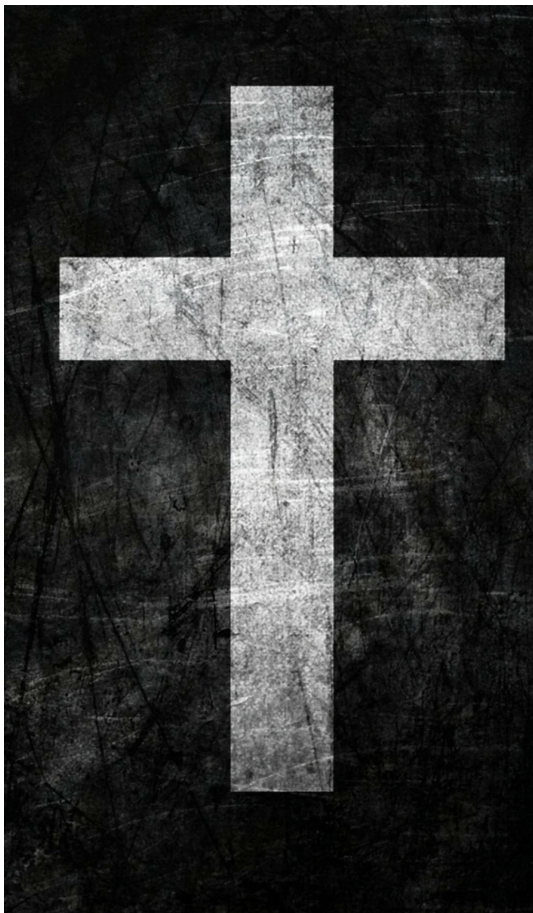


St. Andrew's Message

Worship Learn Serve



Dates to Remember

March 3

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Zoom

March 5

7:30 p.m. Life Commission

March 6

7:00 p.m. Lent Wednesday Service

March 10

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Zoom

11:00 a.m. Anniversary Celebration

March 13

6:15 p.m. Worship and Music Committee

7:00 p.m. Lent Wednesday Service

March 17

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Zoom (with Baptism)

11:00 a.m. Confirmation

March 20

7:00 p.m. Lent Wednesday Service

March 23

12:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt

March 24

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Zoom

March 28

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

March 29

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

March 31 Easter

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Zoom

WORSHIP



March 2024

Lent Wednesday Series

Philia, Ludus, Eros, Philautai, Pragma and Agape—all these are words from Ancient Greek that get translated into English simply as “love.” Each word

has a different understand, direction and implication for us.

Throughout the 5 weeks of Lent, during our Wednesday service we will take new look into these old words and prayerfully apply them to our spiritual practices. Blessings on your Lenten journey! Pastor Dave



March 2024

Pastor's Message

Next week we will celebrate my 15th anniversary of ordination. “Ordination” is a fancy church word which refers to the actual ceremony in which someone is named, blessed, and tasked with the role of Pastor. Bishop Paul Egensteiner will be joining us and preaching during worship. Afterwards we’ll join together in a meal. Let me be clear, this is NOT about ME. It is a celebration of the work of the church to inspire people

to follow God’s direction with their lives. Jesus called his disciples right from their boat, I received no direct demand that I leave behind my life and take on a new journey. The calling I received towards ministry involved lots of people, significant doubt, loads of conversation and tons of prayer. I can’t “possess” this

calling because it wouldn't happen without all the people that encouraged me, challenged me, and accompanied me.

I must ask you, have you pointed out how God is moving through someone else. Maybe they don't see it. If so, you may be helping clarify God's calling in their lives. It is a communal process. In the process of ordination, this story is told and confirmed by others. God wants me to live out my faith as a pastor. God wants you to live out your faith also, maybe as a teacher, nurse, heavy equipment operator, an investment manager or homemaker. We all have work to do for the kingdom of God. Martin Luther called it the "priesthood of all believers" as he tried to point out that God is at work through all sorts of people.

So please come and enjoy this special day, worship with vigor, steep in the wisdom of Bishop Egensteiner, stir your soul with special music, share a meal- but above all things, see God moving through your life, God using your hands and God welcoming you onto the team of disciples.

Council Notes

March 2024

- Council renewed the call of Karen Conlon as Deacon for 2024.

