

# St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

**Worship**

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## **Dates to Remember**

**Nov. 2** 7:00 p.m. Worship and Music Committee

**Nov. 5** 8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and zoom

11:00 a.m. Confirmation

**Nov 9** 7:15 p.m. Church Council Meeting

**Nov 11** Veteran's Day

Thomson/Jakubik Wedding

**Nov 12** 8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and zoom

**Nov. 18-19** Produce Sale

**Nov 19** 8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and zoom

4:00 p.m. Interfaith Service

**Nov 26** 8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and zoom

## WORSHIP

### **Pastor's Message**

To the Family of Faith at St. Andrew's,

Signs of new things are all around us. In Yorktown the leaves are changing color, new construction all over town means that new residents are headed this way. Change is part of the human condition. Considering the global picture, we see the effects of climate change. Tragically, even the war between Israel and Hamas convinces us that change is a constant in our world. In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells his followers to remain secure even when they will hear of "wars and rumors of wars." This has been an unsettling time.

For anyone experiencing excessive stress please seek help. Talk to me, talk to your medical care provider, we need to take care of one another in this moment. Caretaking, is one of the bedrock behaviors of Christians. Let us treat neighbor and self with grace.

We have an opportunity to do just this coming up. Our Interfaith Worship service on Nov 19th, allows us to treat our neighbors from across all faiths with love. At 4p.m. on the Sunday before our country celebrates Thanksgiving, members of our town will gather in OUR sanctuary to proclaim that we together have many reasons for gratitude.

We will also use this opportunity to lift our voices in the name of peace and reconciliation. I need you to come and support our greater community. Christians need to sing, prayer and worship shoulder to shoulder with people of Muslim, Buddhist and Jewish faiths. We have an opportunity to show others that living in peace works.

## Financial

### **Financial Matters**

Many have noticed more empty seats over the last few years. The pandemic accelerated what many churches across the country were experiencing, fewer folks coming to church on Sunday and leaner donations. Unfortunately we are not immune from times of financial scarcity and we are experiencing it right now. We have passed deficit budgets for the last two years and will likely be proposing another deficit budget in the coming year. Our "rainy day" savings is at it's lowest point in a long time.

Council and all our committees have done everything they can to cut costs but as we look forward we know cost cutting is not the whole answer. We need your help. St. Andrew's has always relied on church offering donations as our main source of financial support. Having a full time tenant is helpful, but also not the whole answer. Your monetary contributions fuel our church's ministries. Throughout November you will hear more about our financial situation and how you can help.

I say it every Sunday, and it bears repeating, "For all the ways that all of you support the ministries of Jesus in this place, Thank you." I am grateful for the diligent donations you have made, and the future ways that you will support St. Andrew's. Pastor Dave

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY -		SEPTEMBER	
	2023	2022	Difference
Contributions	\$ 128,400	\$ 133,200	\$ (4,800)
Rental Income	32,600	6,400	26,200
Other Income	8,500	12,100	(3,600)
Total Income	169,500	151,700	17,800
Expenses ( <i>Budget-\$208,000</i> )	199,500	196,000	3,500
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ (30,000)</b>	<b>\$ (44,300)</b>	<b>\$ 14,300</b>

## Council Notes

November 2023

**Festival of San Gennaro** – Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make the Yorktown festival a success! In addition to making St. Andrew's presence known to the community, the church raised approximately \$650 to help with church expenses.

**Community Thanksgiving Service** – The annual community Thanksgiving service will be hosted by St. Andrew's on Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 4 PM. A coffee hour will follow the service so please watch for more information about how you can help.

**New Bathroom** – The new bathroom has been completed and we received the Certificate of Occupancy. Employees of St. Andrew's and visitors will be utilizing this bathroom during the hours that Maryel School is in session. Thanks to all for the effort put forth to make this project a reality.

**Stewardship Campaign** – St. Andrew's financial status is in great need so please stay tuned for the annual Stewardship Campaign occurring in November. We need your support so please prayerfully consider how you can help.

## LEARN

Dennis Alfieri - Bio for St. Andrew's October 15, 2023

I have been a member of St. Andrew's for over 40 years since the 1980's. I have two married daughters. Robin and Kenny live in New Hampshire and Crista and Antonio live in Florida. Both of my daughters grew up at St Andrews, went to Sunday School, and were confirmed by Pastor Robert Johnson. I retired in 2009 from working 26 years in the field of International Corporate Tax Compliance as a Global Team Manager. I lived in Yorktown Heights from 1978 until I moved to Wappingers Falls in January 2018.

