

St Andrew's Message

June 2022

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

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JUNE



June 5 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Annual Meeting

June 6 7:15 p.m. Outreach

June 12 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

SS Awards/ Grad Sunday

June 17 7:15 p.m. Council meeting

June 19 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Outside Service

Father's Day

June 26 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
Outside Service



Give Online

In our Prayers :

Hospitalized or recuperating

James Byrne
Paige DeRiggi
Linda Greco

Nathan Greybosch
Joseph Knapp Sr.
Justin Lancaster

Paul Locken
Karen McIntyre
Bill O'Brien

Nicole Safron
Asher Session

Wrestling with long-term health issues

Maria Adessa
Nancy Calandra
Chuck Cassidy
Jonathan Cope
Andrea Cummings
Alessandro Cuniberti
Debbie Dubois
Doug Dubois

Jen Epting-Dary
Katie Epting-Harris
Anna Errico
Joanna Falcone
Judy Gordon
Mary Gus
Tom Gurba
Frank Hughes

Mike Lekhmus
Roseann Lella
Christina Morris
Mary Kay McNamee
Robin Muller
Lucille Oricchio
Liz Prinz
Anita Porter

Holly Quarles
Rick Raggi
Tom Riordan
John Smith
Peggiann Thorp
Bella Tufano
Brad Wheeler
Lisa Wheeler

Facing life's challenges

Alyssa Billingsley
Chuckie Cassidy
Devon Crispell
Dominic Enriquez

Eric Enriquez
Cathleen Famular
Mark Graff, Jr. & Family
Laura Heiss

Daniel King
Paul Kristoffersen
Sarah Prinz
Sean Prinz

Rob Reynelds
Ann Robertiello
Joanne Sayles
Cathy Souz

Mourning the passing of

Charlette Hamm
Delores Shuler
Audrey Conlon
Ingrid Frank
William Hamm

Cindy Berg Sauter
Helen O'Brien
Edith Raspuzzi
Ed Gavard
Robert Badalamenti

Beryl Zapp
Rob Bellamy
Jorge Ottero
Ed O'Connel

RuthAnn Boggs
Ann Johnson
Helen O'Brien
Stanley Pulver

Serving in the Armed Forces

Randy Bacon
Daniel Bendetti
Brandon Cintron

Paul Fosse Jr.
Gregory Gonzalez
Tajae Hickson

Kenneth Holman
Michael Lawless
Randal Middleton

Michael J. Tillstrand
Alex Wood
Jayson Zuluaga

Restricted to a Nursing Home

Norlene McAuliffe

Mary Shepard

Gus Hellman

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

We give thank to God this Pentecost season. Pentecost is when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. The miracle of Pentecost is recorded in the book of Acts. The disciples can miraculously hear and speak in a variety of languages. This allows them to take the good news of Jesus, everywhere, listening and speaking to everyone. Pentecost is my favorite church celebration and I used the readings of Pentecost at my Ordination (the service when you become a pastor).

I often think about this miracle of communication. How often do we speak past each other? I often fail at being a good listener because I am simply waiting my turn to speak. In the miracle of Acts, two things happen. First the disciples are able to speak to others. Obviously, an important part of communication, but we all believe in our ability to talk. The second is the big one, the disciples are able to listen to others. Our world would dramatically change if we were able to put our preconceived notions aside and actually hear the story of other people. Jesus embodies this "holy listening" miracle several times in the Scriptures. He listens to the story of the woman at the well-perhaps the first time she felt listened to in a long time. He hears the story of the hemorrhaging woman-feeling her ostracism and showing her that she is not alone.

My prayer for our church is that we embody the full miracle of Pente-

cost. I think we need to flip the order. First, we need to listen to the stories of others. To meet someone where they are means that we accept them, we believe their story, we honor their experiences. So often I bring my own thoughts to a story before the speaker is even done saying it. I think to myself, "well you should have do something else" or "I would have do X Y or Z." Honoring the experiences of the other means that when someone feels put down-they were put down. When someone reports being belittled, mistreated or abused-than that is exactly what happened in their experience.

