might be able to offer Sunday School classes in some "live" manner later in the spring if COVID settles down.

As we continue to cope with the COVID-19 crisis, the Sunday School staff want to help the children to learn about Jesus and to grow in their faith. If you have any ideas of how we can continue this mission, please reach out to me. We welcome all volunteers and suggestions.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions. You can reach me directly via phone at 914-715-9546 or by e-mail at

[epting.susan@gmail.com](mailto:epting.susan@gmail.com).

God Bless and stay safe,  
Sue Epting



# Happy Birthday

2	...Derek Lyman	14....Susan Epting
3	...George Hansen	16....Katie Werbrock
3	...Amy Finney	16....Susan Johnsen
3	...Robin Holman	17....Jackson Kuhn
3	...Kylie Anderson	17....Theodore Jakubik
3	...Jade Muller	22....Rudy Van Tongeren
5	...Jared Hansen	23....Fred Hauck
7	...Timothy Clark	23....Sal Ferone
7	...Jeffrey Steiner	23....Catherine Badalamenti
7	...Jake Anderson	23....Joseph Sbuttoni Jr.
8	...Sara Walter	26....Melissa Tally
9	...James Shelley	27....Peter Toikka
9	...Nick Tufano	28....Lynn Ruzicka
11	...Barbara Benton	28....Janet Haggblom
11	...Geneva Quinker	28....Christopher Finney
12	...Jessica Leahy	29....Nancy Cooper
13	...Dennis McGovern	28....Carol Holodak

# Happy Anniversary

9	Rita & William Nehmzow
12	Karen & Mark DosSantos
14	Laura & Anthony Susi
27	Mary & James Haley



## MESSAGE March 2021

Messages are posted on our website <http://standrewsyorktown.com/> under the Newsletter tab.

*We Are Family*

**63 Years Serving Christ**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

Rev. Dave Dockweiler, Pastor

Margy Tillstrand, Music Director

Linda Bohlk, President

Judith Bailey-Hung, Vice President

Sarah Dockweiler, Office Secretary



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