I have been actively involved at St. Andrew's from when I first became a member in the early 1980's. I was a member of the Church Council and Resource Commission for approximately 20 years since the 1980's. During those years, I was Financial Secretary, Co-Treasurer with Margaret Meisner, and a member of the Resource Commission participating in numerous property and equipment projects. In 2012, I joined the St. Andrew's Planning Sub-Committee and was a member for 7 years. This Sub-Committee was responsible for assisting and advising the Resource Commission and Church Council on identifying, prioritizing, and budgeting high priority, mid-term, and long-term capital projects. During my 40 years as a member of St. Andrew's, I also served as an Usher and participated in numerous work parties, fall & spring cleanups, landscaping projects, exterior painting projects, and repair projects for all three buildings on Church property.

## Sunday School Update

Sunday School is going well and the children are enjoying beginning each day in the sanctuary for the beginning of worship. They enjoy hearing a brief children's sermon by Pastor Dave and then head off to their individual classrooms where our wonderful teaching staff continue to share their faith

with the children. Again, thanks to all of the teachers and helpers who are volunteering their time. Your dedication is much appreciated!

Harvest Sunday has resumed on the first Sunday of each month and we ask the rest of the congregation to share their non-perishable food to help those less fortunate than us. The Sunday School students challenge those worshipping on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> to a competition to see who can donate the biggest pile of food! Let the games begin!

Thanksgiving is fast approaching so that means Advent is right around the corner. The children will be treated to a special Advent lesson on November 19<sup>th</sup> by Cyndi and Ellie Clark after which they will receive this year's take-home Advent activity. This year is a bit different so get ready to have fun!

November also means the annual Christmas pageant is on the near horizon. It will take place during the 10 AM service on December 17<sup>th</sup>. We will begin rehearsing songs in mid-November so please try to have your children attend Sunday School. Also, please let me know by November 5<sup>th</sup> as to whether your child wants a speaking part. The older children get first dibs at the speaking parts but everyone in Sunday School is welcome and encouraged to participate in some role in the pageant.

Please let me know if you are available to help with the pageant. We are very grateful for whatever time you can give. Let's make this a great pageant full of joy and excitement as we anticipate the birth of Jesus!

We welcome your questions, suggestions, and concerns so please reach out to me at [914-715-9546](tel:914-715-9546) or via e-mail. And we are always eager for even more teachers and helpers to join us in sharing our faith with the children. It is so rewarding and you always get back more than you give.

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving and we look forward to seeing all the children each week in Sunday School!

God Bless,

Sue Epting, Sunday School Coordinator

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## Outreach

The Outreach committee has a number of projects on the near horizon. Our Thanksgiving Produce Sale will take place Nov 18-19. These produce sales have really helped us welcome new folks onto our property and gives and opportunity to share our church. They also generate funds which we certainly need. Thank you for your support of our produce sales and our outreach efforts. Frozen turkeys will be collected on Nov 12 and delivered to St Mary's Food Pantry. Acme and Shoprite have redemption programs to earn a free frozen turkey.

Additionally, gift card and monetary gift-raisers will be happening for Thanksgiving and Christmas to share the generosity of God's love with those in need.

## Pumpkin Carving Contest

Hard to believe we just wrapped up our 4th Annual Pumpkin Bash. Special thanks to Yorktown Fire for bringing a truck, Yorktown PD for the K9 team, Westchester Best Produce for supplying the pumpkins. In spite of the rain we had a great time. People from church welcomed friends and family, it was great! Thank you also to our amazing volunteers including Linda Ferone. Gary Grossman, Chuck Farrell and Tim Clark!

Thank you also to our judges, Representative Matt Slater, returning champ Kim Guerra and art connoisseur Amy Knapp.

# Celebrations



**November**

## **Happy Anniversary**

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



**November**

## **Happy Birthday**

1 Eleanor Clark  
1 Hayden Behen  
2 Michelle Grossman  
3 Justin Rodriguez  
3 Sean Muller  
4 Meagan Hopkins  
6 Susan Hamm  
6 Perry Shepard Sr.  
6 Finnley Wheeler  
7 Dan Greco  
8 Taylor Leaver  
10 Virginia Steinberg  
10 John Markiewicz Jr.  
10 David Grossman  
11 Taylor Frickmann  
11 Angelo Letizia  
11 Angela Shepard  
14 Lisa Billingsley  
15 Eric Walter  
15 Sarah Dockweiler  
15 Ava Justo  
16 Perry Shepard Jr.  
16 Jenna Grutzmacher  
17 Carl Maus  
18 Melissa Magrath  
18 Malcolm Thomas

19 Linda Henning  
19 Meribelle Stringham  
19 Isabella Manfredi  
20 Hannah Shepard  
20 Elizabeth Dockweiler  
21 Patrick Kelly  
21 William Van Aken  
21 Cynthia Clark  
21 Thomas Hamm  
23 Connor Kuhhorn  
24 Betty Markiewicz  
24 Michael Labriola  
25 Suzanne Volpato  
27 Natalie Johnsen  
30 Scott Difini

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