Once this foundational step of relationship building has occurred we can move on to the second part of the Pentecost miracle. Secondly, we speak. We take hold of the reality that God has given us something meaningful to say. We have been given the good news-news that God loves you, news that you are forgiven, news that there is a place for you in this community of Jesus.

The gospel moves through these two steps, in this order. People don't change their minds because someone "talked to them." People grow in faith because of conversations.

May you embody the Pentecost Miracle this season!

See you on Sunday, Pastor Dave

CHURCH COUNCIL

May 2022

- The 2022 Nominating Committee has the names of three people to present to the congregation for approval as Council members at the Semi-annual Congregational meeting on June 5.
- Council members met with Courtney Banks and Paige Haglund who will be confirmed on June 5. May God bless them as they reach this milestone on their faith journeys!
- Beginning June 19, we will have one service at 9 a.m. on the front lawn. There will be no Zoom option during the summer. If the weather is inclement, the service will be held in the sanctuary. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy worshipping in God's beautiful world!
- Maryel School requests that church visitors use the choir door (south) entrance during school hours on Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Would you like to honor someone or acknowledge a special birthday or anniversary? Consider sponsoring flowers for the altar. The sign-up chart is on the bulletin board across from the office. The cost is \$40 payable by check, cash, or through online giving. Just be sure to indicate that your payment is for altar flowers. You may take the arrangements home after the last service.

Pastor

Dave Dockweiler

Council Members 2022

Linda Bohlk – President
 Tim Clark – VP
 Sue Epting – Secretary
 David Hamm – Treasurer
 Michael Banks
 Matthew Damrow
 Chuck Farrell
 Gary Grossman
 Dominic Justo
 Kristine Kallesten
 Rita Nehmzow
 Gemma Reinkraut
 Steve Scalzi

Financial Secretary

Margaret Hauck

Nominating Committee

2022

Lisa Billingsley
 Linda Ferone
 Judith Bailey Hung
 Dale Sharp
 Sonja Letizia
 Kristin Quaid

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY - APRIL

	<u>2022</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>2019 *</u>
Contributions	\$ 58,500		\$ 53,100	\$ 5,400	\$ 72,600
Other Income	7,700		5,700	2,000	35,200
Total Income	66,200		58,800	7,400	107,800
Expenses	99,400	\$100,000	81,800	17,600	96,400
(Deficit)/Surplus	\$ (33,200)		\$ (23,000)	\$ (10,200)	\$ 11,400

New lease related costs (fence-9.5, floor-5.2, couches-4.0, fire alarm-3.0,
 (not included above) \$ 24,600 electrical-0.9, lawyer-0.7, other-1.3)

* presented to show the last normal "pre-Covid" period

OUTREACH

Thank you to Judith Bailey-Hung, Cyndi Clark, and Linda Ferone for planning and hosting a wonderful “Paint and Sip” party on May 6 for the women of St. Andrew’s. Everyone enjoyed delicious treats, fine wine, great conversation, and the humor of Larry, the artist who directed the painting of individual wine glasses! Additionally, proceeds of \$300 from selling raffle tickets were donated to Lutheran World Relief for humanitarian aid for Ukrainian refugees.



Relay for Life

St. Andrew's will participate in the Relay for Life event on **June 10** at Jack DeVito Field. We will have a booth run by Gabi Linahan to raise funds for cancer research. Come on out to support an important cause.



Congratulations



Bobby and Ashley Capicchioni have welcomed a new baby boy, Tucker. Thanks be to God for the health and safety of this little one.

On May 21 Megan Baker and Eric Hamm were married in Delaware OH. Congratulations to the happy couple.



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Another school year has flown by and we will be ending the Sunday School year with Awards Sunday and an ice cream party on June 12th! We had some challenges with COVID again this year but the staff pulled together and we were able to teach the children about God's love for us. Thanks to all for helping to make this possible!