Council renewed St. Andrew's support of the Swansons as our missionaries in Tanzania.

Council discussed potential goals for Pastor Dave for 2024. Goals will be finalized by the Executive Committee and then Council President Sue Epting will review with Pastor.

Upcoming events discussed and approved with more information to follow:

- Easter egg hunt – March 23, 2024
- Battle of Yorktown clean-up – April 20, 2024
- Spring clean-up at St. Andrew's – April 27, 2024
- Spring produce sale – April 27 and 28, 2024

Council wishes to express a sincere thank you to Rita Nehmzow for coordinating Altar Guild for the past 35 years.

March 10, 2024 will have only the 10 a.m. service as we celebrate St. Andrew's and the 15th anniversary of Pastor Dave's ordination. Bishop Egensteiner will preach and Pastor Dave will preside. We encourage all members to attend either in person or via zoom. A catered luncheon will follow the service.

Holy Week services will include:

- Maundy Thursday, 3/28/24 at 7 p.m.
- Good Friday, 3/29/24 at 7 p.m.
- Easter Sunday, 3/31/24 at 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. No Sunday School.



LEARN

Sunday School Update



March 2024 Sunday School Update for The Message

Sunday School continues to move along well and the children have been learning the Gospel along with the rest of the congregation as the weekly lessons are the same as those that form the basis of Pastor Dave's sermons.

The Lenten boxes have been distributed and are due back on April 14th. At that time the children, along with their teachers, will decide to whom the money should be donated. I suspect that we will be buying some more animals (cows, chickens, sheep, goats, etc.) since they get a kick out of choosing gifts from the ELCA catalog!

Harvest Sunday will next take place on March 3rd and we hope the entire congregation as well as the Sunday School students will help to fill the shelves at St. Mary's Food Pantry with their donations.

Preparations are in full swing for the Bishop's visit on March 10th as we celebrate the 15th anniversary of Pastor Dave's ordination. The children will be singing a song early in the service. The two older classes will remain in church for the entire service and the younger children will return to their classrooms following the opening and kids' sermon. We hope to see everyone attend as we celebrate both Pastor Dave and St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. A special luncheon will follow the service.

Please remember to set your clocks ahead before going to bed on Saturday, March 9th or you will be an hour late for worship and Sunday School! You don't want to miss this exciting day!

Along with spring, March also brings Holy Week and Easter Sunday! We will be receiving palms and doing a special Easter craft on Palm Sunday, March 24th but Sunday School will not be held on Easter, March 31st. Please attend church as a family that day as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

Spring not only brings the flowers and warmer weather but many sports programs kick off. We understand that many children are involved in various sports, but we hope that they will attend Sunday School when possible.

As always, we welcome anyone who would like to teach or help with Sunday School, do a special lesson or craft with the children, or assist in any way. Please reach out to me with any questions at eping.susan@gmail.com or via cell at 914-715-9546.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Sunday School each week!

God Bless,

Sue Epting, Sunday School Coordinator

Celebrations



Happy Anniversary

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



3 George Hansen
3 Amy Finney
3 Robin Holman
3 Kylie Anderson
3 Jade Muller
5 Jared Hansen
7 Timothy Clark
7 Jake Anderson
8 Sara Walter
9 James Shelley
9 Nick Tufano

11 Barbara Benton
 12 Jessica Leahy
 13 Dennis McGovern
 14 Susan Epting
 16 Susan Johnsen
 17 Jackson Kuhn
 17 Theodore Jakubik
 22 Rudy Van Tongeren
 23 Fred Hauck
 23 Sal Ferone
 23 Catherine Badalamenti
 23 Joseph Sbuttoni Jr.
 26 Melissa Tally
 27 Peter Toikka
 28 Janet Haggblom
 28 Christopher Finney
 29 Nancy Cooper
 28 Carol Holodak

Financial

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY -

JANUARY

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Contributions	\$ 20,400	\$ 17,500	\$ 2,900
Rental Income	3,900	3,500	400
Other Income	800	700	100
Total Income	25,100	21,700	3,400
Expenses (<i>Budget-\$31,000</i>)	29,600	28,000	1,600
Deficit	\$ (4,500)	\$ (6,300)	\$ 1,800

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