We will not be having Harvest Sunday on June 5th but the children will be singing a couple of songs for the congregation on June 12th in addition to receiving their awards certificates.

For the first time in three years, we were able to distribute the Lenten boxes to the children and they saved their coins so that the total collected was \$174.85. Thank you to all the family members who helped the kids to fill up their boxes! On June 5th, we will work with the classes to decide which animals to purchase from the ELCA catalog so that we can help those less fortunate than us throughout the world.

I'd like to take this time to thank the teachers (Jeanna Shepherd, Tracy Blechner, Sarah Dockweiler, Donna Kellett) for all of the hard work they put into preparing and working with the children. And many thanks to our teen helpers for this year (Amanda Blechner, Ellie Clark, Lila Muller) for helping the teachers. Finally, special thanks to Margy Tillstrand for helping with the music, Cyndi Clark for presenting the special Advent lesson, Matt Damrow for putting together the virtual Christmas pageant video, Sarah Dockweiler for

administrative support, and Pastor Dave for supporting our Sunday School program.

Rally Day is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 11th so mark your calendars to kick off the next 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. 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 reach me via phone at 914-715-9546 or by e-mail at ept-ing.susan@gmail.com.

Have a wonderful summer and try to attend church as a family when you are around town! We'll be meeting outside for services so you can enjoy the fresh air. Stay safe and we'll see you in September! Take care!

**God Bless,
Sue Epting, Superintendent**

Graduations

Eric Hamm



Ryan Banks



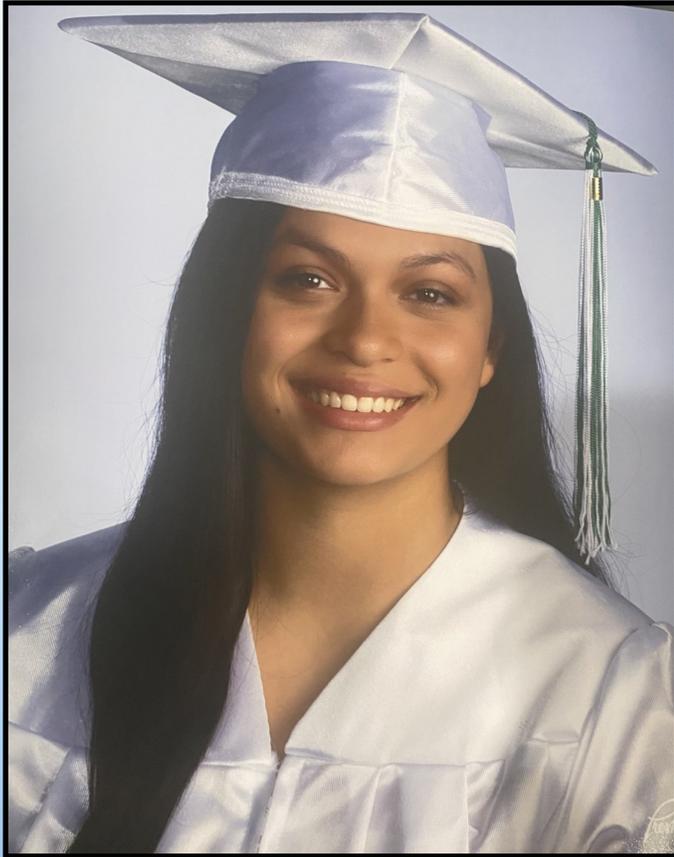
Eric graduated college, Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), in May with a BS in Industrial Engineering.

Ryan is headed to Indiana University

Graduations

Breanna Vo

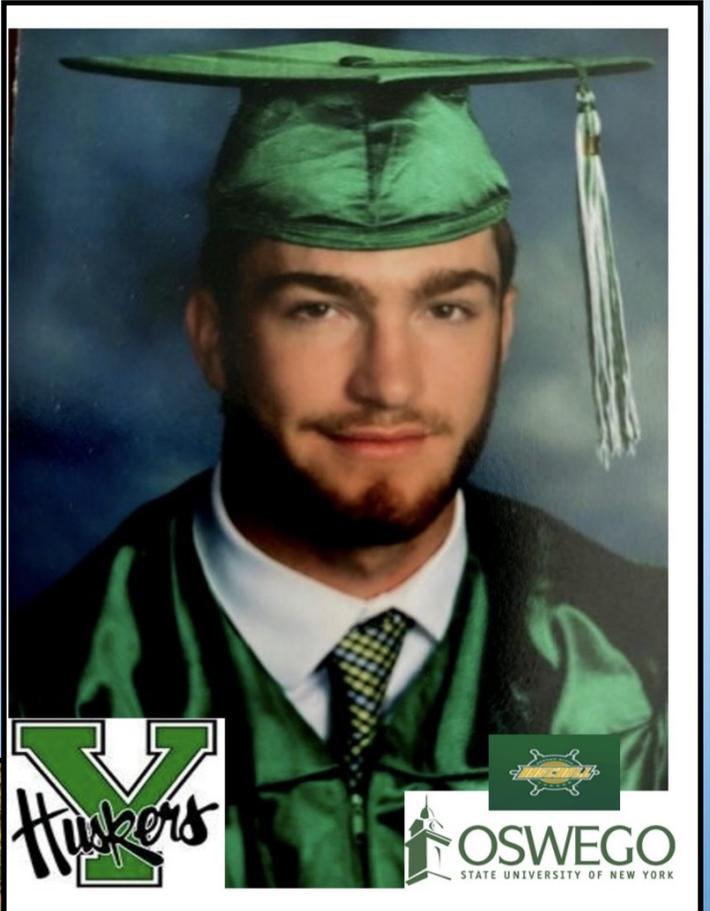
Brenna will be attending St. John Fisher College in the fall to study Psychology.



Stephen Haglund

Stephen will be graduating from Yorktown High School on June 25th 2022-
Go Huskers!

Stephen will be attending Suny Oswego in the fall and playing baseball (and probably doing a lot of fishing)-
Go Lakers!



Christa DeMarchis

Christa will be heading to the University of Delaware.

Confirmation Students

Courtney Banks and Paige Haglund have been working through our Confirmation program for the last two years and are now prepared to affirm their faith. We can't be more proud of Courtney and Paige for their dedication, and that of their families, through a Confirmation program impacted by the pandemic. We held meetings on Zoom, we got together as often as we could. During this time, these two young women and 5 more meet to dive deeper into the Scriptures, learn about the history of the church and faithfully wonder about communion, forgiveness and what it means to be a Christian in today's world.

In the Lutheran faith we baptize babies and make promises on their behalf. Moms and Dads, Baptismal Sponsors (God Parents in the Catholic tradition) make promises for a baby who can not comprehend any of it. Through the process of Confirmation our young people learn about and are invited to take hold of those promises for themselves.

Spend a moment to consider for yourself how you answer the promises made at your Baptism and Affirmed at you Confirmation. How do you live among God's faithful people? In what ways do you hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper? How do you proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed? Jesus was our example of serving all people, how do you continue this work? How do you strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

We give thanks to God for Paige and Courtney as they have pondered their answers to these questions.

Courtney Banks, with her family



Paige Haglund, with her family



Courtney Banks

My confirmation has impacted my faith by the friends I have made. I enjoyed going to confirmation class because it helped me think about the ways Jesus is with me and my family. Talking and listening in class affirmed that if I have faith, I will continue to be blessed with his love. That is why I chose the following Bible verse.

Deuteronomy 6:5–6 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

I enjoy theater. I have been performing with the Kevin J. Kearins Production Company since fourth grade. I will be performing this summer in the musical, Rent. I also will be a Counselor in Training (CIT) this summer at their summer theater camp. I am also involved in Girl Scouts. I have been a girl scout since first grade. My troop does many volunteer activities for the community.



From Courtney's parents, Jan and Mike:

We were married at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church on August 8, 1998. Therefore, this church will always have an impact on our faith and that of our children. Courtney's faith has grown significantly during the confirmation process by vocalizing what she has learned in class. She has been passionate about certain topics, especially if it pertains to helping others. We are blessed that confirmation class has opened her heart to helping others.

Paige Haglund

Confirmation has impacted my faith by taking those promises our family made for us when we were younger and continuing those promises for myself, making me closer to God by fulfilling those promises into every day aspects of life continually.

My highlights of our time together would be for sure the confirmation classes. Every Monday night at 8:00 I would be annoyed I had to go to church due to how late it was, but once I got there the time flew by. Although as teens, we wouldn't exactly be the most enthusiastic at 8 at night wanting to read more than we have to after school hours, Pastor would always cut us some slack and try to make the lessons as fun as he could so confirmation would be memorable.

As a freshman, I am still figuring my activities and interests and just focusing on my classes. I have done gymnastics, basketball in the past and may consider them or trying something new going forward. For now I will continue to be my brother's biggest baseball fan and support him.



My Bible verse I selected is:

Psalm 119:33 "Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes; and I will keep it to the end."

From Paige's Parents, Debbie and Stephen

Only God knows the strength of Paige's faith and what her plan is. "For I know the plans I have for you" Jerimiah 29:11. Since birth we all (family and St Andrew) have given Paige all the tools possible to strengthen her faith and it is up to Paige to use those tools and what she has learned. Her family and St Andrew's will always be there to continue to guide her if she needs it. In this world of hateful acts and heartache, faith is so important and will be challenged like never before. Her father and I see the person Paige is becoming and we are confident she will use her faith to guide her through all of life challenges thrown at her. We are so grateful to be a part of St Andrew's church and plan to be for a long time to come.

Happy Birthday

1	Jonathan Stock	16	Lynn Parliman
2	Robert Granfors	16	Linda Greco
2	Alyssa Ehlke	16	Anthony Forcina
3	Kenneth Holman	17	Robert M. Headley
3	Stephen Haglund	17	Richard Finger
4	Joseph Rohle	17	Ron Lyman
6	Ryan Martin	17	Lynette Van Tongeren
7	Paul Panik	17	Andrew Rohle
7	Judith Ellard	17	Summer Stahl
7	Rudy Bergstrom	18	Sandra Herbst
8	Jennifer Billingsley Richardson	19	Robin Farrell
9	Gemma Small	19	Spencer Gustavson
9	Gabriella DosSantos	21	Dale Sharp
10	Ellen Ottstadt	22	Marc Petrero
10	Janice Anderson	22	Luke Chipoco
10	Alexis Hayes	23	Joseph Middleton
11	Katherine DeMaio	24	William Prebeck
11	Brenda Middleton	24	Jaimee Spinelli Hill
12	Margy Tillstrand	26	Virginia Shepard
12	Marissa Justo	26	Stoddard Hill
13	Robert Racanelli	29	Cheryl Badalamenti
14	Brandt Quinker	30	Joyce Bergstrom
15	Kristin Linahan		

Happy Anniversary

- 1 Linda & Edoardo Cuniberti**
- 2 Diane & Michael Peragine**
- 8 Tracy & Karl Blechner**
- 8 Simone & Ron Lyman**
- 8 Crystal & Jody Spiak**
- 10 Linda & Harry Fredericks**
- 10 Lynne & Richard Semenza**
- 10 Robin & Chuck Farrell**
- 11 Sue & Randolph Wagner**
- 14 Jenna & Perry Shepard Sr.**
- 27 Jenna & Patrick Lancellotti**



MESSAGE June 2022

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

We Are Family

66 Years of Serving Christ

SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Starting June 19, 9:00a.m. outside

Rev. Dave Dockweiler, Pastor

Margy Tillstrand, Music Director

Linda Bohlk, President

Tim Clark, Vice President

Sue Epting, Sunday School Superintendent & Council Secretary

Sarah Dockweiler, Office Secretary



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